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Gwent Energy company history and profile

Gwent Energy was set up in 2009 to build and operate a wind turbine near Magor for community benefit. This did not succeed and in the meantime Gwent Energy began giving advice to community organisations in the Monmouthshire area.

The quintessential community project was a large turbine that raised funds for community benefit and repaid local investors. It was soon apparent that many community organisations that delivered vital community services, could benefit from renewable energy but did not have either time skills or finance to operate them

Gwent Energy's mission was born.

We now own and operate on behalf of others 260 kW of solar and biomass renewables many on community buildings as well as advising and assisting about 70 other installations on community buildings. Gwent Energy takes on the work of installing and maintaining these schemes allowing the community organisation to concentrate on delivering their services.

A great example is Bridges in Monmouth <http://bridgescommunity.org.uk/>
About 18,000 people use community centres that benefit from our renewables

Gwent Energy is an award winning community energy company, well known locally but because we concentrate on smaller local projects that are funded locally.

During this time we developed our investor's club where people who use the building can support it with finance. This now has £150k invested in our renewables schemes. We have our own installation team and install solar panels up to 50 kW for others.

We are run by a part time team of 6

Phil Powell who manages day to day works and the financial side of the business
Cyrene Powell who manages the social media, website and office administration
Sue Parkinson who manages the investor club and three trustees for advice

The recent changes to renewable energy has meant we need to change our business model
So we now install battery storage systems to gain extra benefit from solar panels

We also install and operate a network of electric car charging points

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