ENERGY GROUP UPDATE

Interested in heat pumps? Save the date for the next Wiltshire and Swindon Green Open Homes weekend on 12-13 October (tbc). The focus is on heat pumps, when you can check them out in action. And if you're already a heat pump owner, please get in touch if you'd be prepared to open your home and share your experience. Find out more here.

If you can't make that date, several homes, including mine (Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon) are open at other times by appointment. I'm also happy to talk to anyone who wants to find out what it's like to be an Open Home host. And if insulation is your priority, the following weekend 19-20 October (tbc), focuses on that, although several homes will showcase both. Contact: janeslaurie@gmail.com

Go Renewable!

Wiltshire is among the pilot areas for Go Renewable, a new scheme to ease the process of installing renewable energy technologies in homes.

Energy Savings Trust and MCS have teamed up to provide households with advice and surveys, to identify if heat pumps, solar PV, solar hot water, biomass boilers and/or electric batteries would be suitable for their home; and then collect quotes from qualified installers.

The aim is to improve the consumer journey to see greater uptake of renewables. To find out more visit: https://www.gorenewable.org.uk/

And Historic England have this new advice on adapting historic buildings for energy and carbon efficiency