

## UK Energy in 2014: The Year in Figures

Home energy consumption has fallen, but UK households are still paying a great deal more for their energy. We round up the key energy statistics of 2014 and highlight the trends.

## **Energy Bills Are Rising**



Annual spending on gas and electricity has increased by

52% above inflation in

less than 10 years



Compared with a decade ago, consumers are paying an average of **£410 more a year** for energy despite **consuming 17% less** 



Energy bills are rising at a **faster** rate than household income (August 2009 - August 2013)



## **Fuel Poverty is Increasing**



7 in 10 people are worried about energy costs





Families with children and working age households make up 70% of households in fuel poverty



2.33 million households are predicted to be unable to meet their heating costs this year

## **Community Heating Could Be the Answer**

There are around **2000 community** heating schemes across the UK currently, heating approximately **210,000 dwellings** and **1700** commercial and public buildings



That equates to less than



The government has set targets to increase UK community heating to 20% by 2030 and 40% by 2050



**2%** of the UK's heat demand



There is enough heat wasted in London alone to meet **70% of the city's heating needs**  In some instances, metered community heating schemes are cutting energy bills by as much as 60%

Find out how to fight back against fuel poverty and rising energy costs.

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Why Choose a Community Heating Scheme?

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Sources: <u>The Guardian - How should we tackle fuel poverty?</u>, - <u>UK energy bill crisis looms as consumers pay more despite using less</u>, <u>BBC - Energy bills: Where does my money go?</u>, <u>Which? - Consumers paying more but using less energy</u>, <u>CHPA - First Choice</u> <u>Homes Oldham</u>, <u>DECC - The future of heating</u>, <u>London's Zero Carbon Energy Resource - Secondary Heat</u>