

Banwell Parish Council, solar panels at the Scout Hut and Youth and Community Centre



Banwell Parish Council's application for grant was successful and used to install a photo voltaic array of 36, 420-watt solar panels to the roof of the Scout Building, feeding that building and the adjacent Youth and Community Centre (YCC).

As well as benefitting the scouts, the Solar Panels mean the Youth and Community Centre now generates its own clean, renewable electricity on-site. Any surplus electricity can be sent into the National Grid. By contributing clean energy to the grid, the community centre helps reduce the overall demand for fossil fuel-generated electricity, improving the community and helping to reduce carbon emissions assisting in North Somerset's net zero goal.

A major benefit of the scheme is that the YCC building (which is funded by the Parish Council precept) now costs less to run which in turn helps to keep the precept from increasing (benefitting tax payers in Banwell). It means the parish can continue to run sessions for free or very low cost such as North Somerset Childrens Services, Citizens Advice and other community services like the Public Living Room, Book Swap, and Tea & Tech by keeping costs to a minimum.

The building is not only used by Banwell parishioners. There are a variety of users from neighbouring villages as well as an outreach of Weston food bank.

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