

# West of England Rural Network

*Working with rural communities in South Gloucestershire,  
Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset*



**Want to save money on the  
cost of your heating oil?  
So do we!**

**Join our new community-based  
countywide oil buying syndicate  
and see how easy it is**

**[www.wern.org.uk/oil](http://www.wern.org.uk/oil)**



All profits will go directly to supporting West of England Rural Network who work to enable rural communities to be more socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.

## **What's the scheme about?**

West of England Rural Network (WERN) has set up, in partnership with a number of neighbouring rural community councils, a new bulk heating oil buying scheme that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

## **What's the snag?**

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by the West of England Rural Network, a new organisation established to provide an expert resource for rural communities in South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset & Bristol.

By bringing communities throughout the West of England together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

## **The environment benefits too**

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.



## Annual membership fees

Domestic: £20 ★ Community Building £30 ★ Business: £100  
which will cover your oil deliveries for a year

## 5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

### Step 1: Join the WERN Scheme

Request a membership form from WERN or apply via the WERN website [www.wern.org.uk/oil](http://www.wern.org.uk/oil)

### Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will email you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

### Step 3: Place an order

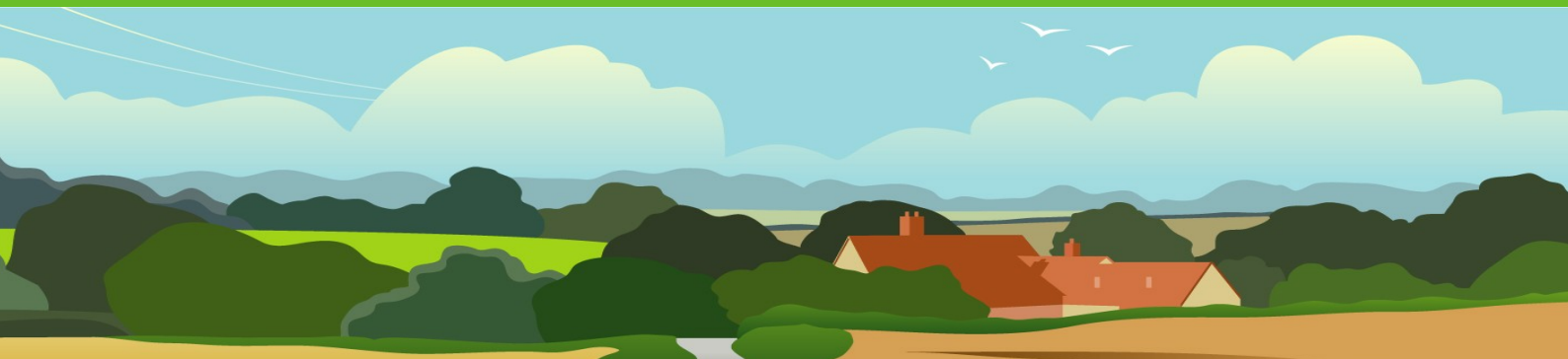
Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil. Each month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

### Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price

We negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

### Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and you pay the company supplying the oil direct.



## Examples of testimonies from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council oil buying scheme:

“Very happy to recommend this scheme - I placed my order, it was delivered speedily, and the price gave me an excellent saving.”

“My oil order has arrived! quickly, efficiently and economically - thank you.”

“We have been pleased with the savings on our last order, and it also helps us to be able to order a minimum of 500 litres whereas previously we tried to wait till we needed 1,000 to avoid paying even higher costs per litre.”

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## About West of England Rural Network

### The West of England Rural Network

is a new organisation established to provide an expert specialist resource in rural South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and Bristol.

We support and work with communities, businesses, social enterprises, organisations and individuals to support and encourage community-led action and to increase the long-term sustainability of local community life.

We are experienced in a wide range of topics that impact on rural areas such as broadband, access to services, transport, affordable housing, fuel poverty, energy

generation, village halls & community assets, health & social care, funding advice and community led planning.

Find out who we are and what we do by visiting our website for news and events, publications, funding information and links to other useful organisations. If you would like to support the work of WERN, you can join our membership scheme.

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