

Solar Together Sussex – now open for registrations

Following the success of the autumn 2020 auction, Crawley is again working in partnership with the County Council and other partner authorities in Sussex to help residents install solar panels and reduce their carbon emissions.

Solar Together Sussex offers high-quality solar panels and battery storage to people across the county. It's a group-buying scheme, which brings Sussex's households together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price.

Residents who have already invested in solar panels can opt for 'retrofit' battery storage to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid.

From w/c 13 September 2021 5,500 Crawley properties identified as potentially suitable for solar PV will receive a letter inviting them to register for the scheme.

Households will be able to register free of charge for Solar Together Sussex between 23 August and 28 September 2021. The process is as follows:

- **Registration** – the homeowner registers their interest in the scheme for free at www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley. They provide some basic information about their roof, such as size and orientation.
- **Auction** – a supplier 'auction' will be held on 28 September when approved solar installers will bid to supply solar panels to all the households who have registered their interest, with the most competitive bid winning. The more people that register, the better the deal should be for each household.
- **Personal recommendation** - from the start of October, those who have signed up will be emailed a personal recommendation and quote from the winning supplier. This is based on the roof details given during registration.
- **Decision:** Those who have signed up to the scheme will then need to decide if they want to accept the recommendation and quote. There is no obligation to continue. They will have until 26 November to decide.
- **Installation:** If the recommendation and quote is accepted, the winning supplier will be in contact to survey the roof and set an installation date.

The Solar Together Sussex scheme is being run on a zero-cost basis with commission payments from the installations covering direct marketing costs.

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