

Solar Together Sussex 2023 – now open for registrations

Following the success of the autumn 2021 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 27 March 2023 a total of 5376 Crawley properties identified as potentially suitable for solar PV will receive a letter inviting them to register for the scheme. Copies of the letters and a flyer have been included in this bulletin.

The process is as follows:

- **Registration** – the homeowner registers their interest in the scheme for free at www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley and provides some basic information about their roof, such as size and orientation.
- **Auction** – Approved solar installers bid for the work in a reverse 'auction'. The most competitive offer from these pre-vetted installers wins the auction.
- **Personal recommendation** – The homeowner will receive a personal recommendation based on their registration details. This includes costs and installation specifications.
- **Decision** – The Homeowner will have up to four weeks to decide if they want to take up the recommendation and proceed with installation. There is no obligation to continue.
- **Installation** – If they accept, the winning installer will survey the roof and set an installation date. All installations are planned to be completed six months after accepting.

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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