

# Top tips for golf clubs to save money

**Golf Clubs are facing significantly increasing costs for energy in particular.**

Given these challenges, Golfing bodies have collaborated to pool resources with a view to supporting clubs.

Within this guide examples are given of where clubs could look to save money and reduce costs.

While this guide is not exhaustive, it is hoped that it will provide ideas and links to useful resources.



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## Making it happen ►



**1/** Hold a team meeting with lead staff and heads of departments to agree ways to use energy most efficiently within the clubhouse and maintenance facility. Areas that could be addressed include lighting, heating and appliances on stand-by.



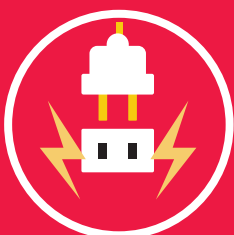
**2/** Check hot water thermostats and seek to reduce water temperatures wherever possible – kitchens, showers etc.



**3/** Walk the course and explore ways to reduce mowing and associated fuel costs. Try and identify areas that are out of common play, however small, and apply the approach across the entire site.



**4/** Ask the course manager to outline a draft plan for efficient irrigation throughout the year, with specific focus on reducing running time and associated pumping costs.



**5/** Cut out any non-essential use of strimmer's, leaf blowers and other energy intensive equipment.

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## Low Cost Solutions ►



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Implement a 'light bulb plan' - each time a bulb goes, consider replacing it with an LED bulb, this will save both money and carbon.



2/

Get an energy smart meter. Energy suppliers are obligated to rolling these out to households and small businesses, free of charge. Smart meter technology can assist businesses by: saving money on energy bills, identifying energy waste, increasing operational efficiency, increasing awareness of energy use among users, increasing ability to manage and monitor energy use and becoming more environmentally friendly.



3/

Get your boiler serviced and adjust its flow and temperature settings so it is working in the most efficient way possible.



4/

Ensure the clubhouse and all buildings are well insulated. By insulating your roof space, as well as cavity walls, you will reduce heat transfer, saving energy.



5/

Draught proof where you can. Windows - use draught-proofing strips around the frame, brush strips work better for sash windows. Doors - use draught-proofing strips around the edges and brush or hinged-flap draught excluders at the bottom. Chimney and fireplace - If you don't use your fireplace, use an inflatable pillow to block the chimney, or fit a cap over the chimney pot. Floorboards and skirting - floorboards need to move, so use a flexible silicone-based filler to fill the gaps. Loft hatches - Use draught-proofing foam strips to keep heat in.

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## Bigger projects and income generation ▶



**1/**  
Wind turbines and solar panels could reduce your reliance on 'grid energy'. This will also lower your carbon footprint.



**2/**  
Install motion detectors to lights, and upgrade outside lights to solar power. This will ensure that lights are only used when necessary, and empty rooms are not being lit.



**3/**  
Consider installing Electric Vehicle charging points; some providers offer free installation.



**4/**  
Consider installing solar panels. There are many providers, such as the Golf Management Group, who will be able to advise on the suitability and nature of these for your site.



**5/**  
Consider opening the clubhouse to non-members to drive more income.

# Useful links

Click on the red arrows to go straight to the webpage

## ENGLAND

### UK Government, energy bill relief scheme:

-  <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-bill-relief-scheme-help-for-businesses-and-other-non-domestic-customers>

### Sport England, guidance to reduce costs:

-  <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/supporting-clubs/reducing-energy-costs>

## IRELAND

### CRU - Ireland's independent water and energy regulator:

-  <https://www.cru.ie/home/about-cru/>

### Sustainable energy authority of Ireland:

-  <https://www.seai.ie/>

### Northern Ireland Business Information:

-  <https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/content/ten-simple-energy-saving-tips-your-business>

## SCOTLAND

### Scottish Golf advice:

-  <https://www.scottishgolf.org/resource-efficiency>

### SportScotland advice:

-  <https://sportscotland.org.uk/facilities/>

### Scottish Government advice:

-  <https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot>
-  <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/cost-of-doing-business>

## WALES

### Welsh Government advice:

-  <https://research.senedd.wales/research-articles/help-and-information-on-cost-of-living-support/>

### Sport Wales information

-  <https://business.senedd.wales/documents/s125332/CoL16%20-%20Sport%20Wales.pdf>

## UK & OTHERS

### Golf Management group:

-  <https://www.golfmanagementgroup.co.uk/>

### Smart meter information:

-  <https://www.smartenergygb.org/>

### Smart oil gauge information:

-  <https://www.smartoilgauge.com/>

### Sustainable golf

-  [Sustainable Golf Highlights](#)

### Sustainable Golf, Examples and Resources

-  [OnCourse®](#)

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