

**WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
CONSORTIUM**

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INTERESTING PROGRAMME FOR THE SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Consortium will take place on Tuesday 17 May 2011 at the Wark Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm and we hope to conclude the evening by 9.00pm.

The Management Committee has put together an interesting programme which is very relevant to all Village Halls and Community Buildings. It is as follows:

Charitable Incorporated Organisation – David Francis, Director, Community Action Northumberland

David will talk about the new status being developed by the Charity Commission. This is a long awaited development that will reduce the liability of trustees. David will talk about the circumstances in which the new status is appropriate. David's organisation, Community Action Northumberland, is to convert to this status so he will have first hand information about this.

Charity trustees all get a little concerned about the unlimited liability that we all have, so this is an opportunity to consider changing to a status where your liability is limited.

Renewable Energy Products and their Suitability for Community Buildings.

Garry Jenkins, Director, North Energy Associates.

This presentation follows on to the other talks that we have had on renewable energy. At the Autumn meeting we received a presentation from a Photovoltaic Panel Supplier. However, the talk left many questions and in Garry Jenkins we have someone who can give us independent advice and give an assessment of each products suitability for Village Halls and Community Buildings. Garry will talk about Heat Pumps, both ground source and air source, photovoltaic panels, solar panels, the feed in tariff and possibly biomass.

Northumberland Energy Club, Adrian Hinchcliffe

Adrian will talk about the Northumberland Energy Club recently launched by the Consortium. He will talk about how the scheme works and why all Members should join and be encouraging other businesses to join.

Round up of Consortium Business

Members will be given a short update on the business of the Consortium including progress with the Portable Appliance Testing Scheme and the results of the Finance Survey conducted through the web site. There will also be an opportunity for Members to ask questions and raise issues.

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