

Energy Monitor Loan scheme

Did you know that you can borrow an energy monitor in the same way you can a book, cd or dvd? From 18th May 2010, Carmarthenshire residents will be able to borrow an energy monitor **for free** from Carmarthenshire libraries.

Fight the credit crunch!

Britain is Europe's worst energy waster, with bad habits such as leaving appliances on standby set to cost households £11bn by 2010.

The average household in the UK spends around £1,300 per year on energy, which is set to increase even more with rising energy prices. Leaving a PlayStation 3 in "idle mode" could add £164 a year on to your electricity bill!

Energy monitors can be used at home to help save energy and save money on bills.

The display unit (pictured below) will show you how much electricity you are using and what it is costing.

Switch something on or off and see how much the electricity has changed

Past 24 hr usage - each block represents 0.5 kWh



How much electricity is being used now

How much this would cost you if the same for a whole month

Your average usage over 1, 7 and 30 days

Control buttons – up, down and ok. These are used to set the clock and your tariff cost

How can I get hold of an Energy Monitor?

You can borrow an energy monitor **free of charge** from one of fourteen Carmarthenshire libraries, including one of 5 mobile libraries.

- Ammanford
- Brynaman
- Burry Port
- Carmarthen
- Cross Hands
- Kidwelly
- Llandeilo
- Llanelli
- Llangennech
- Llwynhendy
- New Castle Emlyn
- St Clears
- Trimsaran
- Whitland
- Mobile library

You can borrow the unit for two weeks. The monitors come with an instruction booklet, are easy to install and helps reduce the amount of energy you use in your home.

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