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Solar investment for planet and pocket supporting conservation with the National Trust

David Stevenson, Mole Energy

I recently had the pleasure of visiting Southdown Farm – a National Trust property located in the South Ham’s Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Driving to the ranger’s office in my electric car, I reflected on the positive changes we’ve seen at Mole Energy, especially over the past twelve months.

Renewable energy is more relevant now than it’s ever been. There’s a noticeable increase in enquiries from people and organisations looking to cut their carbon footprint and fulfil their social and corporate responsibilities, regarding climate change.

At Mole Energy, we’re no different. Even though we spend our working lives helping others to live more sustainably and self-sufficiently, we also wanted to do something more.

A chance meeting in 2020 with Richard Snow, the National Trust’s Countryside Manager for South Devon and Tim Hughes (Director, Mole Energy), provided the opportunity. **We agreed that for every solar PV, battery storage and electric vehicle charger installed; we’d donate a fixed amount to the National Trust’s South Devon conservation programme.**

A year on and I’m on my way to present a cheque for £2,040 to Emma Reece, Area Ranger for the South Devon Coast. **The funds will be used to plant native tree and shrub species around field edges.** In doing so, we’re helping Emma’s team to increase habitat diversity, provide shelter and food for nesting birds and lots of other wildlife.



Emma Reece (National Trust Area Ranger) talking to David Stevenson (Mole Energy Director) about conservation at Southdown Farm - Photo courtesy of David Bassett MBE.

“The National Trust’s South Devon Countryside team is excited to have started a new partnership with Mole Energy.

The Trust is investing in conservation work on the farms around the Salcombe area to increase their value for wildlife. This work includes creating new hedge banks and planting these up with trees, installing new ponds, creating wildflower meadows and carrying out woodland management, amongst many other projects.

This donation will greatly benefit the wildlife in this beautiful area, and to have the support of Mole Energy to achieve these projects is a great step forward for nature.”

Emma Reece - National Trust Area Ranger, Salcombe Project.

For Planet and Pocket

Our partnership with the National Trust is a wonderful way for us to generate even greater environmental benefits, using renewable energy technologies to protect the countryside around us.

Over 25 years, the average 4kW solar PV system, the type we install on most houses, offsets the same amount of carbon dioxide as recycling 16 tonnes of domestic waste. That’s the same as driving a family car 112,745 miles – enough to take you round the Earth four and a half times.

Solar makes financial sense, too. With the cost of solar technology dropping by 82%* over the past ten years and energy bills leaping 88%** over the last fifteen, there’s never been a better time to embrace self-sufficiency and invest in renewable energy solutions.

*<https://www.irena.org/publications/2020/Jun/Renewable-Power-Costs-in-2019> **<https://lookaftermybills.com/blog/average-gas-electric-bill-uk/>

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