

Shelter from the storm: Why solar panels offer the best protection against rising business bills

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You'll have read that home energy bills are set to spiral in coming months. But while domestic energy prices are 'capped', the same isn't true for business rates. That means businesses will face even steeper energy price rises in future.

Wholesale power costs tripled between July and September 2021. Manufacturers saw their bills jump by up to 550%* and firms signing new energy contracts paid the highest prices on record**.

Wherever possible, firms must find ways to batten down the hatches and protect themselves from volatile, rocketing costs. Their best bet? Solar.

Protect, control and save

Businesses with solar have more control over their energy costs, helping them to insulate from the wild volatility of the energy market. They save the most too.

Solar panel prices have dropped by two thirds in the last ten years. That means panels are now an affordable, realistic option for even the smallest of businesses.

References:

* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-58824121>

** <https://www.cornwall-insight.com/our-thinking/chart-of-the-week/smes-small-and-medium-businesses-experience-record-breaking-prices/>

Springfield Farm Shop

Springfield Farm Shop, near Kingsbridge, Devon, owned by the Tucker family, is a good example of a small business that recently invested in solar, to protect their business and cut energy costs.

The family has been farming since the early 1700s at 650 acre Borough Farm in East Prawle.

Mr Tucker said: "Our main enterprise is Angus cattle. We rear through to finish and they go either to our farm shop, or through

Dovecot Park to Waitrose. We also have our own pigs and lambs and grow our own veg to supply our shop."

"We'd been thinking about solar for a while, as in the summer it produces the most power when we are using the most electricity."

"We chose Mole Energy because we always try and support the people who support us. Our experience with the panels has been great, and **they've been efficient even into the winter.**"



"We are very pleased with the panels. They were installed quickly, and our grid electricity consumption has nearly halved since we've had them. They've been efficient, even in winter.

We felt it was a good investment for the future of our business. I'd recommend Mole Energy to anyone!"

Alex Tucker - Farmer, Springfield Farm Shop

Protect yourself from the business energy storm with solar and call our specialist team today



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