

Property Information Sheet



Name and Address

Pam
Underton Cottage
Bridgnorth
WV16 6TY

Property Description

17th century black & white listed building.

What changes have you made to your home?

I've replaced the oil-fired Rayburn which provided central heating as well as cooking with three wood-burning stoves, [not used simultaneously!], electric radiators and an electric cooker.

There are solar panels on my stable block & eco-cabin and a solar water heating system on the conservatory roof for my bathroom, kitchen & scullery. The wood-burner in the kitchen also heats this hot water tank.

I have an immersion heater in the guest bathroom.

I changed to LED lighting and, when my electrical appliances fail, I replace them with more efficient models. I use a re-chargeable battery lawn mower & strimmer.

The cottage is better insulated.

Why did you make these changes?

In 1996, I became a permaculturalist and since then have tried to live more sustainably.

What were the approximate costs?

No idea as the work has been spread over 26 years.

What have been the approximate energy savings?

I cannot give figures.

I generate about twice as much electricity as I use but as I get paid a lot less than I get charged this works out annually as cost-neutral.

Using my own wood is far cheaper than buying oil.

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What have been the effects on your home?

The only change is that I now need to look after the wood-burners when the weather is cold enough to need any of them which means more work for me.

Who undertook the work?

A variety of suppliers over 26 years.

Would you recommend them?

I could recommend the more recent ones but the earlier ones are no longer operating.

What else would you like to do? And why haven't you done them yet?

I don't think there is anything more that I can do at this time.

I continue to be self-sufficient in meat, eggs, fruit & vegetables and honey.

Have you considered any measures but rejected them? Please give details of what and why.

Buying an electric car is currently too expensive. I have a very efficient petrol car and so pay no road tax.

I plead guilty to still driving a diesel horsebox.

Do you have any further comments?

Further details on my website www.pamspools.co.uk

Are there any access issues? Eg steep steps, lack of parking.

There is limited parking at the cottage but more is available about 300 yards away.

There are two flights of steep stairs up to my bedroom and the guest bedroom, one flight at each end of the cottage.