# **Property Information Sheet**



### Name and Address

Kate and Tim St Cleopas, The Cabin, Welsh Street, Bishops Castle, SY9 5JG

## Property Description

1960s cavity-built brick bungalow with 3 bedrooms, an office, studio, kitchen and living room.

## What changes have you made to your home / what green features did your home come with?

When we moved into the bungalow in 2015, we took out the oil-fired Rayburn, the radiators and the night storage heaters. We installed new floors and underfloor insulation throughout our home – 4" Kingspan between joists. Aided by grant, the loft was insulated with 8" thick Rockwool. A 6kW solar photovoltaic (PV) panel array was also fitted. In 2019, the 6 original metal framed double glazed windows were replaced. A wood burner was installed in the living room and 4 infrared heating panels were fitted, 3 of which on the kitchen ceiling, the other in the bathroom. An EO home charging system for our electric vehicle (EV) was fitted with the assistance of a grant. In January 2021, we installed a 5kW Moixa battery and switched to Octopus energy. Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) were fitted in autumn 2023.

### Why did you make these changes / choose a home with these features?

Initially we made changes as necessary to upgrade the heating system and deal with a woodworm infestation in the living room floor. In the long run we wanted to save energy and money, make our home more comfortable whilst cutting carbon.

### What were the approximate costs of each of the changes you made?

The PV panels cost approximately £4,000 whilst the battery cost £3,000. Replacing the 6 windows was roughly £1,000, underfloor insulation was £1,500, £500 for the infrared heating panels and £1,000 for the EV charger.

### What have been the approximate energy savings?

Apart from the wood burner, we are totally electric and since installing the battery, our current bill has been £40 a month on average.

## What have been the benefits to you / your home?

Our home is now cheaper and easier to run whilst also being warmer and more comfortable.

### Who undertook the work?

Various local and national contractors. We did quite a lot of the insulation work ourselves.

## Would you recommend them?

We would recommend Mathews & Peart of Shrewsbury who fitted the new windows. The PV and infrared heating panels installers both have since gone out of business. Moixa no longer install domestic batteries.

# What else would you like to do?

N/A

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

We had considered another 6kW solar PV array and a bigger battery however money is running short and we are not likely to see the payback as we are getting on.

## Any further comments?

N/A

## Visiting instructions / information

The front steps are quite steep but there is a handrail. Parking at property available for 3 cars.