

Membership Policy

South Dartmoor Community Energy would like to recruit members to join us in delivering our vision of:
Local people using local resources to become self-reliant and deliver a healthy, sustainable community.

All members must support our Objects:

The objects of SDCE shall be to carry on any business for the benefit of the Local Community including: promoting, developing, financing, operating and selling renewable and low carbon energy projects for the purpose of:

- a. Supplying heat/electricity from renewable and low carbon sources;
- b. Reducing fuel poverty and increasing the energy efficiency of buildings within the local community;
- c. Generating income to support community organisations and projects that improve the sustainability of the Local Community, including through appropriate Community Supporting Organisations;
- d. Providing funding for further community renewable and low carbon energy generation schemes;
- e. Enabling the local and wider community to share in the ownership of the renewable and low carbon electricity/heat generation projects;
- f. Increasing awareness and understanding of the benefits of renewable energy generation, local ownership of energy generation and energy efficiency.

Who can join

- Any individual who is over 16 years old and resident of the UK, and supports the Objects of SDCE can join as a member. We especially welcome applications from, but do not restrict to, residents of the PL7 and PL21 postcode areas. You need to be willing to attend the SDCE Annual General Meeting.
- Any organisation who wishes to become a member shall appoint a representative.

Membership benefits

- All members will receive one vote, corporate members will also receive one vote per organisation.
- An opportunity to shape our activities and help make our local community more sustainable and resilient.
- A quarterly newsletter.
- Potential for joint marketing and PR for corporate members.
- An invitation to our Annual General Meeting.
- Opportunities to volunteer and take on a role on the Board of Directors.
- First-come-first-served discounted tickets to events and conferences organised by us and our partners.
- A warm fuzzy feeling because your Membership Fee will go directly into SDCE core community benefit activities and allow us to help more vulnerable people to keep their homes affordably heated.

Responsibilities of members

- All Members should agree to participate in general meetings and take an active interest in the operation and development of the Society and its business.
- Members have a duty to respect the confidential nature of the business decisions of the Society.

Fees

There is a one-off membership fee of £1 inc VAT. This is purely a subscription fee and is not linked to any shares in SDCE. Subject to the Model Rules of the society your membership will last as long as you wish to remain a member.

Register of Members

SDCE will retain a Register of Members under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. An electronic database will be kept by the SDCE Company Secretary at the registered address. This register will be confidential and will only be used by SDCE to communicate with members about events and activities of the organisation. SDCE adheres to the Principles of Data Protection, as detailed in the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2016.

How to become a member

1. Any individual or organisation wishing to become a member should complete an application form available to download from our website (sdce.org.uk). To receive a copy by email or post please contact info@sdce.org.uk or call 0800 112 3044.
2. The application will be reviewed by the Directors at the earliest opportunity, no later than 60 days after receipt of the application form.
3. Members will be notified by email unless requested otherwise.