



Suffolk Climate Change Partnership
**Community Buildings
Advice Service**

Kirkley Community Centre



Following the continuing support and advice from SCCP's CommunityAdvisor, The Kirkley Centre were successful in obtaining funds for LED lighting and are working towards the installation of solar PV.

Kirkley Community Centre, Lowestoft

The Kirkley Centre in Lowestoft is a unique venue, offering versatility for businesses and community groups who are looking to hold meetings, training courses, and conferences.

The Centre contacted SCCP's Community Advisor following an unsuccessful funding application for LED lighting. The Advisor was able to provide the support and advice needed to get the funding approved as well as produce a report detailing additional measures that should also be considered by the Centre, including solar PV.

The LED lighting was installed in 2018 and achieved a 66% saving on their energy consumption taking it from 57,906kWh to 38,218kWh and achieving a cost saving of almost £3,000 annually on their electricity bill. This improvement also led to their EPC rating being upgraded from a C rating to a B.

However, the Centre wanted to go further and implement the solar PV recommended by SCCP's Community Advisor. To help achieve this, the Advisor supported them with detailed calculations, showing them that they could save an additional £1,129 annually, and helped provide advice on grant funding.

Kareena Chapman, The Kirkley Centre Manager, said "The SCCP Community Advisor was really helpful in getting the grant as initially they said we were out of catchment so he acted on our behalf showing them we were located really close to Gulliver at Ness Point, and asked them to reconsider our grant application."



The LED installation at the Kirkley Centre has achieved annual cost savings of £3,000 and it is anticipated that the installation of solar PV will save an additional £1,129.