

# KILANERIN & ENVIRONS Community News

OUR SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY COMMUNITY

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Spring 2020

## February 2020

A very big welcome to the second edition of our sustainability newsletter!

The topic of the environment is all around us. **So what can we do?** This is the key question that has come up in our area's Sustainable Energy Community (SEC).

- **Borrow the Energy Kit (see page 2)**
- **Get information on BER surveys.**
- **Get Information on SEAI Grants.**
- **Learn more... Come to free Workshops.**
- **Get involved.**

The community energy surveys have been completed and crunched! Sincere thanks to every person who took the time to complete a survey.

We are now at the stage where we will work with each individual household who wants to participate. You may want to find out what would make your house warmer and/or your energy bills lower.

*Karen Finigan, on behalf of the SEC Leadership Group*

Please don't hesitate to phone or email for advice and/or assistance:

**Email: KilanerinSEC@gmail.com**

**Phone: 083-878 2718**



## Kilanerin area wins All-Ireland trophy from SEAI!!

Our local community won the top SEAI award for Sustainable Energy Communities – beating off stiff competition from finalists in Dingle Sustainable Energy Communities, Mulranny GreenPlan Group, and Sustainable Tipp!! It was such a great honour to represent our fantastic

community. There are a lot of exciting new initiatives happening around the country. So often, the news on climate change is negative and depressing, but seeing the innovation happening across Ireland is very inspiring and full of hope.



### Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) Leadership Group:

Karen Finigan	Geraldine Carmody	Geraldine O'Connor
Murth O'Sullivan	Michael D'Arcy	Fionntan O'Suilleabhain
Ciaran O'Sullivan	Ellen Noctor	Grainne Hartnett
Fr Denis Browne	Mary Fleming	
Donal Hayden, Jr	Brendan Fortune	<b>The SEC is a voluntary, community-based group of people.</b>
Terry Kavanagh	John Hegarty	
Peter O'Connor	Enda Kavanagh	
Cathal O'Sullivan	Jason Last	
Margaret Woodbyrne	Noel Murphy	

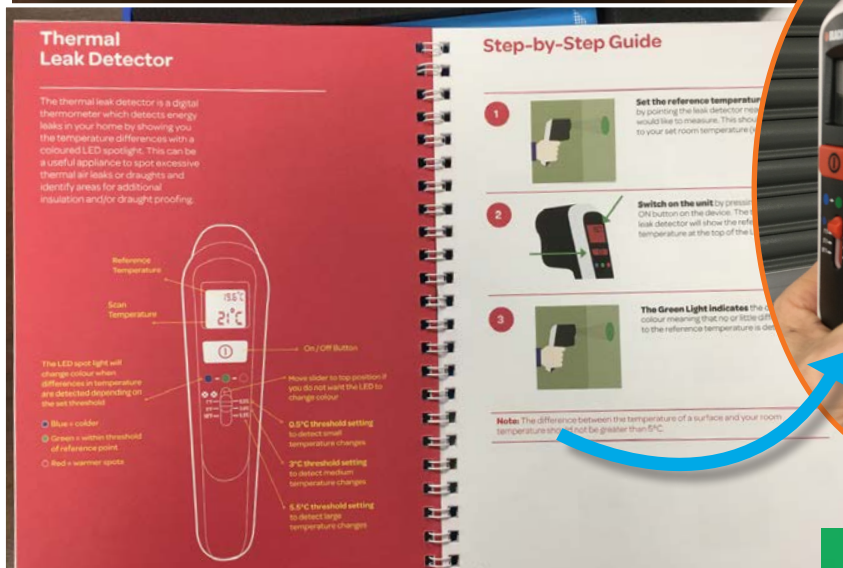
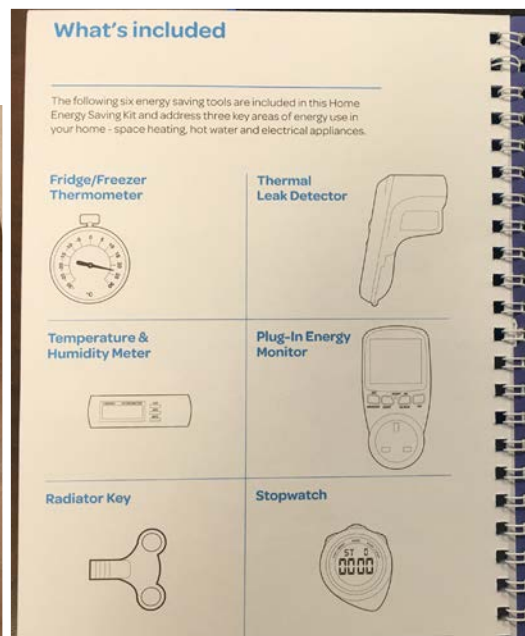
# BORROW THE ENERGY KIT!

TO BORROW THIS KIT, SIMPLY EMAIL: [KILANERINSEC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kilanerinsec@gmail.com) OR PHONE 083-878 2718. IT'S COMPLETELY FREE!

Energy Savings Kits can help householders better understand their energy use and reduce their bills. The six tools in the kit address key areas of energy use in the home - space heating, hot water

and electricity consumption—and can identify common issues such as lack of insulation, poor ventilation and the appliances that might be driving up electricity bills

## SO, WHAT'S IN THE KIT?



Contact Karen Finigan 083-878 2718 or Geraldine O'Connor 083-102 5308





## BER – THE PRACTICAL APPROACH

Are you interested in learning the actual workings of a BER assessment? For example...

- Who comes into your house?
- How long do they spend there?
- What do they need to see?
- What do they do?
- What information will be on your assessment?

Would you host a few of your friends and neighbours to learn about the BER if you could get your assessment done at NO COST?? Would you attend a session to learn the same?

KBCDA – SEC has arranged for a company called BET (who are located in

Inch) to work with our community to help us all learn the actual workings of a BER assessment.

If you host a BER at your house and invite 5 other households to come along – then your BER assessment is carried out at NO COST.

If you are invited to attend a hosted BER, you will be among the best prepared, most knowledgeable households to determine if the BER assessment is right for you.

BET (Building Energy Technologies - <https://www.betechnologies.ie/new/>) located here in Inch are providing prizes – 3 households will win a free BER report on their home.

A technician will call out and spend

approximately 1 hour walking through your home. He / she will look at your:

- Lighting
- Heating
- Boiler
- Building 'fabric' (insulation, etc)

Then your current Building Energy Rating (BER) will be calculated and you will receive a personalised step by step guide for you – what you can do to save money and make a warmer home for yourself. In the report they will also note where there is GRANT FUNDING available for the changes.

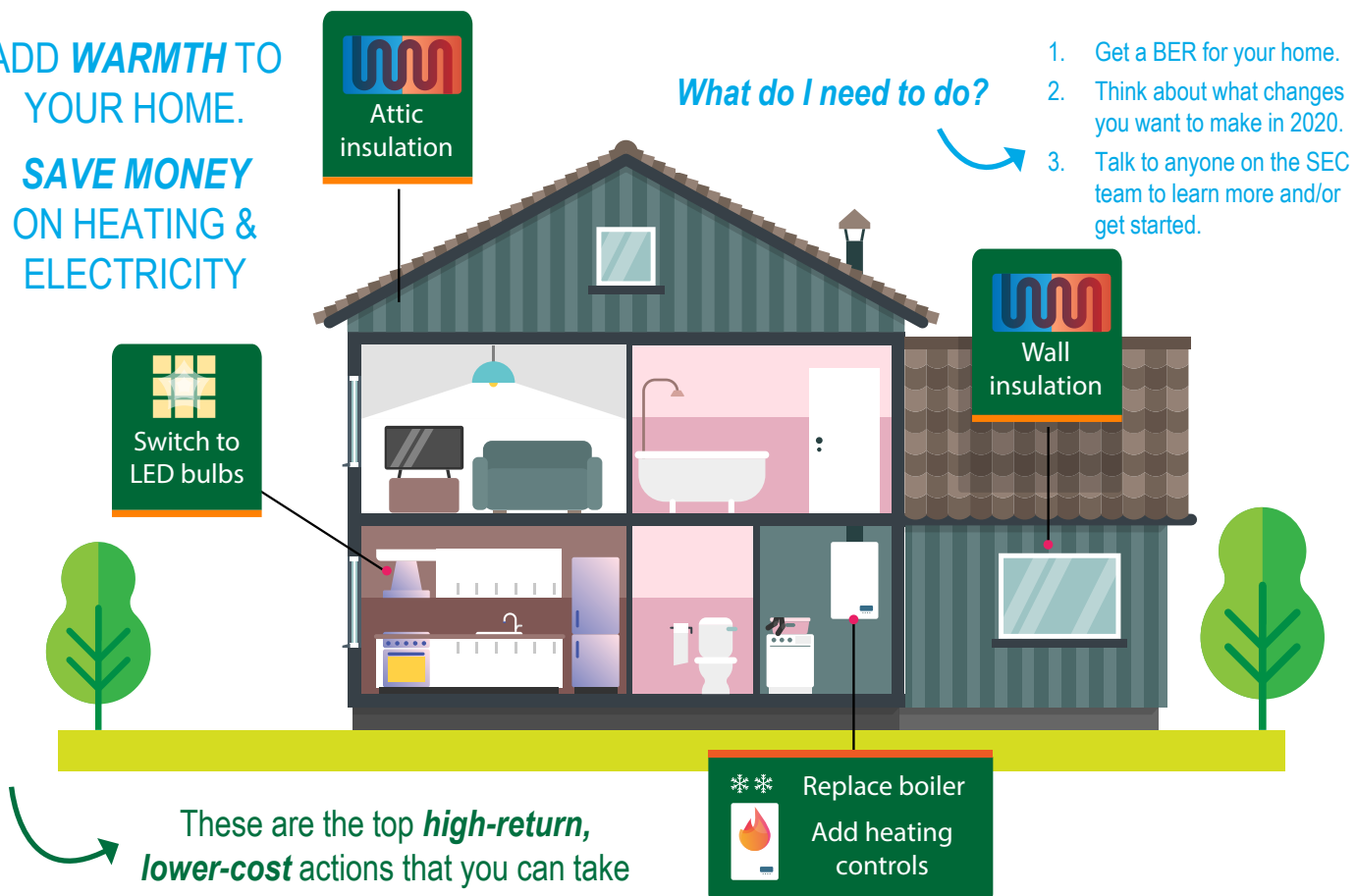
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ADD **WARMTH** TO YOUR HOME.  
SAVE MONEY ON HEATING & ELECTRICITY

*What do I need to do?*

1. Get a BER for your home.
2. Think about what changes you want to make in 2020.
3. Talk to anyone on the SEC team to learn more and/or get started.



# WORKSHOPS BRINGING IN THE CROWDS!

*"The Sustainability Seminars series are fantastic", Marcella from Carnew. "I have learned loads". "It is really helpful to be able to ask questions face-to-face with an expert". "I really enjoy the cup of tea and a biscuit and the chat with other people."*

These are some of the comments we have received. To date, we have been honoured to have **Dr Conor Murphy**, Climate Scientist; **Kevin O'Sullivan**, Environmental Editor with

the Irish Times; 3CEA energy advisers and SEAL regarding grant aid information.

**Tommy Boland**, Associate Professor at UCD, presented a fascinating talk on **'Cows & Climate: What does the science tell us?'**

Seminars typically start at 8pm, in either Shamrock Hall or KCC and run for approximately one hour.

Family-friendly talks will also be starting up. Check out Eventbrite and Facebook for details!



## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

The long-running favourite is back! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS. Helen Whelan is the person to contact if you would like to take part, 087-642 6291. Always a great night of entertainment, whether you are performing or sitting back in the audience. Much loved by all generations! Well done to everyone involved.

## RE-CREATION PROJECT LAUNCHED BY GAP ARTS FESTIVAL

Old local photos re-imagined! Now available to view on the Gap Arts Festival website and Facebook page.

2020 is the Festival's 10-Year Anniversary! Follow us on Facebook to see what's happening this year.

## COSY COTTAGE CAFÉ NOW LOCATED AT KCC!

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE LUNCHESES, TREATS AND BEVERAGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE RIGHT HERE IN THE KCC! BEST WISHES TO TIMMY AND FRANK IN THEIR NEW VENTURE!



## REUSEABLE BOTTLES FOR SALE

Call into the KCC to get your beautiful and functional Sustainable Cups and Bottles.

**Cups: €8.00,**  
**Bottles: €5.00**

**(normally €7.50!) or buy a set of 2 (1 of each) for €12.00**

Available while stocks last.

## GET FIT AT KCC GYM – BEST RATES IN WEXFORD

MEMBERSHIP	YEARLY	MONTHLY RATE	3 MONTHS
Single	€199	€20 (standing order)	n/a
Couple (same house)	€360	€35 (standing order)	n/a
Student	€160	€15 (standing order)	€50
Active Retired	€160	€15 (standing order)	€50

**Kilanerin & Environs SEC** Any questions or comments, please call, email or text:

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