

The Greener Homes Interest Free Loan

This is available to householders who wish to carry out any eco-refit measure to their home, from installing loft insulation to a renewable energy technology such as PV cells. It is run by Ipswich and Suffolk Credit Union (ISCU) on behalf of Suffolk Energy Action Link (SEAL).

If you are interested in a loan, you should contact SEAL on the Suffolk Climate & Energy Helpline (0800 02 88 938) first to register your interest and check what you are intending to use the loan for. You will be able to speak to Christian Figg, from Suffolk Coastal District Council. He will also be able to give you independent advice on PV and installers, and he will be able to send on request an information pack on PV, or any other renewable technology.

Then you should contact ISCU on 01473 690690 to request a Greener Homes Loan application form. There are no eligibility criteria apart from the applicant becoming a member of ISCU which requires a one off payment of just £5.

There are short term loans available from £100 to £1,000 re-payable over 11 to 104 weeks, and long term loans from £1,000 to a maximum of £3,500 re-payable from 1 year to 3 years.

The offer is limited, with only 2 loans given a month, so if you are thinking of taking out a loan, it would be a good idea to contact Christian as soon as possible.