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**Could you go green and save money?**

Energy bill price hikes have hit the headlines yet again. If you want to look into paying less and going green with sustainable tariffs, why not check out our latest Blaby District Council Big Community Switch.

We’re offering residents the chance to sign up to a fresh energy auction, which uses community-based buying power to give households an easy, hassle-free way to switch to a competitive fixed tariff.

Registration is now open and ends on Monday 28 April, allowing residents ample time to check out the scheme.

Run by collective energy switching experts iChoosr, it works on the basis that the more people who register their interest in the auction, the better the deal energy suppliers may offer.

Once the auction is complete, participants will receive a personal offer, allowing them to decide whether the new tariff is right for them.

Offers come from reputable, trusted suppliers and are 100% renewable energy tariffs, helping households go green and potentially save money in the process.

There is no obligation to take the offer if it is not right for the household.

Councillor Les Phillimore, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services said: “Rising energy costs continue to place a significant burden on households and seem to show no sign of decreasing. This scheme offers a practical starting point for residents to make an informed decision about switching their energy supplier.

“By coming together as a community, residents across the Blaby District area can access tariffs through the scheme that might not be available to them individually. The scheme also brings a hassle-free way of switching. All people need to do is register, review their offers and if they accept, the switching process is taken care of.

“Tariffs are fixed so there is certainty over bills and the energy is 100% renewable, allowing households to support sustainability and reduce their own carbon footprint as well as that of the District.”

Switching energy suppliers can be a daunting task for some. Big Community Switch helps demystify this process for residents and offers guidance and support every step of the way.

The focus on 100% renewable energy also ensures the scheme helps towards households cutting their carbon emissions and the District achieving its ambition to be Net Zero by 2050.

Since 2020 Blaby District has seen 6,125 households register with 814 actually switching, with a total saving realised of £119,964 and an estimated 617 tonnes of CO2 saved. Blaby District residents who signed up to the January 2024 Big Community Switch took advantage of savings of up to £93 a year as well as benefiting from moving to a green tariff.

If you want to take part, or for more information, please visit [Blaby Switch and Save – Blaby District Council](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/environmental-issue/waste-and-environment/blaby-switch-and-save/)

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