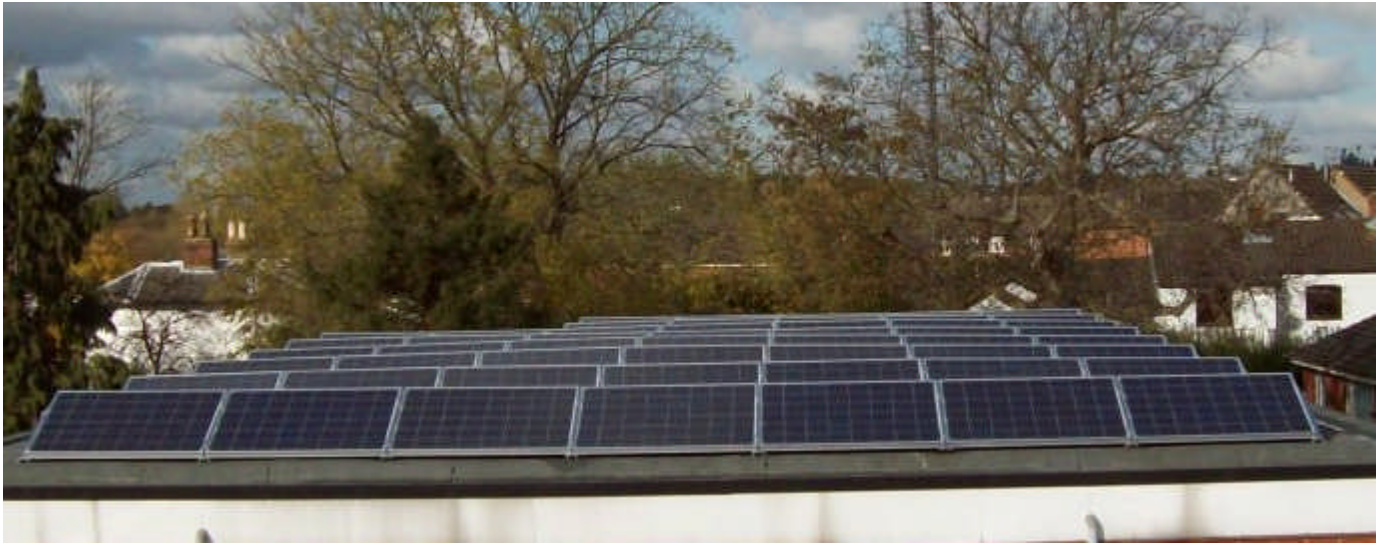
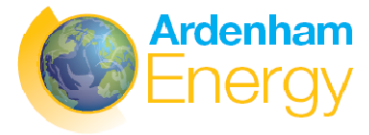


8.6 kWp Solar PV Array

Mary Bassett School, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire



The grid connected roof mounted PV has been installed and commissioned by Ardenham Energy Ltd on the roof of The Mary Bassett School in the centre of Leighton Buzzard. The project was supported by the Lottery funded Community Sustainable Energy Programme, Low Carbon Buildings Programme and PTA.

The installation was undertaken in October 2008 following the award of both a CSEP and Low Carbon Building Programme Phase 2 Grant. The electricity generated is synchronised with the grid supply via 3 inverters and will be used to supply clean energy to the property, as well as exporting excess energy to the grid for use elsewhere.

The 8.6 kWp array is almost silent in operation and will generate around 8000 kWh of greenhouse gas free electricity each year. The installation includes a display in the reception area which will outline real time energy production as well as cumulative kWh and CO₂ savings.

The installation took 5 days to complete and comprises:-

- 52 no Sharp 170 Wp crystalline Modules
- 3 no SMA 2500 G83/1 compliant inverters
- 3 phase pulsed kWh Meters
- DC and AC switchgear
- Non penetrative flat roof mounting system
- Display Unit



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