

# The Schools Energy Project

## Solar Farm Visits

2018-19



We are thrilled to be able to offer school-tours of a 2 Megawatt community-owned solar farm which was built in 2014 on a former gravel pit and landfill site near Lymington and which is now supplying electricity to about 650 local homes.

The solar farm cost £2.6Million to install and has been funded by nearly 500 people, about half of whom live in the local area and the rest further afield.



This is the first time that a community-owned solar farm has been built in Hampshire. As well as generating electricity for the local community, a key aim of this initiative is to give schools, particularly junior and primary pupils, the opportunity to see what a solar farm looks like and to help them to understand how it generates electricity from sunlight.

The Schools Energy Project is therefore working with West Solent Solar Cooperative Ltd, which owns the solar farm, to provide school visits.

As well as seeing the solar equipment, the children get to see how the solar farm is being landscaped to improve its biodiversity and revitalise the poor quality soil, including how sheep are brought in to graze the grass each spring and autumn.



Tours are available at 10.15 and 1.15 on most days early this autumn and next summer.

**If your school would like to visit the West Solent Solar Farm at Lymington during the 2018-19 school year, please get in touch using the Contact Form here on this website.**