

ARE YOU OFF THE GAS GRID?



Do you want to save money on your heating oil costs?

We can make cheap oil even cheaper. Open to all - households and businesses. NO registration fee, NO membership fee. Simply register online and away you go.

For more information:

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www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil

We buy oil once a month for members across the county.

We negotiate with suppliers that cover all of Derbyshire to find the best price.

Deadlines: 12 noon on 8th March, 5th April, 10th May 2016.

What's the scheme about?

Rural Action Derbyshire set up a social enterprise to help reduce the cost of heating oil by negotiating with oil suppliers for a bulk order. Buying oil through our scheme helps secure cheaper oil for everyone, especially beneficial for those on a low income.

RAD works with eSmartMetrics Ltd (trading as *olive*). *Olive* operate the website, handle the payments and work with the oil companies to ensure the Community Oil Buying Scheme members get the best possible price for their oil.

What's the snag?

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by Rural Action Derbyshire, a long established and well respected Derbyshire charity.

We can make savings and pass them directly to people whose fuel costs are high simply because they have to use oil-fired central heating. No need to shop around, just peace of mind knowing you will always be buying oil at an excellent price.

The environment benefits too

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a community instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel use and emissions are reduced and so is traffic in the village.

Why has the oil price dropped so much recently?

The oil price has plummeted 75% since mid-2014 as oversupply has driven down the cost. Demand has also fallen because of a slowdown in economic growth in China and Europe.

The price can vary daily, the price we achieve each month is the best price on that day, but the market can go up or down after that date.

Who can join?

Anyone. The scheme is open to homes, farms, caravan parks, holiday lets, businesses or community buildings throughout Derbyshire. Standard sized delivery tankers are used.*

5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

Step 1: Join the RAD Scheme

Simply go to the RAD website www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil for more information then click the link to **Register**. You will need to register a debit or credit card (2% surcharge for credit card) before you can order.**

Step 2: Check out the website

Information on order deadline dates, your account details, previous order history and FAQs are all on the website or we can send information out to you in the post.

Step 3: Place an order

Log on and order oil before the deadline (min order 500 litres), select the product you require - Kerosene28, or with an additive, enter the last 3 digits of your payment card security code then click **Order**.

Step 4:

We negotiate the best price from a range of suppliers. You will receive an email to tell you the price, the amount due for your order and when payment is required by.

Step 5: Pay for your oil and wait for delivery

When payment has been made a confirmation email is sent out which will include details of supplier. The oil company should deliver all orders within 10 working days.

* If you have access issues you may not be eligible. Contact RAD to discuss.
** Arrangements to pay by cheque can be set up. Just contact RAD to discuss.

What if I don't have a computer or access to the internet?

If you are unable to register on the website you can still join the scheme. Contact Emma Simpson on 01629 592970 / 0845 313 8800 and an account can be set up for you. Then, simply contact Emma by phone or post when you would like to order oil (before the monthly order deadline) and your order will be processed.

What people say

'Very happy to recommend this scheme - I placed my order, it was delivered speedily, and the price gave me an excellent saving.'

'We have been pleased with the savings on our last order. It also helps us to be able to order 500 litres, whereas previously we tried to wait until we needed 1000 to try and keep the price per litre down.'

'If only I had known about the scheme earlier. I just paid over £400 for 500 litres of oil. If I had bought through the scheme I would have saved over £250. At least I know I will get a good price next time.'

Rural Action Derbyshire is a charity set up in 1924 to:

- Support rural community developments;
- Address rural disadvantage and counter the effects of isolation;
- Improve access to services for people living in rural communities;
- Inform and challenge statutory service providers about the needs of rural communities.

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