TOP TIPS FOR REDUCING ENERGY USE

1. Switch off lights and electrical appliances when not using them, this was especially important for us overnight and on weekends, we managed to reduce our energy use while closed by over 40%

2. Switch to energy-saving LED lights, this was another hi impact area for us, old light fittings were using much more electricity than new LED lights while we were open.

3. Shut doors and close curtains / blinds to hold heat in during the winter.

4. Engage you team, if you have everyone conscious of energy saving it will make changes much easier to implement if everyone understands why and the benefits.

5. Understand and improve your facilities energy use, we used a spreadsheet to record our usage and monitor how effective changes were as we made them.

6. Save energy cooking, we have found that using an induction cooker has drastically reduced our use of Gas and worked out much cheaper (despite feeding more people).

7. Manage your heating and cooling, simply setting your TRV's on radiators can make a big difference, in our case we switched to TRV's that enabled us to heat only the rooms we are using by simply using an online app.

8. Get the best energy deal, it was shocking to use the difference is prices amongst suppliers, we currently use Octopus however this might not be the right chose for everyone.

9. Insulate your roof, we have Loft insulation installed and within just a day we physically noticed the heat difference within the building.

10. Save money with solar energy, but do your research, Batteries are key to making Solar Work effectively! We found getting "advice" from installers was not the best route to take, talking to others who have solar installed online helped us greatly.