



Energy audits for community buildings

Practical, independent support to cut costs and futureproof your building

The challenge

Running a community building is increasingly complex. Energy prices fluctuate. Systems age. Expectations around sustainability grow.

Committees and trustees are expected to make confident decisions about technical upgrades, often without technical expertise.

Getting it wrong can mean wasted money, poor contractor advice or missed funding opportunities. You need clear, independent guidance you can trust.

Why Cambridgeshire ACRE

Cambridgeshire ACRE understands how community buildings operate. We understand volunteer committees. And we understand that budgets matter.

Our reports are technically robust but written in plain English. We explain the options, the costs and the risks so you can move forward with confidence.

You are not left with a document and no support. We continue to work along you and offer support as you turn recommendations into action.

What we offer

We provide professional energy audits designed specifically for community buildings and publicly accessible spaces.

Our audits give you:

- A clear understanding of your current energy performance
- Practical, costed recommendations
- Estimated savings in pounds and carbon
- A prioritised action plan
- Confidence to make informed decisions

Every audit includes:

- Review of 12 months of energy data
- Pre-audit survey
- On-site assessment of building fabric, heating, lighting and controls
- Solar and renewable feasibility assessment where appropriate
- Detailed written report
- Follow-up meeting to agree next steps

We do not receive commission from suppliers. Our advice is entirely independent.

Case Study: Mandeville Hall, Burwell

Mandeville Hall is a well-used community venue serving a large Cambridgeshire village. Although relatively modern, the committee wanted reassurance that they were investing wisely and prioritising the right improvements.

We undertook a full energy audit, reviewing 12 months of energy data, assessing the building fabric and systems and modelling future upgrade options.

The audit provided:

- A phased investment plan
- Clear cost and carbon savings projections
- Advice on solar, battery storage and low carbon heating
- Prioritised next steps aligned to available funding

The report gave the Parish Council the clarity and confidence to proceed with phase one improvements, including solar PV and lighting upgrades.

Lea Dodds, Vice Chair of the Parish Council said:

“The report confirmed our own assessment of the priorities for phase one of the Mandeville Hall upgrade, so we went ahead and put the work out to tender.”

The audit did not just identify savings. It provided a safe framework for decision-making.



What you can expect

- Clear scope and agreed deliverables
- Transparent pricing
- A supportive and collaborative approach
- 10 per cent discount for Cambridgeshire ACRE members
- Follow-up support beyond the report

Energy audits are available as a paid consultancy service for community buildings and publicly accessible spaces.

Eligible Cambridgeshire ACRE member buildings may also access funded audits through our ‘Futureproofing Cambridgeshire’s Community Buildings’ programme, subject to criteria and availability.



Start a conversation

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