

Tell me more about green energy

We asked our partners two important questions:

1. How do you get your energy?
2. What other actions are you taking to hasten the end of fossil fuel use?

Here's what they said:

COMPANY	RATING*	TYPICAL MONTHLY DUEL FUEL BILL**	% OF ELECTRICITY THAT'S RENEWABLE	HOW DO YOU GET YOUR ENERGY?	OTHER ACTIONS TO HASTEN THE END OF FOSSIL FUEL USE?
Ecotricity	Deep green	£116	100%	Ecotricity's 24 wind farms and 1 solar farm provide 25% of their energy, the remaining 75% is bought directly from other independent renewable energy sites.	Ecotricity build green gasmills, which will generate green, carbon-free gas. It created Britain's first and largest electric highway providing over 300 EV charging points. It administers over 60,000 feed-in-tariffs for UK homes.
Good Energy	Deep green	£116	100%	Over 1400 wind, biogeneration, solar and hydro community generators supply 100% of Good Energy's power.	Good Energy is the largest independent feed-in tariff administrator in the UK, enabling over 165,000 homes with solar to be paid for the electricity they share back to the grid.
Octopus Energy	Mid green	£83	100%	3 solar sites plus 73 small-scale generators (part of joint ventures with Co-operative Energy) provide c.10% of its power, c.90% comes from REGOs (Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin).	Octopus Energy invests heavily in technology to form the building-blocks of a low-carbon smart grid. It also runs tree planting schemes. Its parent company, Octopus Group, is the largest investor in solar energy in Europe.

* Deep green – Consistently generate/buy enough renewable electricity direct from generators

Mid green – Generate/buy some renewable electricity direct from generators

(Source: Which? Magazine, October 2019)

** Based on typical annual consumption of 3,100 kWh electricity and 12,000 kWh gas in the Eastern region. Prices correct on 15 October 2019.