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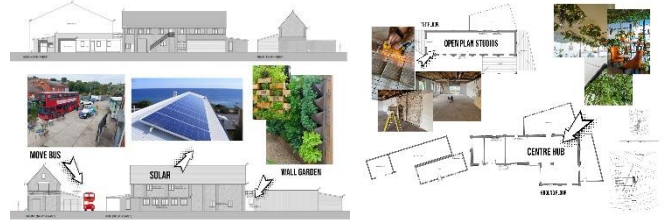
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LOCASE

LOW CARBON ACROSS
THE SOUTH AND EAST

A LOCASE CASE STUDY SUCCESS STORY

COMPANY NAME: Wave Arts Bexhill CIC



LOCATION: Bexhill, East Sussex

THE PROJECT

Project outline: Brief history of company/Description of the aim of the project/What will be needed to achieve the desired outcome?

Wave Arts are a small non-profit company in Bexhill who are creating a community hub centre that will contain affordable, creative spaces and workshop areas, pop up galleries, a community wall garden and more. They want the space to facilitate collaboration and inspiration amongst members of the local community via workshops and coffee mornings.

The building that they are converting into the community hub had fallen into a state of disrepair and was in need of an upgrade to the heating and lighting systems. The team also decided to include the installation of a solar array into their LoCASE application in order to reduce their dependence on the Grid and the associated emissions.

THE PROCESS

How the business first engaged with LoCASE/How did it hear about LoCASE/Ease of application process etc.

The business heard about LoCASE from East Sussex County Council's marketing efforts. After completing a short registration form online, they were contacted by the delivery team and moved through the application process smoothly.

THE OUTCOME

Result of the project upon completion/What was achieved/What did you gain by participating/How much grant did you receive/What will be your projected savings on Fuel bills & CO2 (if known):

The combined heating, lighting, and solar projects had a cost of £39,250, towards which the business received the full £10,000 in support. After the grant contribution, the heating and lighting have cost the business £6,374 and £4,318 respectively. The annual savings on their energy bills are expected to be £663 and £786 respectively. The solar PV was a more substantial investment, at £18,745 with funding, but due to the recent increase in energy prices they are expected to save £4,713 on their electricity bill annually. These combined savings will result of a payback time of just under 5 years for all 3 projects and will reduce the business' yearly CO₂e emissions by 7.1 tonnes! The savings made from these energy performance upgrades will be passed on to the community by allowing the Wave Arts to provide truly affordable spaces.

TESTIMONIAL

Summary of the project as a whole from your own perspective, in your own words/Did the project achieve what it set out to/Did it deliver the result/s you were hoping for/Would you recommend the LoCASE Project to other SME Businesses:

“After speaking with the delivery team, the process was simple; explanations, timing, and communication have been professional.

The project is not yet finished but will be soon and we are already saving money due to the solar panels being installed. We can't wait to see the annual savings!

The work facilitated by LoCASE will help us deliver a far more meaningful project for the community and we can't thank the team enough.”

The LoCASE project is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and aims to support SMEs across the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) region to lower their carbon emissions and improve their energy efficiency through targeted business support and grants.

