



## *Bristol Community Energy Fund case study:*

# St Werburghs City Farm



### *About the group*

St Werburghs City Farm works in partnership with the community to provide high quality educational, recreational and environmental services and resources within a working farm. They welcome all, including those who are socially or economically disadvantaged. The farm is an inspirational place connecting people, animals and the land, and promoting health and well-being.

### *About the project*

Bristol Community Energy Fund gave a grant of £3,500 to St Werburghs City Farm to develop and install a Green Energy Trail, an educational resource to bring to life the story of renewable energy to visitors and users of the farm. An estimated 40,000 people will benefit from the project.

St Werburghs City Farm developed a child-friendly Green Energy Trail to highlight the renewable energy and other green features that were being installed in the new classrooms. Measures included recycled newspaper insulation, solar panels and an air source heat pump. A professional designed was used to create interpretation board in the form of a trail around the main farm site.

The trail enabled the farm, for the first time, to promote wider environmental and renewable energy issues to visitors from the local community, including schools visit groups, and services users (mainly disadvantaged children and adults with learning difficulties).

Careful thought was given to how the renewable energy story could be incorporated into the wider mission of the farm, which is focuses on food production. This was achieved by adding in information about the embodied energy in tap water and fertilizer compared to the Farm's use of water butts and composting. This also had the added benefit of extending the trail more widely around the farm site.



Kari Halford, of St Werburghs City Farm, said:

*“Now the trail is in situ, it is there as a teaching tool for future years with both general visitors and school group tours. We hope to be able to build on this in future, such as adding a leaflet for visitors to guide them around the trail to help raise further awareness”.*

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