



Community Buying

Community Buying at CAS Ltd

**Want to save money on the cost of
your heating oil?
So do we!**



**Join our community based, countywide oil buying
syndicate and see how easy it is:**

www.communitybuying.org.uk

Community Buying at CAS Ltd is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Community Action Suffolk, a charity working to strengthen and champion communities across the County.

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What's the scheme about?

Community Buying at CAS Ltd set up as a social enterprise to reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

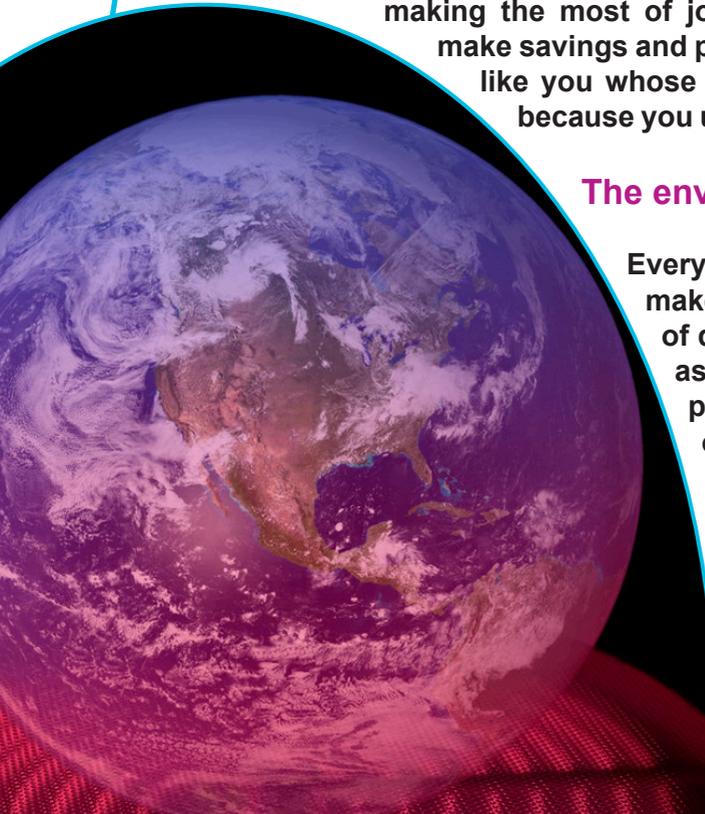
What's the snag?

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by Community Action Suffolk, a well respected Suffolk charity (see overleaf for more details).

By bringing communities throughout Suffolk together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

The environment benefits:

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel - a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is the traffic in the village.



5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

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Step 1: Join the Community Buying at CAS Scheme. Request a membership form from Community Action Suffolk or apply via the Community Buying at CAS Ltd website www.communitybuying.org.uk/join

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator. We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Once or twice a month they will email you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres. If you don't have email, please arrange an alternative way to contact them. If your village doesn't have a co-ordinator, then Community Buying at CAS take on this role for you.

Step 3: Place an order. Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil. Twice a month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price. Our oil buyers negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you what the price is per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and arrange payment. The oil will be delivered as soon as possible. Our oil buyers pay the entire bill for our Suffolk order and then invoice each member. after delivery. Members are requested to complete a direct debit form, to keep adminstraion costs down. Members receive an invoice, confirming the amount of oil delivered to them and the price, then the payment is usually drawn around 21 days from the invoice date.

Annual membership fees

Domestic : £20 Community Building: £30 Business: £100

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The scheme has been very successful since we began in January 2012 and here are just some comments from our members...

"We ordered and the oil it was duly delivered in the specified time period and payment has just been made through the new Direct Debit scheme. The service in the past was always good, but it was frustrating having to go through press button systems to arrange payment. This new arrangement is excellent, an invoice arrived shortly after delivery and the payment went through last week, much more efficient...Well done and thank you."

"You are providing a great service, thank you very much. I wont be looking anywhere else for my oil. Keep up the good work!"

"It is so helpful that we can get the same prices per litre when we order 500 litres as on bigger orders. In the past, so many companies have charged extra because I can only afford to order the minimum amount of oil at a time."

About Community Action Suffolk

Community Action Suffolk is here to help community groups and organisations in Suffolk and we are passionate about the difference the voluntary and community sector makes to communities. Our team of dedicated and experienced professionals offer a day-to-day understanding and commitment to help communities and organisations develop and grow for the benefit of Suffolk.

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