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## LINLITHGO-SOLAR CASE STUDY

Linlithgow has over 1299 hours of sunshine per annum -well above the Scottish average. Linlithgow Community Development Trust (LCDT) want to utilise that to make Linlithgow carbon neutral in energy supply.

They decided to start working with local community sports and community meeting facilities to bring renewable energy to them.

LCDT used community bonds in order to secure the finance necessary from locals to undertake a pilot renewable energy project with the local golf club

In 2018 LCDT launch the 1st 'Linlith-Go-Solar' community bond offer. This successfully raised the money needed to develop the Rugby Club pilot.

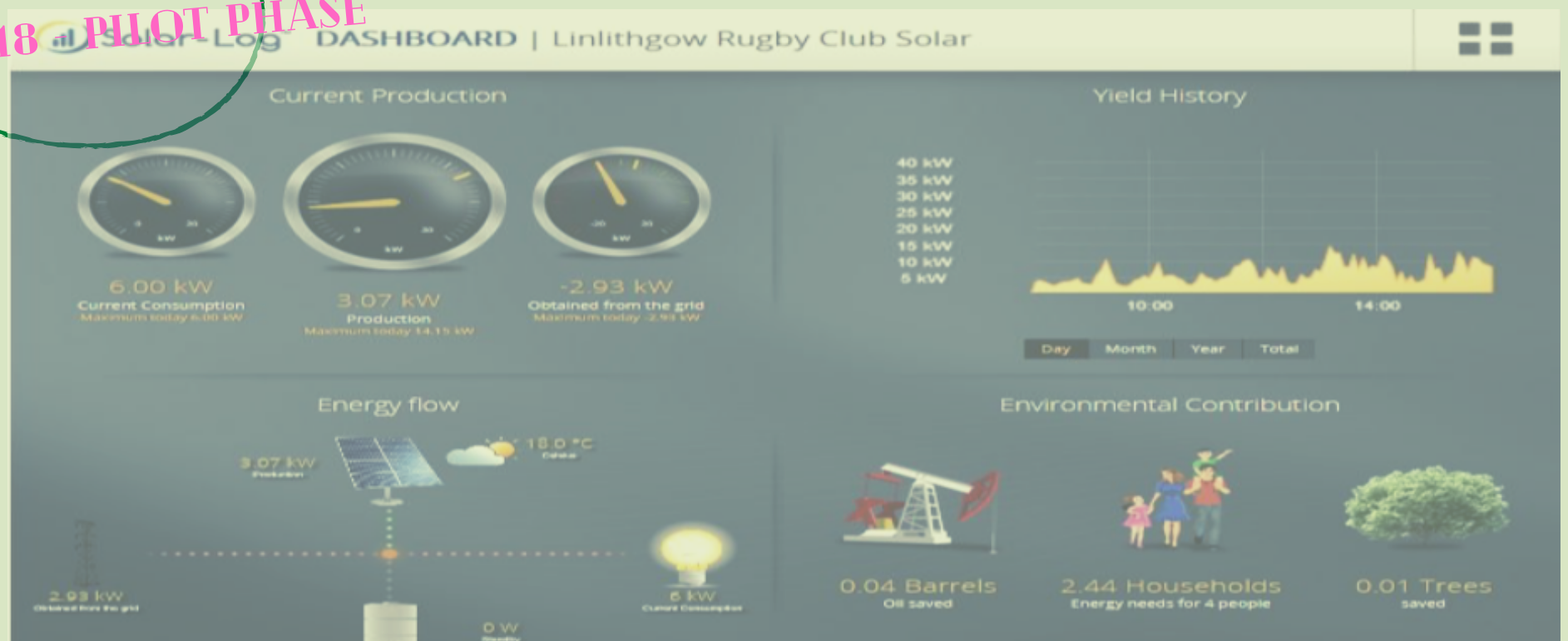
## 2018 PILOT PHASE

Based on the successfully rugby pilot, a second 'Linlith-Go-Solar' bond offer was launched to bring renewables to other local sports facilities.

Again, locals invested and the offer successfully raised the require capital and the solar fitting work was completed immediately before the start of the COVID lockdown.

## 2020 PHASE TWO

A second chance to invest in our Community Bond Offer, and bring community and climate benefits for the people of Linlithgow.





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## LINLITH-GO-SOLAR CASE STUDY

With a modest start to the community energy ambitions, all 3 Linlith-Go-Solar Phase 1 and 2 and 5 systems continue to perform well, despite the unpredictable Scottish weather and several days of thick snow cover in February. Over the 2 phases, LCDT has:

- earned sufficient funds towards repaying our Community Bonds with interest in the longer term
- saved all 3 clubs around £900 on their grid electricity costs by using solar electricity even with lower total energy consumption overall due to COVID inactivity
- generated surplus revenue for our community
- saved enough carbon emissions equivalent to driving a car almost 4 times around the Earth!

## 2021 - THIRD PHASE

SCF Ltd and LCDT are now in discussions about a third Community Bond offer. This phase is likely to happen post COVID and be significantly larger in size and scope. It again involves securing community bond investment to bring solar energy to local companies.

LCDT also hope to generate enough energy to guarantee them an income stream that would allow them to undertake other community activities.

## CITIZEN INVESTORS

*Linlithgow now has a healthy number of 'Citizen Investors' - ordinary people directly investing micro sums of money to support their communities. SCF Ltd offers them the opportunity to invest in economic activity in their community for the mutual benefit of that community via the purchase of 'Community Bonds'. Citizen investors are individuals and organisations who receive social return and a financial return for their investment.*