



General Trustees

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The Better Heating Scheme: Helping Congregations

The scheme, administered by the General Trustees, enables Church of Scotland congregations to obtain expert advice on matters relating to the heating of congregational property (Church, Hall, Manse etc).

Andrew MacOwan Associates have been appointed by the General Trustees to assist congregations in reviewing existing heating arrangements and making recommendations on how to reduce energy consumption, and to save money on heating bills.

Costs

Costs for the Better Heating Scheme are based on the total expenditure on energy over a rolling 12month period. The expenditure must include all energy costs including oil, gas (piped and bottled), and electricity – for both heating and lighting.

Fees payable to Andrew MacOwan Associates are shown below and are inclusive of VAT. Fees are categorised according to the most recent available cost of energy (12 months).

	Annual Cost (12 months)
Category 1:	up to £1,500
Category 2:	£1,501 to £3,500
Category 3:	£3,501 to £6,000
Category 4:	£6,001 and above

Fees for Initial Survey (from January 2024)

	Fee	Grant	Net Cost
Category 1:	£257	£85	£172
Category 2:	£353	£110	£243
Category 3:	£439	£145	£294
Category 4:	£503	£180	£323

Fees for Repeat survey (from January 2024)

	Fee	Grant	Net Cost
Category 1:	£214	£65	£149
Category 2:	£300	£90	£210
Category 3:	£385	£125	£260
Category 4:	£450	£145	£305

Scope of Survey

Surveys will review existing energy usage and make specific recommendations to potential energy savings and a reduction in costs. Comfort issues will also be assessed and advice will be given on specific heating issues which have been raised by the congregation or identified by the consultant. Heating systems, plant and automated controls will be inspected and assessed. It should be noted that the survey will not form the basis of a specification where replacement plant or systems may be required.

Additional Service

Where a Survey has been carried out, additional consultancy services may be provided by direct arrangement with the consultant. These may include post survey meetings with representatives of the congregation and/or preparation of specification for works required. Fees should be agreed between the congregation and the consultant at the outset.

Implementation of Recommendations

Carrying out of recommendations detailed in the consultant's report could result in a saving of up to 20% on annual fuel costs, but in some cases as much as 50%.

The cost of the survey and any additional expenditure can often be realised on cost savings within the first year.

Manse Heating Surveys

The consultant will also undertake energy/heating surveys of manses. A single call out to survey a manse costs £118. If it is undertaken as part of a wider survey the fee is £80 (both are inclusive of VAT).

There are no grants or subsidies available in respect of manse surveys. Please contact the General Trustees if you wish to enquire about a Manse Heating Survey.

Next step to an Energy Survey?

Please contact gentrustees@churchofscotland.org.uk for information on the Better Heating Scheme or to request an Information Pack (*noting the name of your congregation in the correspondence*).

Non-Church of Scotland Denominations

Andrew MacOwan Associates can provide a limited number of heating surveys for Non-Church of Scotland Congregations.

www.andrewmacowanassociates.co.uk

Note: The grant is **only** available for Church of Scotland congregations