



Farewell to Aldous

It's the end of an era at Sheffield Solar as Aldous says goodbye after over two years of loyal service. As the public face of the project many of you will recognise the work he did in helping to develop the Microgen Database to where it is today. He will be missed by everyone involved in the project and we all wish him the best of luck for the future.

The Eco Experts Blog

This month we've been the subject of a blog by David Thomas of *The Eco Experts*, who we met at the Eco Technology Show in Brighton back in June.

"The Eco Experts aims to provide you with all the help you need for your solar journey..."



You can read the Q&A between ourselves and David [here](#). The website is also a great place to find help and advice for those interested in installing renewable energy technologies. David is also responsible for some very interesting blogs on [RenewableEnergyWorld.com](#).

Ends Green Economy Awards

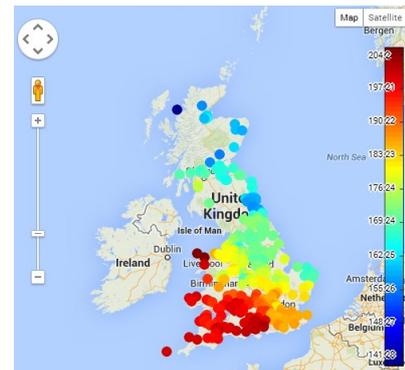
Sheffield Solar is happy to report that we have been shortlisted for a **Green Economy award** in the sustainability communicator category. The award will be given to "...the communicator or communications team that has made the biggest difference in putting sustainability on the public agenda and contributed the most to the understanding of a sustainability issue in wider society."



Automated Reading Submission

We are currently looking at the possibility of automating reading uploads to the website to make it easier for users to donate their data. The most promising method examined so far is to utilize the **Xively API**. If you currently stream data to Xively and/or are interested in helping to trial this exciting new development, please contact us on the [forum](#) or get in touch via [email](#).

Record Month



Many of our forum users are **reporting a record month** for generation in July. The sun was certainly shining on Sheffield as our rooftop pyronometer records reveal that it was the best month for over three years in terms of total irradiance, second only to June 2010. You can check the irradiance where you are and across the UK using the [Performance Maps](#).

Second Chance Reporting

If you check the latest analysis report and find that your installation does not feature or has null data, contact us via email and we'll tell you why. In most cases it's something simple like some missing panel information. If you get in touch within a week of the report being published, we'll re-run the current month's analysis for your installation so you don't have to wait a full month to see the results!



A solar PV greenhouse, courtesy [newhorizons](#).

Upload your interesting images of PV to the [Microgen Gallery](#) to see them feature in future

