



The Christmas Card Edition

This newsletter doubles up as a Christmas card from Sheffield Solar. Simply print it out, then fold it along the dashed lines, firstly below, then to the left. It is now ready to go on your mantelpiece alongside the cards from all of your loved ones.

Here's hoping that 2014 was a sunny one for you, and that you get even more in 2015.

Microgen Database 2, the Sequel

The new site has been live for three weeks now. We're already finding the new site to be more reliable, despite some teething problems, and load times are much improved.

We ironed out many issues during the testing process and have been pleased that the website has generally run well since its release.

We have now reconfigured our database server so we can run analysis without disrupting the website.

The [FAQs section](#) of the website gives you instructions on how to do all sorts of things within the site. If you are unsure of how to use the site have a browse through these. If the answer is not there then give us a call on the number below.

from the Sheffield Solar team

Wishing you a very happy
Christmas and much sunlight in
the coming year

Seasons Greetings!

Take Your Solar With You

The government is currently consulting as to whether they should allow people to transfer their solar PV systems from building to building and keep claiming their Feed in Tariff. But don't get carried away thinking you'll be able to go on the road with your installation, as the new policy would only apply to systems larger than 50kWp, so that rules most of you out.

The new policy is aimed at the commercial and industrial rooftop sector where the government have not seen as much take-up as they would like. They believe it will encourage tenants or building owners who believe they may need to move to install a system.

So far there has been only around 1,000 commercial scale installations completed on buildings, compared with half a million domestic installations.

You can read more about the consultation or take part at DECC's website here: <http://bit.ly/1t6fTaf>.

Solar Farms and Wildlife

As this is a festive issue, we felt the need to include a picture of a cute animal. So here is one courtesy of Dr John Feltwells article in Solar Power Portal on [Solar Farms and Biodiversity](#).



Dr Feltwell has studied the biodiversity of solar farms and concludes that they are great places for nature, giving protected animals a 25 year 'rest' from the disturbances of modern farming. Next time someone is cynical of solar farms quote something from his article.

