FFWPU UK: The Sun Starts Shining On The Cleeve House Solar Plant

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The integration of Solar panels into Cleeve House's energy source is continues...

The long-term renovations at our Cleeve House workshop and conference centre continue. One of the most important recent milestones is the installation of the solar panel array that will now supply much or even all of the heat and electricity for the building, especially during the summer months.



"It has been a long journey to this point," says Simon C., Cleeve House manager. "We worked closely with the local council to get planning permission, which included details of all our plans to care for many of the trees on the property. And then, when it came time to install the panels, the ground was very soft and extra long screws were needed to secure the panels, which weigh more than 50kg each. But at last, it is done and the entire system is now ready for connection."

The new heating and hot water system is quite complex, and the main pump room in the basement looks a bit like a submarine engine room. Yet everything can be controlled from a single phone app.

We encourage everyone to come see progress for themselves by signing up for the Annual Gathering on June 22!