

Thinking... Fuel?

Thinking Fuel is Norfolk
RCC's domestic oil bulk
buying scheme.

The Challenge?

61,143 households in fuel poverty*
Heating oil increased 30% in cost 2011**

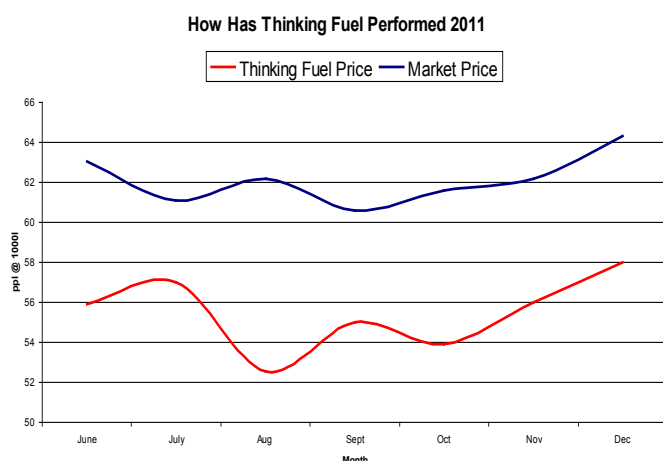


The Scheme

The scheme is a partnership between Norfolk RCC and AF Affinity. This allows it to benefit from one of the largest agricultural purchasing groups. Our aim is to try and provide rural communities cheaper fuel. Proceeds also support Norfolk RCC community development services.

How has it performed?

Our prices are consistently low but we cannot guarantee to always be the lowest. In 2011 the average saving was 11%, the lowest being 7% and the highest 16% see graph below:-



*More than 10% of income on maintaining reasonable temperature

**Department of Energy and Climate Change

How does it work?

To benefit from the scheme you need to set up a local group. We provide a basic group constitution and relevant forms. The group needs to become a member of Norfolk RCC, this costs £15 per year. You will then need to collect details from interested members of the community to register them onto the scheme.

What Next?

Individuals will need to provide their; name, address, email, phone number and identify a payment preference. They will also need to sign a data protection statement so this information can be passed between the local group, Norfolk RCC and AF Affinity. We will process this information and you should be able to order by the 1st working day of the next month. At this point you can start benefiting from the scheme but there is no obligation to buy.

How do I pay?

You can pay by credit/debit card over the phone or by Direct Debit. Any card payments will be held and adjusted to reflect any anomalies such as additional extra bulk discount or if your tank couldn't accommodate your full order.

Extra Discounts

The figures on the left represent the normal savings from the scheme. There is the opportunity to save even more on orders that are transacted together. For example if 10 of you order instead of receiving the price per litre for 500 litres you receive the price for 5,000 litres.

Benefiting from the extra discount?

Order before 1700 on the first working day of the month to receive the multi-purchase discount. So if the 1st is a Saturday then Monday 3rd or if the 1st is a Tuesday then Tuesday 1st.

Local groups can co-ordinate orders for particular months to maximise savings.

Order at any other time and you will still receive the standard discount price.

We may hold orders for up to two weeks to try and reduce the effect of any short-term price rises. If you need the fuel urgently please say. Prices can go up as well as down, if we can't get a better price and the price goes up more than 3 pence per litre we will contact you before ordering. If you prefer a guaranteed price please order immediately using that day's price, you will however not be able to benefit from the extra bulk discount.

How to Order?

Once you have a local scheme and have been registered you can order by calling 01603 881 888

Extra Info

This scheme has a number of advantages over other models. It doesn't require the whole group to order together, nor does it require payment to be made by a single person. Members also benefit from the county-wide nature of the scheme increasing the savings achieved from bulk buying. A local group's members must be in the same Post Code area e.g. NR20 3--

The scheme is open to existing Norfolk RCC members joining a local group to benefit from the multi-purchase discount. In addition individuals can become Norfolk RCC members giving access to an increased range of products as part of our members buying scheme.

Could you benefit?

Call our office
on 01362 698216 or
email us - office@norfolkrcc.org.uk

Tips for Saving Money and Staying Warm

To keep healthy whilst reducing costs keep your main living room between 18–21°C (64–70°F), and the rest of the house at least 16°C. Heat is lost from homes by a variety of routes, in a typical house this is made up as follows:

Roof	25%
Walls	35%
Draughts	15%
Windows	10%
Floor	15%

Ways you can reduce this include:

Set your heating to go off 30 minutes before you leave the house and come on again 30 minutes before you expect to return.

Make sure your radiators are not obstructed by curtains or furniture.

Draw your curtains at dusk to help keep the heat generated inside your rooms.

Consider making improvements, below are a few suggestions with approximate savings:

Hot Water Tank Insulation- Save £10 per year / cost recovered in 1 year

Draught Proofing- Save £35 per year / cost recovered in 3 years

Heating Controls- Save £50 per year / cost recovered in 2-5 years

Double Glazed Windows- Save £40 per year / cost recovered in 5 years

Loft Insulation- Save £80-£100 per year / cost recovered in 2-6 years

Cavity Wall Insulation- Save £130 per year / cost recovered in 3 years

Replace Old Boiler- Save £120-£200 per year / cost recovered in 4-5 years

For potential savings on these materials why not become a member of NRCC to take advantage of this scheme.

