

CSE's cookie use (updated January 2012)

This information applies to all CSE's websites:

www.cse.org.uk (including /thesource and /advice subsites)

www.planlocal.org.uk

www.100ideashouse.com

www.fuelpovertyindicator.org.uk

www.ruralfuelpoverty.org.uk

www.energyefficiencywales.org.uk

www.greenopenhomes.net

www.ourgreendeal.net

Our websites use cookies, as do almost all websites. Cookies are small text files that are placed on your computer or mobile phone when you browse a website and are there to give you the best experience. You can find out more about cookies on www.allaboutcookies.org

In brief, our cookies help us:

- Make our websites work as you'd expect (see below)
- Remember your settings during and between visits
- Improve the speed/security of the sites
- Allow you to share pages with social networks like Twitter
- To monitor and improve our websites
- Make our service more efficient

We **do not use** cookies to:

- Collect any personally identifiable information (without your express permission)
- Collect any sensitive information (without your express permission)
- Pass data to advertising networks
- Pass personally identifiable data to third parties
- Pay sales commissions

Granting us permission to use cookies

If the settings on your software that you are using to view a website (your browser) are adjusted to accept cookies we take this, and your continued use of our website, to mean that you are fine with the use of cookies on our site. Should you wish to remove cookies from your browser or block cookies from our site or any site you visit, you can learn how to do this at www.aboutcookies.org, however doing so will likely mean that many sites, including ours will not work as you would expect.

Our own cookies

We use cookies to make our website work including setting a randomly generated number to identify the user's unique session data. There is no way to prevent these cookies being set except by not using our site.

We use the following 'website function' cookies:

sifrFetch

sIFR is technology that allows non-standard fonts to be used for headings. sIFR fonts are based on Flash and a cookie named sifrFetch is set to indicate whether the browser supports Flash and thus sIFR or not.

CAKEPHP

This is a 'session cookie' used by CakePHP framework. It stores a randomly generated number to identify the user's unique session data.

__utma, __utmb, __utmc, __utmz

These four cookies are used by Google Analytics to collect anonymous information about how visitors use our site, including the number of visitors, where they come to the site from and which pages they visit. We use the information to compile reports and to help us improve the site. You can read more about Google's privacy policies at www.google.co.uk/intl/en/analytics/privacyoverview.html

Third-party cookies

CSE uses only one third-party cookie, and it's found on www.cse.org.uk only.

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(Domain: cse.us1.listmanage.com and cse.us1.listmanage1.com)

This cookie is used by the counter that shows the number of people who have signed up to our mailing list (see www.cse.org.uk/enews). It's a third-party cookie because it 'belongs' to MailChimp, the service we use for our enews. You can read more about MailChimp's privacy policies at www.mailchimp.com/legal/privacy

Third party functions

Our sites, like most websites, include functionality provided by third parties, for example an embedded YouTube video. Our sites include links to the following sites which use cookies:

- YouTube (owned by Google, so see www.google.com/policies/privacy)
- www.charitygiving.co.uk
- Google and associated Google products (e.g. maps).

Disabling these cookies will likely break the functions offered by these third parties

Social website cookies

So you can easily share our content on Twitter we have included sharing buttons on certain of our sites. The privacy implications on this will vary from social network to social network and will be dependent on the privacy settings you have chosen on these networks. You can read Twitter's privacy policy at www.twitter.com/privacy

Anonymous visitor statistics cookies

We use cookies to compile visitor statistics such as how many people have visited our websites, what type of technology they are using (e.g. Mac or Windows), how long they spend on the site, what pages are looked at, how people reached this site (e.g. from a search engine), whether they have been here before, etc. This helps us to continuously improve our websites. These statistics that these so-called analytics programs return are entirely anonymous and cannot be traced to a user or computer.

Turning cookies off

You can usually switch cookies off by adjusting your browser settings to stop it from accepting cookies (learn how at www.aboutcookies.org). Doing so however will likely limit the functionality of our websites and most others, as cookies are a standard part of the modern internet.



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