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OLDER GENERATION?

Octogenarian David has been energy-savvy in his home for a while. In 2016 he upgraded his double glazing and loft insulation, and insulated his cavity walls.

In late 2021 energy costs were starting to rise. It was time to introduce some home-grown solar renewable energy! While looking into that he made sure all his lighting was all very low-energy LEDs.

"Buying and installing PV solar panels for our house's south-facing roof has been quite a journey of discovery" David says.

"I wanted to make the most of our solar-generated energy, so we also bought some batteries. They allow us to keep the house running through the evenings".

In fact, having seen how the system performs through this summer David is now adding additional battery capacity.

But it hasn't just been about the technology; David's household has adapted its energy-use lifestyle by swapping some gas use to electric (bathroom heater etc) and scheduling use of higher load appliances to ensure they mostly use the solar energy.

"We are so pleased with the outcome of our investment, with our reduced electricity AND gas usage.



Knowing what we know now we might make

some different choices but on the whole it has been a good move – and we are also now fans of Octopus Energy (ask me for a referral code!)."

All of which goes to show that even older "dogs" CAN learn new tricks!