

ThinkingFuel – taking the worry out of buying heating oil

If you rely on heating oil for your home, business or other premises you'll know that the price per litre can fluctuate depending on when and how much you order. Heating oil is unregulated so, unlike mains gas and electricity, there are no rules and regulations or price controls.

Community Action Norfolk (CAN) runs a collective oil buying scheme called ThinkingFuel, which offers consistently low prices on heating oil by buying in bulk on behalf of all its members around the county. CAN is a charity and buying from ThinkingFuel helps CAN support local community projects across Norfolk.

Comparing prices for oil is very difficult for the consumer because of fluctuations in price between days, quantities ordered, locations and delivery times. All ThinkingFuel members pay the same low price per litre no matter how much they order. There's no favouritism dependent on whether you buy 500 litres or 5,000! And there's no obligation to buy – the choice is yours.

ThinkingFuel works by having two key dates each month when you can order your oil and maximise savings – but you can order oil on any working day of the month and still get a competitive price. The scheme is trusted, reliable, and well established with 3,000 members across Norfolk.

You can read more about how it works at www.thinkingfuel.org.uk and to read more about the work of CAN in supporting community projects visit www.communityactionnorfolk.org.uk

If you don't have internet access you could ask a friend or relative to go through the information with you – or call 01362 698216 and we'll answer your questions.