



The **Abbeyleix Manor Hotel** underwent energy efficiency upgrades in 2015. Through the **Donate As You Save Energy** model (DaysE), the hotel's energy savings credits and a portion of their grant were donated to fund energy upgrades in Camphill Communities. Abbeyleix Manor Hotel was one of the participants in DaysE's Better Energy Community project which won the SEAI Sustainable Energy Award for Innovation in 2016. The hotel saw a **27% and 18% saving in heating and electricity use** respectively.

**The Motivation:** Jenny Kent, proprietor, understands the importance of the support of the community to the hotel's continued success. She explains that she and the hotel's management team try to be as supportive of this community in return.

*"DaysE opened my eyes to another way of giving back, not as visible as other options perhaps but effective on many levels. We have been helped to save energy, important for the environment and to save costs, essential for our business. The beauty of DaysE is that we have helped others to save energy and costs too."*



Jenny Kent, proprietor Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, seen here with the hotel's new hot water tanks.

**The Measures:** Before the energy efficiency improvements of 2015, the heating in the hotel bedrooms was either 'on' or 'off' with no flexibility to moderate by room or floor. Following the upgrade the heating can be controlled either by the guest in the room or from the front reception desk. Water heating also received an efficiency face lift.



The kitchen, bar, restaurant and function rooms also underwent an energy upgrade to include a new space heating and cooling system and a new beer chilling system.

**The Savings:** The hotel saw a **27% and 18% saving in heating and electricity use** respectively - verified 12 months after the measures were commissioned.

In 2017, Jenny and her team are continuing with energy efficiency measures and are investigating ways of working with DaysE to continue the chain of benefits.

Last word to Jenny: *"Would I work with DaysE again? Absolutely, I hope we do!"*