

## Brandon Parva/Coston/Runhall/Welborne Local Group

### FUEL Report: Apr 2018

- Our local scheme Thinking Fuel has now been running since July 2012 with 43 households signed up.
- The long cold winter presented a number of problems with greatly increased orders which resulted in delivery delays.
- We receive a good service from AFAffinity (orders: 01603 881888) who provide us with two options in the month (approx 1st & 15th) to purchase through the Syndicate.
- Timetabled Syndicate dates are available on the AFA website or through me.
- The Syndicate has been consistently cheaper than the orders through the rest of the month and so far general Scheme prices are cheaper than local individual alternatives or other schemes.
- Latest stats from AF Affinity: Members ordered 2.3 million litres last year (Feb 17 - Jan 18).
- In normal times deliveries are brisk, between a few days and 2 weeks max but across the Christmas period and in the first quarter of 2018, this extended to 4 weeks.
- A full tank or top-ups of 500 litres can be ordered with no difference in ppl.
- Very few members ever give feedback but of those that do, prices went from 38.25 ppl + vat April 17 up to 69.0 ppl + vat in Mar 18 for an Express Delivery.
- Our highest since we started the scheme is the 69.0 ppl Express delivery (3 weeks) March 2018.
- It is as difficult to predict the price of fuel as it is to guess the stock market but when prices are stable, it is cheaper to buy fuel in June, July & August.
- AFA request that members set up a direct debit with them.
- If you need a form for this or for membership, please let me know.
- If you know of any new comers to the villages, do please let them know about the Scheme.
- Average pence per litre May17 to Apr 18: 42.58
- Average Savings – May 17 to Apr 18 per 1000 litres £26.29

With new Data Protection legislation coming in, the Scheme administrators, Community Action Norfolk and AF Affinity are currently reviewing our arrangements. It might change from local co-ordination to solely being administered direct by AF Affinity. We will be informed in due course.

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