

Case Study 1:

“Meter monitoring has cut our energy bills by over £500 a month”

A Further Education College set in 200 hectares of open parkland and rolling countryside a majestic Georgian manor house overlooks the beautiful lake and sits alongside the latest in modern facilities and equipment. Various different buildings make up the College campus, each served by its own gas or electricity supply. The college has twelve separate meters in total, some of which are sited in inaccessible locations.

The College asked Envos to carry out an initial audit of its meters, comparing actual meter readings with the bills paid. The audit was quick and simple to complete although it took slightly longer than usual, because of the inaccessibility of some of the meters.

Mike Clarke, Regional Director of Envos said, *“Four of the twelve meters were ‘half hourly’ modern meters, which were automatically read each month and billing was reasonably up to date. The others, however, were rarely read and the college had been paying over-estimated bills for some time.”*

The check highlighted a saving of more than £500 per month for the college going forward and Envos re-negotiated terms with the utility companies. Envos then set the college up with low cost web-based software that enables the user to monitor energy usage and manage their bills in future. Envos also recommended a change in protocol so that the Estate Manager reads all meters regularly and the information given to the finance department who monitor billing and liaise with the utility companies using the software and support service available.

The Finance Director said, *“The service has saved us significant sums of money and provides the information that puts us back in control of our energy billing.”*