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behind our fashion shoot*

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# Faster, harder, better, stronger: the new appliance A+++ rating

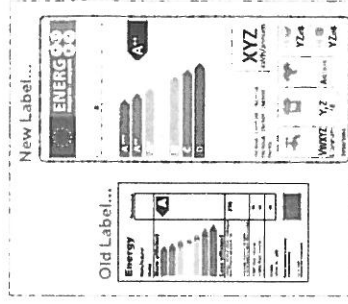
From 20th Dec 2011 all large domestic appliances have to display the new energy label under EU law. The revised label is designed to emphasize the product's energy consumption and enable consumers to calculate its running costs and so choose the most sustainable product.

The new label contains other useful information, including the appliance's noise level, drying efficiency and storage capacity. It's designed to be easy to understand, using minimal language. The label's new A+ ratings and discontinuation of the ratings E, F and G reflect how appliance performance has improved since the introduction of the original label in the mid-1990s. And unlike the old label, retailers

will no longer have a choice whether to display the new label. Under EU law new products cannot be sold without the new label.

When buying new domestic appliances and products with the energy label. Top tips are:

1. Look for the most efficient product by ensuring the label's colour band is the darkest green
2. An A++ class product costs around 50% less to run than an A rated appliance
3. If you're buying a new appliance, the retailer is obliged by law to either accept your old appliance in store free of charge or tell you where it can be recycled for free
4. Many retailers can collect your old appliance from your home, although they are not obliged to do this.



To learn more about the EU energy label, you can download a leaflet by visiting [www.svea.co.uk/energylabels](http://www.svea.co.uk/energylabels)

For more information on labelling, visit [www.direct.gov.uk/energylabel](http://www.direct.gov.uk/energylabel)

# Growing success for SLH – one year on

At the end of its first year, Sustainable Living in the Heaton looks back and plans even more activity

**S**ustainable Living in the Heaton celebrated its first anniversary in December. Set up to promote a more sustainable lifestyle, the group has held events in the Heaton aimed at encouraging everyone to take small steps towards sustainability by focussing on topics that interest them. Events included advice on energy reduction and reducing food

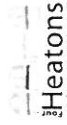
waste. The successful Swap Shop which took place early in 2011 will be repeated with another one at St Thomas Church on 28 January.

Swap Shops are increasingly popular: they are all about re-using household items, clothes and toys and everyone can get involved.

The group provides information on a range of subjects related to energy saving, reducing your carbon footprint and making a difference to

the community. There are trips planned for 2012 – visits to an Eco house and to Todmorden to find out more about the famous food growing project, the 'incredible edibles' – and more events including a Bike ride and BBQ.

*If you would like to get involved, join us for a chat or receive updates, contact [slhactions@barnat.co.uk](mailto:slhactions@barnat.co.uk) or tel 1-acre4 likes on 07801 951040*



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