

GWYNEDD PILOT POWERSHIFT PROJECT

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A pilot Powershift programme was undertaken by Gwynedd Council in partnership with the Assembly, Wales Energy Saving Trust, Transport Energy and Snowdonia National Park Authority to install Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) in rural garages in Gwynedd to ensure that LPG is available as a practical fuel option for fleet operators and other drivers in the area.

There are obvious environmental and economic benefits to using LPG as a fuel for vehicles. The fuel is much cleaner from the point of view of harmful polluting emissions and is also cheaper than petrol or diesel. In a rural area like Gwynedd where people need to travel greater daily distances, converting their vehicles to run on LPG can mean financial savings as well as environmental savings.

As a result of the pilot scheme LPG facilities have been installed in two rural garages in Gwynedd, Prysor Petrol Station in Trawsfynydd and Bradbury's in Barmouth. In addition 12 petrol cars were converted to run on LPG to increase the number of cars in the area running on the fuel.

By now LPG has become a practical option for vehicles in a rural area where the population is very dependent on private transport.