

Is a wood burning stove right for me?

With their glass doors and sleek looks, today's high efficiency wood stoves can provide a visual centrepiece as well as winter warmth. However, there are practicalities to consider before buying one:

1. Do I have a chimney?
You'll need to feed a flue up a chimney or out through a wall.
2. Can I store the wood?
Do you have a dry space for a few cubic metres of wood? A tonne goes quickly in winter!
3. Am I fighting fit?
Lugging and/or splitting wood is hard work. There will be wood ash to clear if you are burning logs rather than pellets.
4. Will I use it?
A wood stove may be surplus to requirement if you have a good boiler and central heating.
5. Will I burn the right stuff?
Will the wood you burn come from a sustainably managed forest?

For more wood stove Q&As, simply search the blog at www.yougen.co.uk

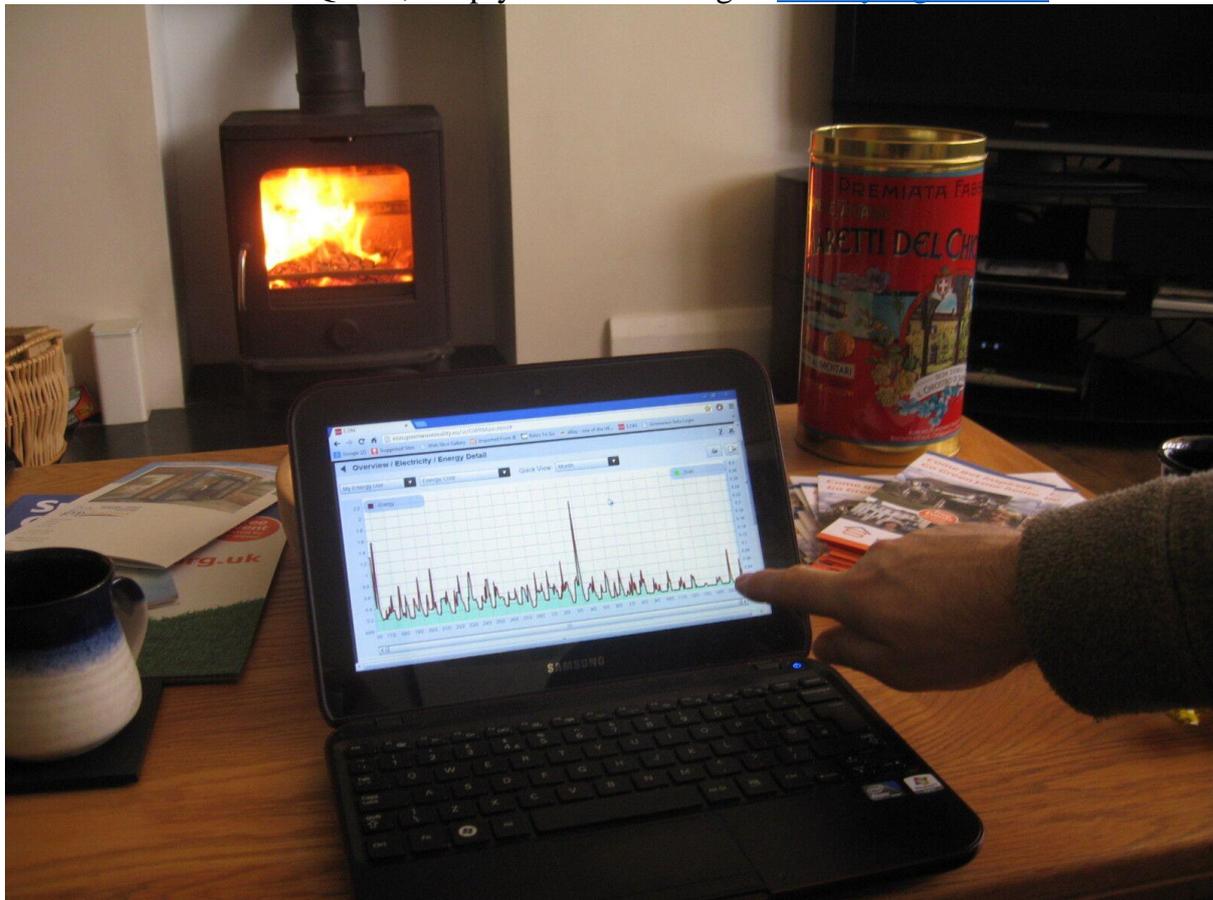


Photo: A wood stove provides an attractive centrepiece

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1. YouGen

The purpose of the YouGen website is to make it easy for people to get the information they need to make the best choices when generating renewable energy or improving the energy efficiency of their home or business.

2. SuperHomes

SuperHomes are older homes that have been refurbished by their owners to the highest standards of energy efficiency. SuperHome Open Days let visitors see for themselves both the challenges and benefits associated with making an older home energy efficient.

3. National Energy Foundation

YouGen and SuperHomes are run by the National Energy Foundation. The National Energy Foundation (NEF) is an independent charity that has been active since 1988. NEF aims to give people, organisations and government the knowledge, support and inspiration they need to understand and improve the use of energy in buildings.