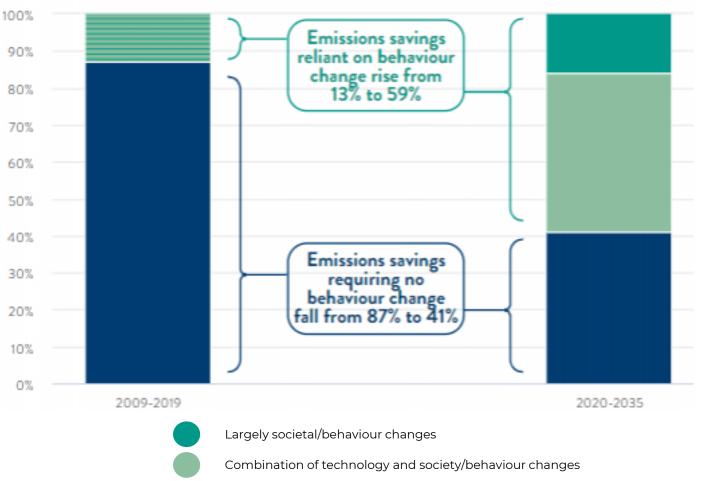
# HOSPITALITY E N E R G Y S A V I N G & S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y

The Power of People in the Reduction of Energy Consumption: A Case Study

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# Why People Power?



No behaviour changes )technologies/fuels with no behaviour change)

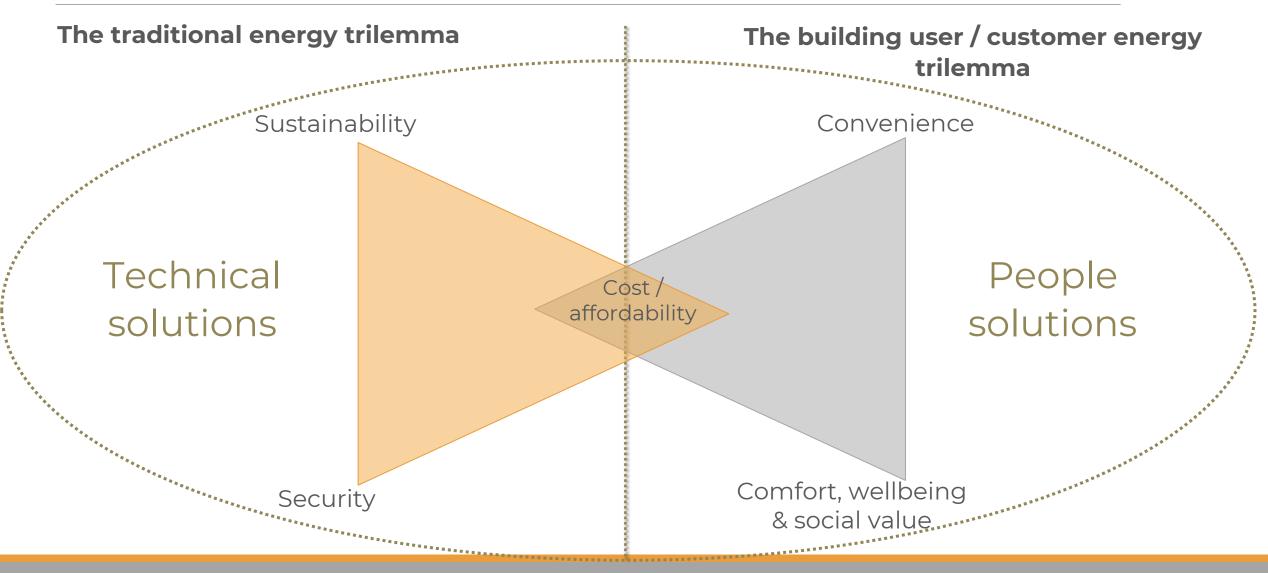
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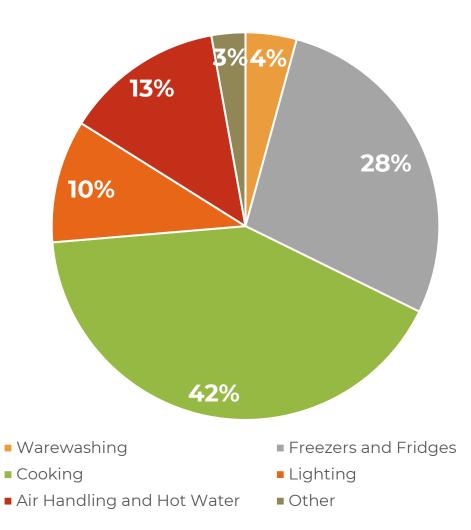
- Perceived as insignificant, unachievable, unsustainable
- Often occasional and partial must be holistic and with a long-term structure
- It's "not worth the time" for small savings

#### The good:

- Savings of 10%...50%...75% are achievable
- Cheaper than tech-focused projects with very attractive ROIs
- Multitude of cobenefits

# The "Win for All"



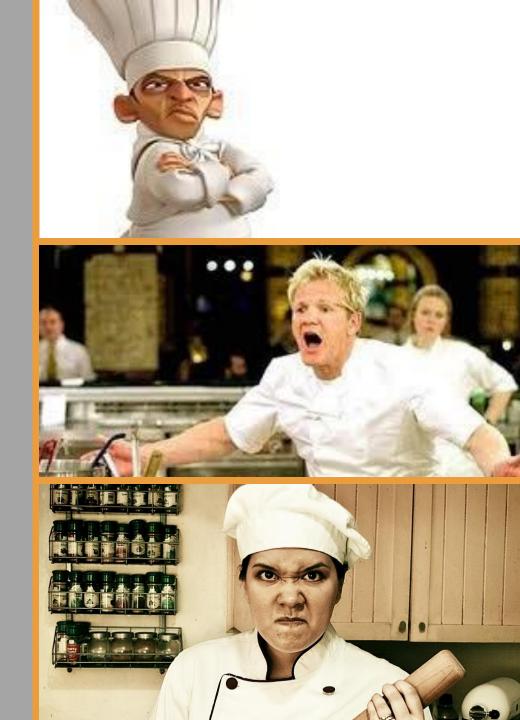


# Context

- Leading operator of pubs and restaurants in the UK approach UoR for world class research in energy reduction in commercial catering
- £70M utilities spend per year, 1,500 sites, 40,000 employees, 250,000 kWh per year per site!
- Estate wide AMR, energy policy and standards rolled out 2011
- Minimum energy standards (LED lighting, DCV etc.)

# Specific Challenges with Behaviour

- Challenging environment
  - Hot, humid and cold
  - Not designed for comfort
  - Appliances in constant state of readiness to deliver food asap
  - Guest satisfaction and comfort #1
- Very specific culture (Volatile? Toxic??)
- High attrition and staff turnover
  - Lack of willingness to invest in staff from the top down



# Format and Objectives

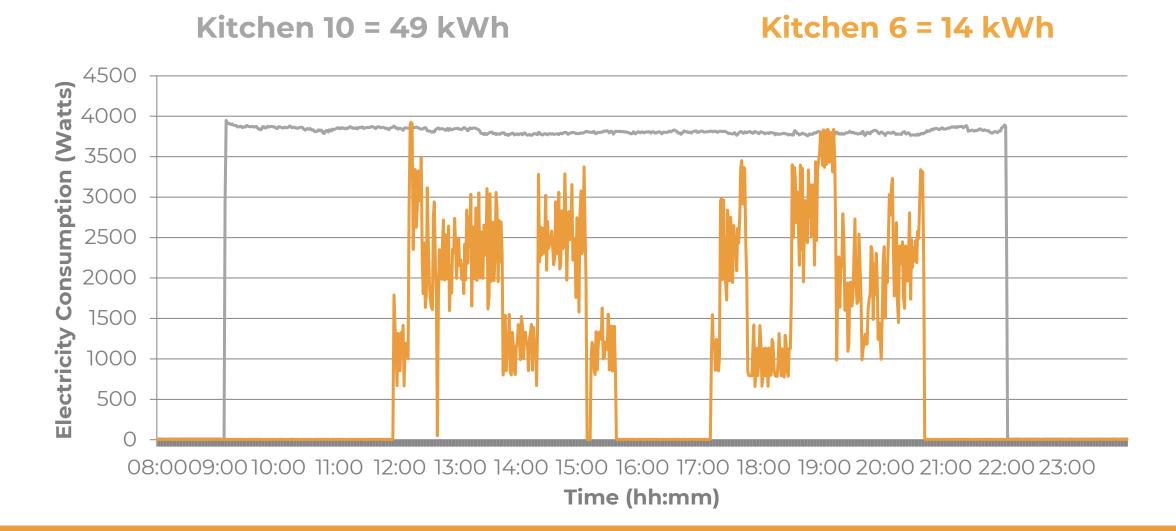
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Training to different groups: Climate change, specific energy consumption, analysis method etc... Competition

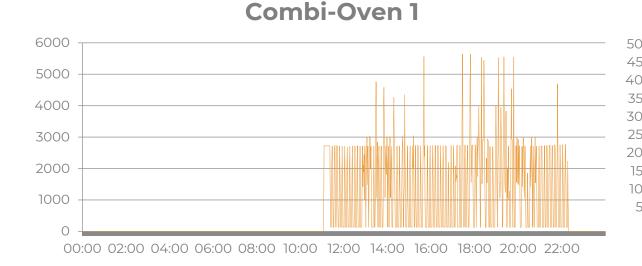
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Energy champions Workshops Games Comms Interventions Reward/ recognition Getting and keeping energy on the agenda

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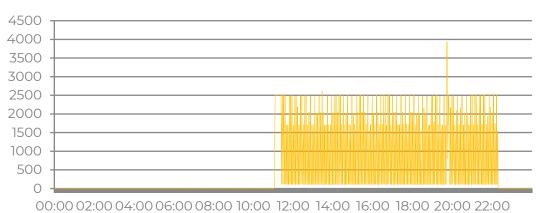
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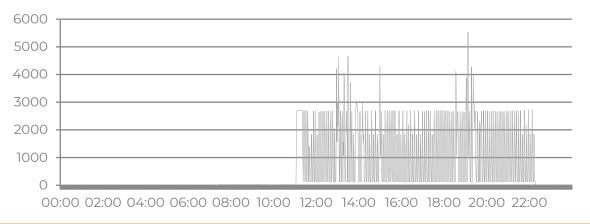
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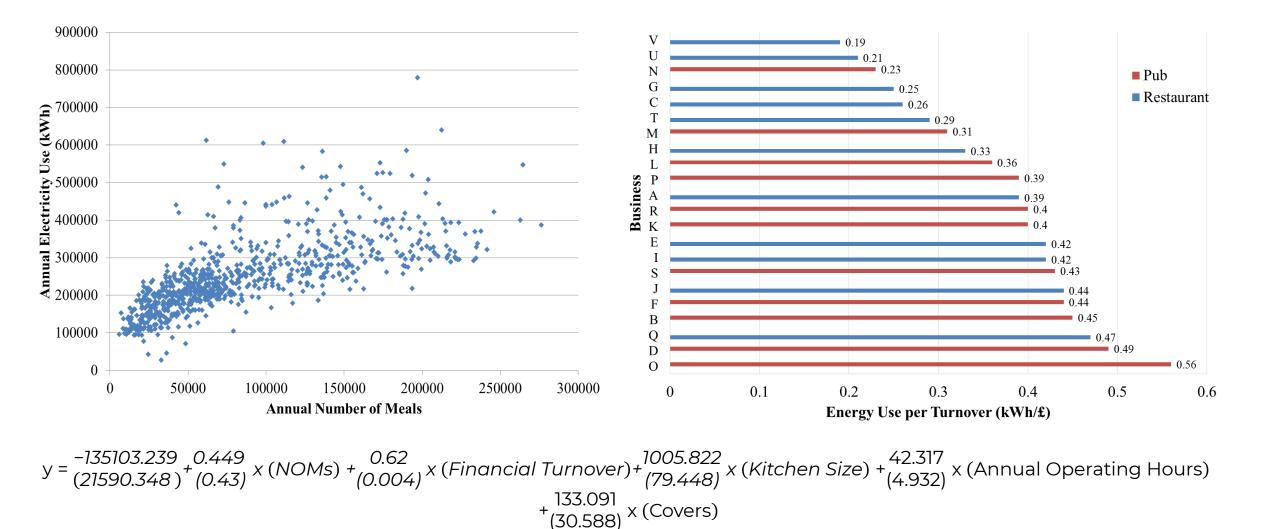


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## Measurement and Verification (M&V) Plan



### Assessments

Assessment of employees can tailor...

- Values
- Motivations
- Rewards
- Engagement

EnCO gap analysis

Personality & Generation theories  Baby Boomers (1946-1964) – "Live to work", long hours and dedication

· Policies, procedures, culture, understanding

- Generation X (1965-1979) "Work to live", do the necessary and go home
- Millennials (1981-1994) Work/life balance, bored easily

# Training & Information

#### Monthly/quarterly workshops

- Big picture energy & climate change
- Usage data (their brand/site)
  - Top Tips
- Method of analysis
  - Reporting
  - Graphs
- Influence at home

# Targeting specific roles

- Cleaners
- Maintenance
- Procurement,
- Significant energy users (chefs, bar staff)
- Energy Champions
- Menu Development
- Marketing

#### Training

- EMA accredited course for chefs
- Tying into high staff turnover and rewards by providing a certificate for the CV
- Becoming a measure of success internally
- Roll out up and down supply chain

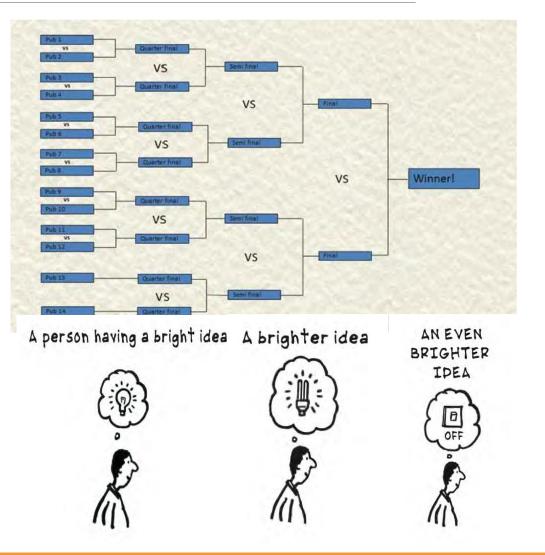
# Energy Champions

- 1-2 per district (7-15 sites each)
- Deliver training to the EC...who then deliver it to the site staff
- They can say things to others in their peer group that aren't best coming from HQ!
- Recruited people who were natural leaders and influencers, often nominated at workshops.
- The volunteer is often the "eco warrior" who harangues people and gets their backs up!
- Facebook and WhatsApp groups memos, photos, ideas, questions and monthly "King of the Castle"

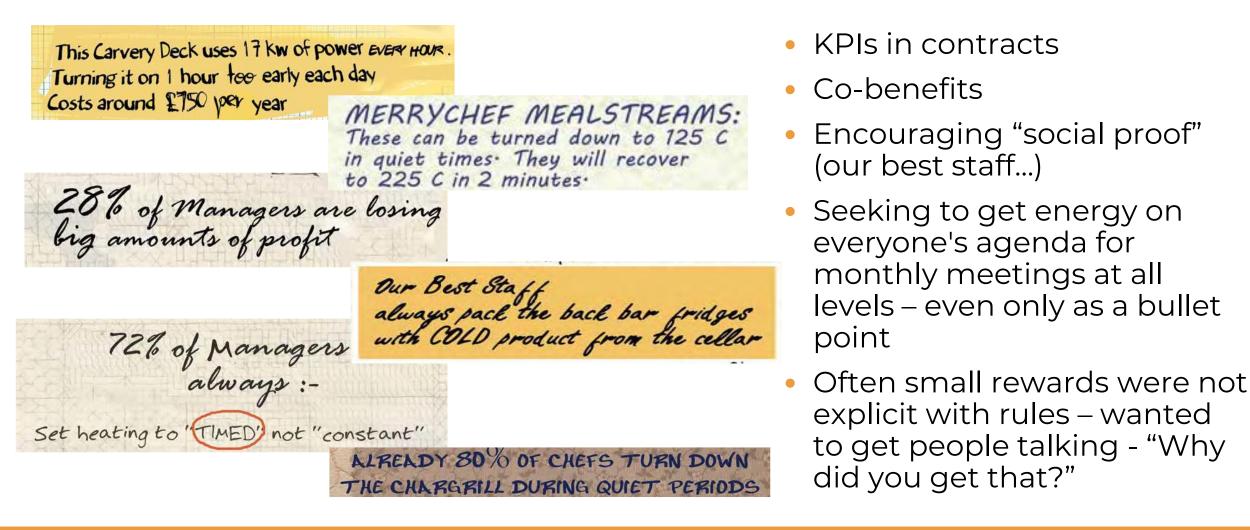


# Energy Competition & "The Big Idea"

- Series of competitions were instigated for 3 months
- Fortnightly themes, tips and prompts
- League table using the validated equation from the M&V plan (and still a lot of tweaking!)
- Total of monetary savings over the duration to "keep it real"
- Points mean prizes, £25k of prizes for....
  - Out of hours usage
  - Energy cost per NOM
  - Per brand
  - Per district
- Ideas competition, judging panel etc.



# Communications



# Other Interventions and Rewards

#### Interventions

- Annoying alarms in the lifts
- Push buttons when taking the stairs, providing a token for free coffee in the café
  - Monthly themes (chargrills, lighting, beer cellars etc.)

 Signage – must change frequently to avoid becoming background noise (in line with monthly theme)



#### Rewards

#### • iPads

- Staff parties and days out
- Chocolates vs raspberries on keyboards from "empowered" security staff
- Parking spaces and permits great feedback
- Quality street for the whole team where a member shared good news, tips or recognition
- Bottles of wine as instant reward for good behaviour spotted on

audits

# Results and Review

Pledge cards from initial workshops posted back to participants – no one "told them off", just their own conscience

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Photos of board members with their pledges circulated

Several research awards including several paper of the year awards and CIBSE most valuable contribution

Surveys at the beginning and end of behaviours and knowledge – publish the changes in scores to all staff

20% energy savings – 90M kWh £1,000,000 saved in first 3 months, £10M+ over the annual campaign

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Highest ROI energy project to date Everyone working together to create collective change for sustainability, one small action at a time.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

# Thank you!

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