

## Batcombe Oil Consortium (BOC)

The oil consortium enables villagers and other local households to buy heating oil at competitive prices. It started in January 2011 and has over 55 members. Members are welcome from Batcombe, Westcombe and surrounding properties.

BOC works as follows:

- Five oil orders are placed each year, typically:
  - Mid **January**
  - Late **March**
  - Early **June**
  - Early **September**
  - Late **November**
- Members are asked a week before the order date to advise the number of litres wanted
- All orders are acknowledged
- The total number of litres wanted for the consortium is calculated
- The combined order is placed with Darch (01935 473302)
- Those who ordered oil will receive a text message from Darch (if mobile provided) or a voice mail message (if landline only provided) indicating when the oil will be delivered
- Oil will usually be delivered in the week of the order date, but it could be Monday or Tuesday of the following week
- Those who order oil will be invoiced by the supplier and will pay their own bill.

Please note these rules:

- Once an order has been made, the member is committed to accept the delivery and pay for it
- The minimum order is 500 litres

Also:

- Orders should be expressed as a number of litres (above 500) or a number of litres / fill tank, where the number of litres specified is the maximum amount that you can get in your tank. You will only pay for what you take, and this saves the tanker bringing too much oil
- If you are running short of oil, please note this on your order and your delivery will be prioritised
- Signing up for one delivery does not commit a member to any future deliveries
- The price of the oil will **not** be communicated in advance of the delivery, but it will be the most competitive available and cross-checked against Boiler juice and Fuel Tool
- If you have not received your oil within 10 days of the order date or there is a problem with your order, then please contact the BOC coordinator
- If oil is needed outside of the above dates then members should make their own arrangements
- Orders should be made by email with telephone orders for those without email
- There is no membership fee for BOC
- The BOC coordinator receives no payment or discount from Darch
- Caroline Stevens (850300 or kingshayes@gmail.com) is backup / support for the BOC coordinator as needed

If you'd like to sign up to be a member of the consortium then please email the following details to the BOC coordinator Janet Jones (JJ@StoneTheCrows.org):

- Name
- Address including postcode
- Mobile and landline telephone numbers
- Email address
- Any access issues (e.g. tank is difficult to access or narrow driveway etc)
- Confirmation that you are prepared for this information to be passed to Darch
- Confirmation that you agree to the BOC rules.

If you do not have email then please call Janet on 850509 with these details.