

# 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 40 members. Members are welcome from Batcombe, Westcombe and surrounding properties.

BOC works as follows:

- Five oil orders are placed each year, typically:
  - Early **June**
  - Early **September**
  - Early **December**
  - Late **January**
  - Late **March**
- Members are asked a week before the order date to advise the number of litres wanted , if an order is to be placed on their behalf
- All orders are acknowledged
- The total number of litres wanted for the consortium is calculated
- The combined order is placed with a broker who contacts 5-6 suppliers for a quote and the most competitive price is selected. The supplier may vary for each order placed as it is the most competitive price at the time. For most recent orders Darch has been the supplier
- Oil will be delivered to each household, usually on the Friday or Saturday after the order date, but it could be Monday or Tuesday of the following week
- Each member will be invoiced by the supplier and will pay their own bill.

Please note that:

- Once an order has been made, the member is committed to accept the delivery and pay for it
- The minimum delivery order is 500 litres
- 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 based on the above process
- 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 the broker or oil provider
- 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
- Telephone number
- 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 the Broker and in turn to the oil supplier

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