

# We Faked

## The World Cup - 1966

**Homeco Energy has fitted solar panels to the roof of Sheffield's Samaritans' building, where a replica of the World Cup was secretly made - after the original was stolen months before England's historic victory over Germany**

**N**obody knows for sure who stole the World Cup in March of 1966, writes Homeco Energy's Richard Neil.

But I can tell you who secretly made a fake copy of the trophy, which was later used in England's post-final victory celebrations.

He was Walter Hayes, owner of *Jack Spencer (Silversmiths) Ltd*, at 272 Queens Road, Sheffield.

Anyone who was alive at the time will remember the story of 'Pickles the dog.' He was the little collie who became the nation's hero seven days after the theft by finding the trophy while out walking with his owner.

Although it was only 14 inches high the trophy was made from 8.5lbs of gold. FIFA officials decided it was too risky to have the genuine article on display again, so the fake was made, and later admired by countless people who imagined they were gazing upon the trophy that England's captain Bobby Moore held aloft after we beat Germany 4-2 at Wembley.

The Sheffield World Cup was bought by FIFA at auction for £254,500 - in 1997 - and today you can see it at the *National Football Museum* in Preston.

### Great News on the Feed-In Tariff

Last week Homeco Energy installed solar panels to the roof of what used to be Jack's building, which for the past three years have been home to Sheffield's branch of the Samaritans.

Homeco fitted 22 photovoltaic panels that should save the organisation £20,000 on its electricity bills over the next 25 years, and generate income of over £50,000 from the government's Feed-In Tariff.

The Feed-In Tariff is an initiative to encourage and reward people who install renewable energy into their homes (or businesses). The payments are guaranteed for 25 years, and are index-linked, which is why they recently rose by 4.8% to account for inflation.

This makes the installation of a solar photovoltaic system even more attractive, as it means money invested in one gives a far greater rate of return than is possible if your money is left in a savings account.

The rate you will now receive for home-generated power is 43.3p per kilowatt hour:

almost four times the current cost of electricity. You can expect to be paid over £1,400 per year tax free.

This money - from your energy supplier - is paid to you for generating electricity, irrespective of whether you use it.

### Homeco Energy in the Community

Homeco are proud of their work they do in the community and, as such, recognize the charitable status of the Samaritans which is why they installed the solar PV system at cost.

Homeco Director Richard Neil "The vast majority of the general public do not realise the huge support that the volunteers at the Samaritans give to the most vulnerable in our society. The Samaritans receive very little in way of financial support off local or central government and, as such, it is vital that we do what we can to secure their long term existence."



### The Samaritans

The Samaritans is a confidential emotional support service available 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide.

This service is offered by 17,000 trained volunteers and is entirely dependent on voluntary support. There are 201 branches of Samaritans and they currently receive less than 2% of their income from Government and Statutory sources. The majority of their funding comes from individuals, trusts and companies.

Each year the Samaritans need to raise over £10 million through voluntary donations. If you feel you are able to help either financially or by becoming a volunteer please visit the Samaritan's website at [www.Samaritans.org](http://www.Samaritans.org) for further details.



### FREE Solar for Schools Programme

Last year Homeco Energy sponsored the primary school section of the 2010 Environment Awards. As an extension of this they are now offering the chance for a limited number of our regions schools to benefit from renewable energy by having a solar PV system installed completely free of charge.

If you are a teacher, parent or pupil, please contact us to discuss the possibilities in helping your school. We only have a limited number of applications for 2011.

For further details please see our advert on page 26 or visit our website: [www.HomecoEnergy.co.uk/schools.html](http://www.HomecoEnergy.co.uk/schools.html)



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