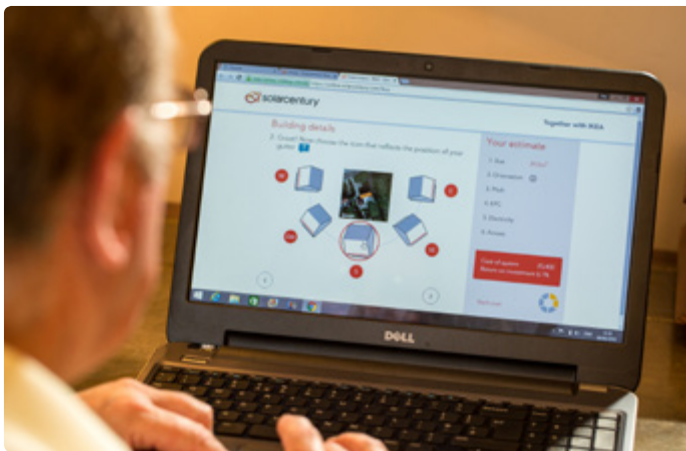




IKEA case study **The Gibbs family, Suffolk**



“We are delighted with our new solar system and were impressed with how quick and easy the whole process was. I’d recommend going solar to a friend, absolutely.”

Barry Gibbs

The starting point

Barry and Heather Gibbs have been living in their Suffolk home for over two years.

Their house is a beautiful red brick renovation surrounded by a garden of pear and apple trees.

They wanted to go solar but were uneasy about buying a system from an unknown supplier.

The background

The Gibbs family have been considering going solar since the move to their new home in Suffolk as they have a large south-facing roof at the back of their house.

What made Barry’s mind up was the breakdown of their “dodgy” boiler which he replaced with an electric air source heat pump. This gave Barry an idea – he could reduce his electricity costs by going solar and pairing the electricity produced with his new heat pump.

He carried out some research and discovered that IKEA, together with Solarcentury were now offering a range of solar systems.

The response

Barry used IKEA's online calculator, which he found to be "easy and straight-forward" to generate an estimate. He opted for a black system and was pleased to receive a further 15% discount by signing up as an IKEA FAMILY member.

The installation process was quick and the whole system was up and running in a day. He was pleased by the service provided and was given peace of mind by the skilful installation team.

Barry says, "I was concerned about the electrical cable being seen. The installer sat with me and we planned out the best route to run the cable through so it would be hidden".

Barry also opted for the Geo Solo III monitor which shows when he is importing or exporting, indicates when to switch on appliances and will help him increase his savings by providing clear, simple to understand data.

The result

The Gibbs family had a 10 panel system installed in April and have been tracking how much energy their system is producing daily on their Solo monitor.

Barry and his wife wanted the reassurance of going solar with a trusted brand. He is confident that his decision to go with IKEA, together with Solarcentury means he's in the right hands.



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