

8. Energy and Other Utilities

Electricity

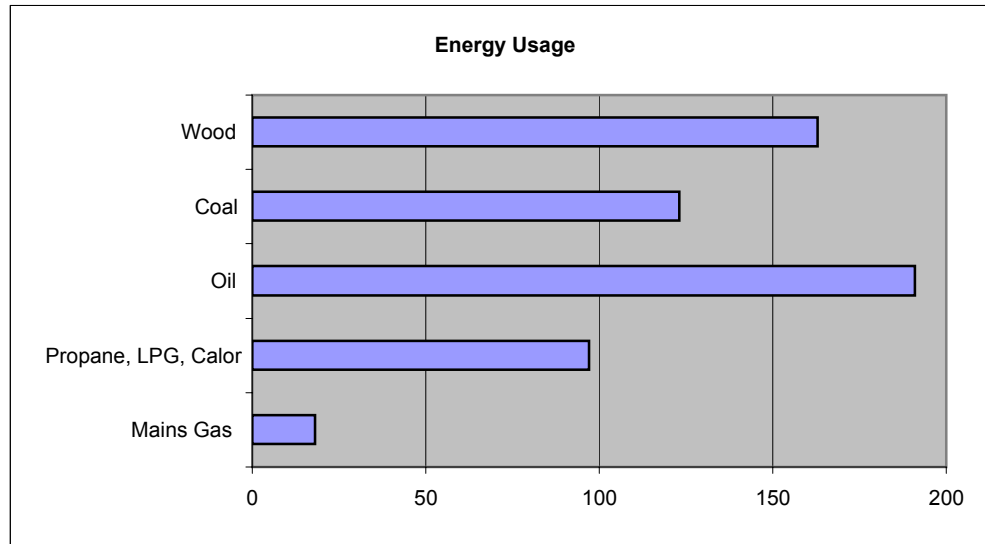
Conclusions

- * No household reported not having electricity.
- * Virtually all the Parish were cut off for several days at the end of 2002. Prior to that between 69% and 85% of households had power cuts of 24 hours or less and 10% had power cuts lasting more than 24 hours.

Objectives

- * Contact the electricity network operator to determine their strategy to improve the service to consumers in the Parish and to minimise the number and duration of power cuts.
- * Communicate the results of discussions to Parishioners.

Other Energy Used



Conclusions

- * Whilst oil is used by over 50% of households, nearly 50% use wood for fuel.
- * Less than 50 % of those households in central Hanley Swan would install mains gas if it were available. This is below the 75% target needed over the next 10 years as a requirement for the installation of mains gas.
- * A number of households are considering alternative renewable energy sources.

Objectives

- * Determine whether mains gas can still be installed.