



The British Hydropower Association

## Micro-Hydro Seminar

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Crabble Corn Mill, River, Dover, Kent, CT17 0UY

Energy costs, environmental concerns, security of supply and renewable energy targets have helped to renew interest in small-scale hydropower schemes. Hydro provides the highest pay-back ratio of all electricity generating technologies, generates no CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and has minimal visual impact on the surrounding environment. It is a flexible technology, proven, improved and refined over many years, yet its site-specific features make it highly innovative in application. Britain has a fascinating history of using the power of water through mills, leats and weirs, and advances in technology along with the growing evidence of the effects of climate change have increased the potential for new small and micro scale projects. While successful hydropower schemes can be constrained by water supply and topography, enthusiastic supporters are busy improving former leat systems on rivers and restoring water mills in different parts of the country, catching on to the opportunities on their own doorstep.



***So, how do you find out if a hydro scheme will be feasibly and economically viable, and where do you start?***

Many individuals and community groups find it a struggle to get a project off the ground – particularly when it comes to planning issues and licence applications etc, and local authorities that need to meet their targets for using renewable energy sources are finding they need to expand and increase their knowledge. The **British Hydropower**

**Association** is therefore holding a series of regional seminars for all potential stakeholders including developers, landowners, community groups, local authorities – in fact, anyone with an interest in micro-hydro schemes – to provide information, guidance and inspiration. These one-day seminars, which we are delivering around the whole of the country, will include a guide on getting started, real-life local case studies, lunch and a site visit, as well as featuring talks from the Environment Agency, local authorities, developers and established community and mill owner groups.

The next seminar will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Crabble Corn Mill, River, Dover, Kent CT17 0UY. For more information and a booking form please contact the BHA at the address below.

***Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.***

We look forward to seeing you there!

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