

OWL+USB

SOFTWARE USER GUIDE



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the OWL+USB Wireless Electricity Monitor that enables data recorded by the monitor to be downloaded and displayed numerically / graphically using the OWL USB Software. Export the data from the database as a .csv file for use in applications such as Excel to manipulate the data or display in other chart formats. Alternatively access the data in the SQLite database using suitable SQLite tools.

How much data can be stored on my OWL+USB?

Data is stored for last 720 days as a daily value of electricity used, cost of electricity used based on Tariff rates entered for that day, and amount of CO2 emissions based on conversion factor for that day. This data is accessible through the History function of the Monitor

Data is also stored every minute for the last 30 days and this is accessed using the automatic download function of the software application supplied with the Monitor.

How much data can I download to my PC from my OWL+USB?

The last 30 days worth of minute by minute data can be downloaded from your OWL+USB.

How do I download the data to my PC?

After installing the software application, having followed the guidelines in the user manual, simply connect the mini-USB port of the monitor to the PC, and the last 30 days data (or number days data stored if less than 30 days) will automatically download to the database on the pc.

How often do I need to download the data to my PC?

Data should be downloaded every 30days since last data download or sooner.

If 30days is exceeded since last download, then the data for the days between the last 30days and last download of data will be overwritten in the monitor, hence there will be no data saved for those days in the database.

Where can the database be found on my PC?

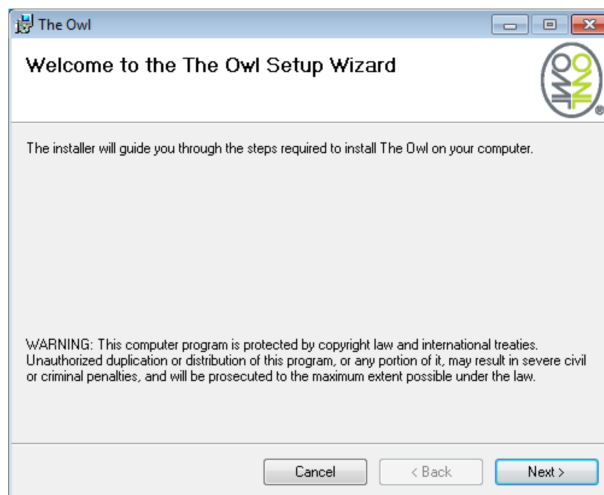
The database file and all exported data files can be found in

Windows XP → "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\2SE"

Windows 7 → "C:\ProgramData\2SE"

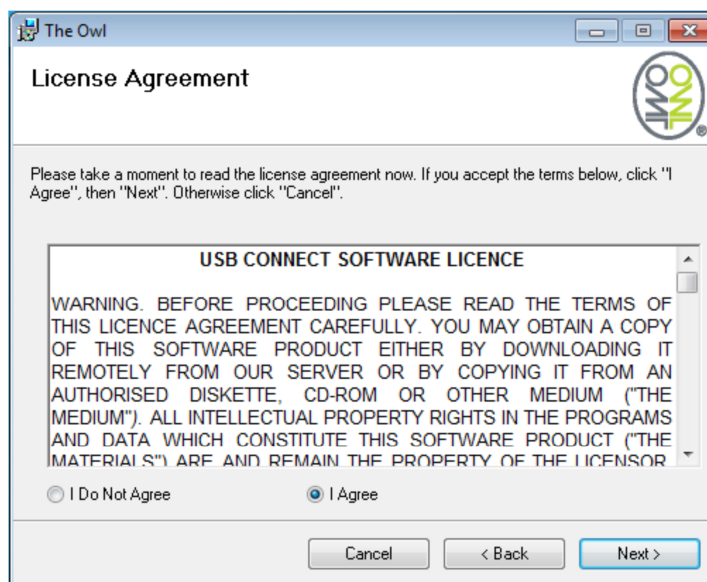
2.0 GETTING STARTED

Run the installation program file “**setup_en**” from the CD



Proceed to the License Agreement Acceptance by pressing the [Next>] key.

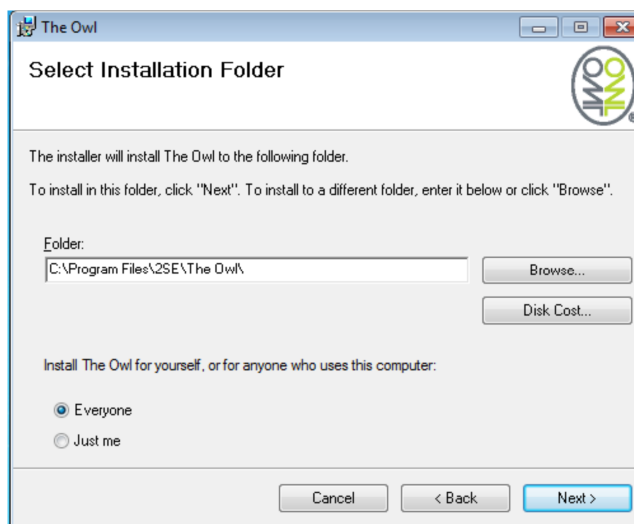
2.2.1 License Agreement



Select “I Agree” and press [Next>] to move to next stage of installation
A copy of the License Agreement is available on the CD

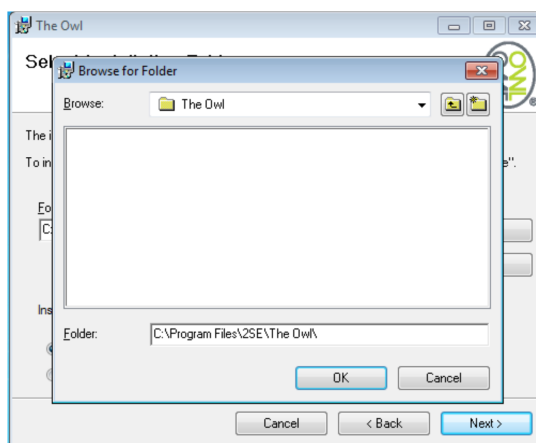
2.2.2 Software Installation

The installation of the OWL Home Energy Monitor program will default to “C:\Program Files\2SE\The Owl\”.

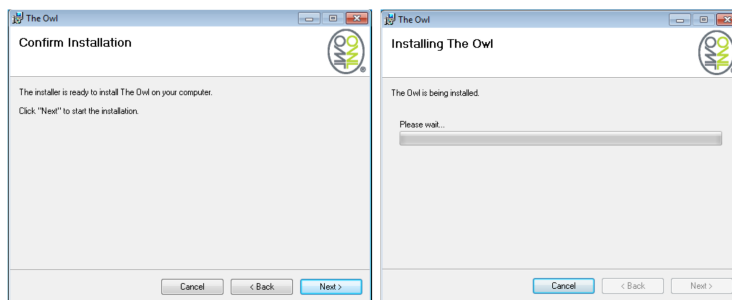


A different folder location can be used to install The OWL Home Energy Monitor application by selecting the [Browse...] button.

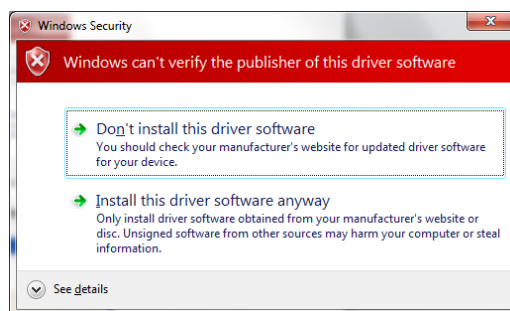
Check to see which disk has enough room to load the program using the [Disk Cost...] button



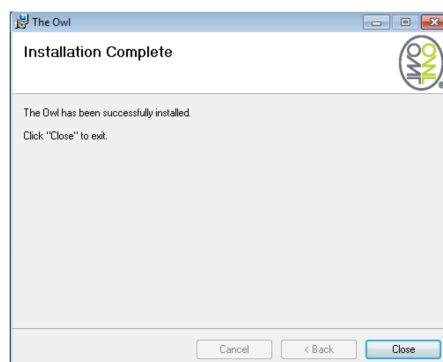
Confirm that you are ready to proceed with the installation by selecting [Next>] button.



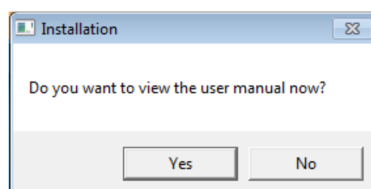
The Owl Home Energy Monitor software is being installed.



Select Install this driver anyway.



The OWL Home Energy Monitor has been successfully installed. To exit from the installation select the [Close] button.

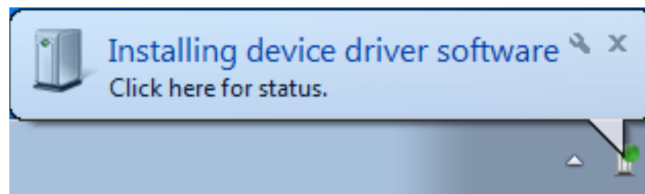


Electronic version of the manual is offered at the end of the procedure.

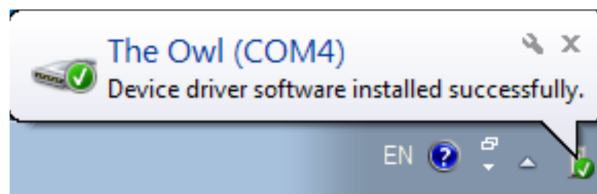
3.0 CONNECTING THE MONITOR

Do not start The_Owl software yet.

Next connect your OWL Monitor to the PC using the micro USB cable supplied.



Notification that the device drivers are being installed will show.



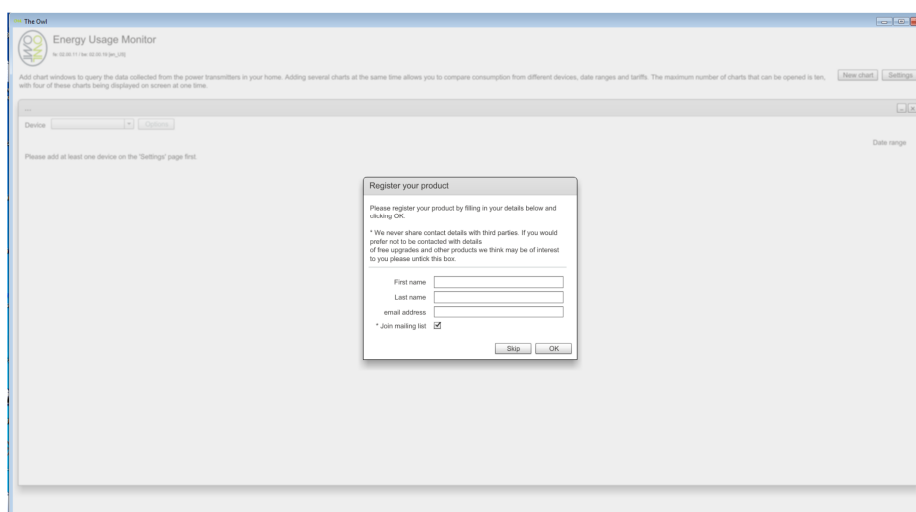
When installation is complete you will receive a successfully installed message

4.0 USING YOUR OWL+USB

Go to START > Menu > All Programs > The Owl > The Owl and select.

3.1 PRODUCT REGISTRATION

Product registration is required to validate your product guarantee and to inform you via e-mail of any software updates that will be accessible as a download from the website. You can choose to skip registration but will be requested each time you open the program to register the product.



* Un-check the box if you do not wish to be added to our Newsletter mailing list where you will receive information about new product releases and promotions.

3.2 SETTINGS –

Settings for the OWL+USB are taken from the figures input into the monitor.

See the Quick Start Guide for instructions.

Information below can be used as a guide for setting up alternate tariffs for comparison charts.

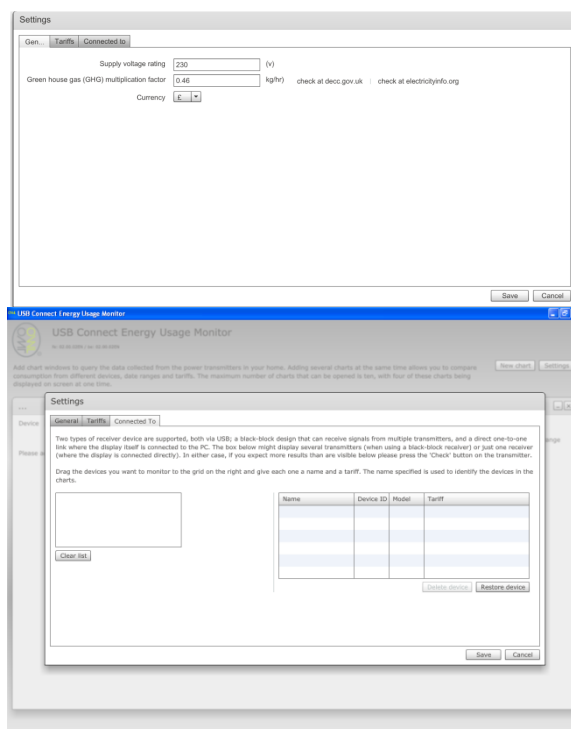
The USB Connect requires input of currency, voltage, GHG and Tariff settings as below.

Before connecting your USB CONNECT to your PC for the first time you will need to setup your currency, voltage & GHG settings as per the settings in your OWL+USB, so that when the OWL+USB is connected to the PC downloading data or getting live data, it will use these settings for any calculations and update the database with these values.

If using for the first time, follow the instructions in section “3.2.1 General”, save your settings minimise the OWL Connect window and move to step 3.2.3

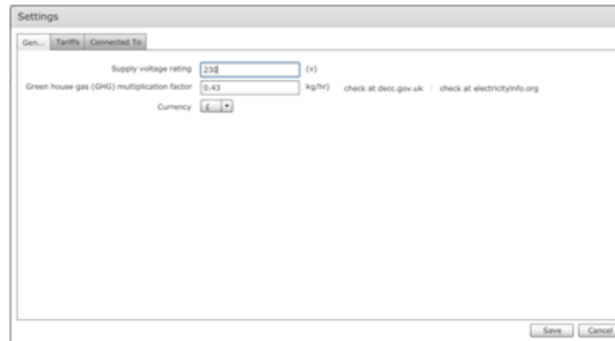
Select the settings button and the settings screen is split into 3 tabs:-

- General
 - For setting up the voltage, greenhouse conversion factor, and currency.
 - Links to related websites that could help you finding out the conversion factor relating to your utility company.
- Tariffs
 - Tariff values are determined from the downloaded data from the OWL+USB
 - Set up other cost of electricity plans that can be used when using Tariff Comparison



3.2.1 General

To change the Supply Voltage rating place cursor over the current value and select. The box will be highlighted by a blue line around the edge of the Supply Voltage rating box. Change the value and press the [Enter] key.



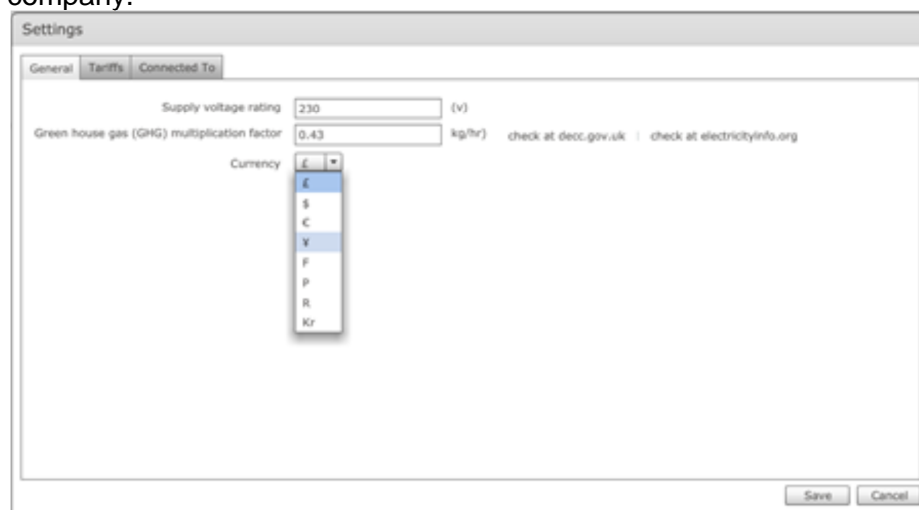
The screenshot shows the 'Settings' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Supply voltage rating' field, which currently contains '230', is highlighted with a blue border. Other fields include 'Green house gas (GHG) multiplication factor' (0.43) and 'Currency' (£). There are links to 'check at decc.gov.uk' and 'check at electricityinfo.org'.

To change the Greenhouse gas multiplication factor place cursor over the current value and select. The box will be highlighted by a blue line around the edge of the Greenhouse gas multiplication factor box. Change the value and press the [Enter] key.



The screenshot shows the 'Settings' dialog box with the 'Green house gas (GHG) multiplication factor' field, which currently contains '0.43', highlighted with a blue border. The 'Supply voltage rating' field now contains '230'. The 'Currency' field remains (£). Links to 'check at decc.gov.uk' and 'check at electricityinfo.org' are present.

For greenhouse multiplication or conversion factors use the links to take you to related websites that could help you with finding out the multiplication or conversion factor relating to your utility company.



The screenshot shows the 'Settings' dialog box with the 'Currency' pull-down menu open. The menu lists various currency codes: £, \$, €, ¥, F, P, R, and Kr. The 'Supply voltage rating' field is '230' and the 'Green house gas (GHG) multiplication factor' is '0.43'. Links to 'check at decc.gov.uk' and 'check at electricityinfo.org' are visible.

Use the pull down menu to select currency setting.

3.2.2 Tariffs

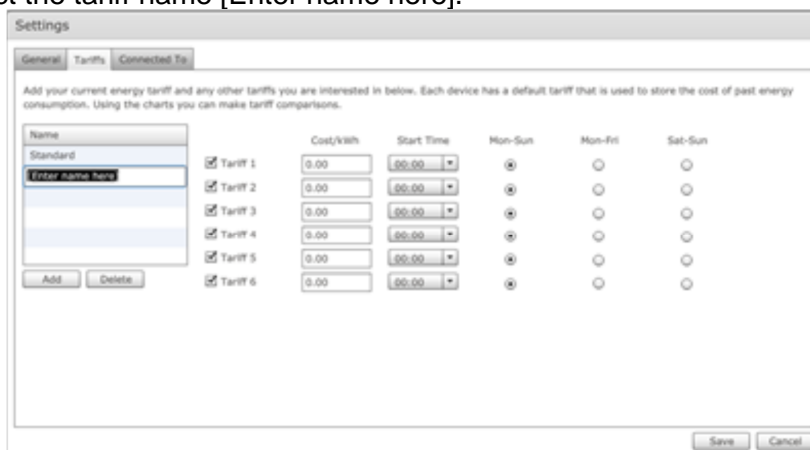
A nominal tariff has been preset within the software but this can be changed or removed as required. Cost per kWh are in sub-units ie pence / cents, so for a Cost per kWh of £2-845 the value to be entered would be 284-50

For Tariff plans that only have a single band then start time should be left set at 0:00.
To introduce tariff plans for comparison purposes select the [Add] key.



Name	Cost/kWh	Start Time	Mon-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
Standard	10.50	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
[Enter name here]		00:00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		00:00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		00:00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		00:00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		00:00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To edit the tariff name, rates, and start times applied to weekly, weekday only, or weekend only rate, select the tariff name [Enter name here].



Name	Cost/kWh	Start Time	Mon-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
Standard	0.00	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
[Enter name here]	0.00	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	0.00	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	0.00	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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	0.00	00:00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Enter a name for the new tariff. All six possible tariff rates/start times will be checked. Uncheck those not required

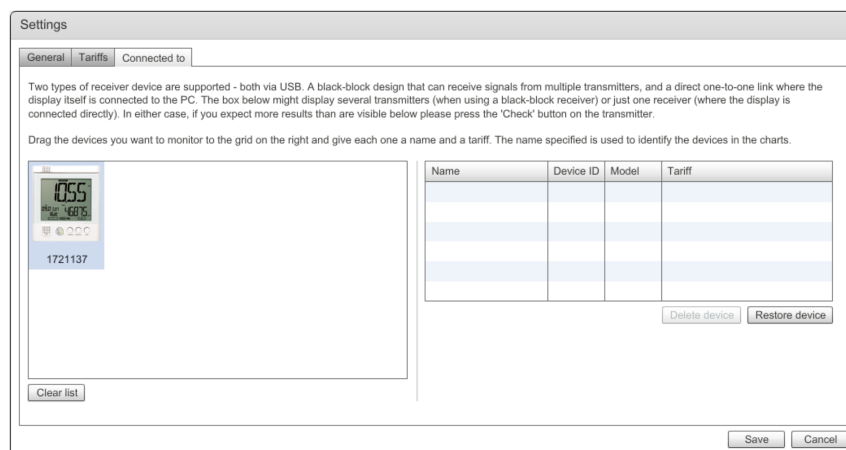
Repeat as required for other Tariff plans.

3.2.3 Connected To – Both USB CONNECT and OWL+USB

Add the unit to the Connected to window.

Up to five OWL+USBs can be connected to the PC at the same time. There is no limit set on the number of OWL+USBs the software will add to the database.

Note it may take a little time for the USB display to appear in the window.



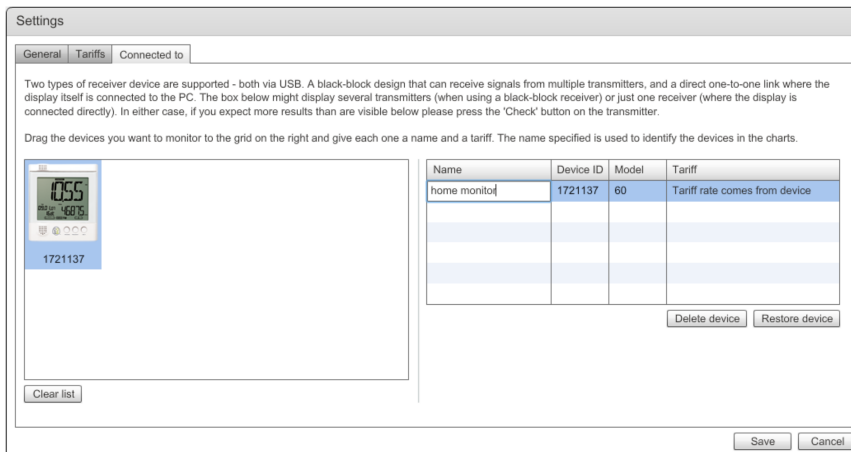
Drag and drop the USB from the Sensors window into the device table.



Insert a name to identify the USB.

The tariff values will be determined from the OWL+USB data.

Try not to use punctuation in the device name as this can cause problems with the database on some PCs.



Settings

General | Tariffs | Connected to

Two types of receiver device are supported - both via USB. A black-block design that can receive signals from multiple transmitters, and a direct one-to-one link where the display itself is connected to the PC. The box below might display several transmitters (when using a black-block receiver) or just one receiver (where the display is connected directly). In either case, if you expect more results than are visible below please press the 'Check' button on the transmitter.

Drag the devices you want to monitor to the grid on the right and give each one a name and a tariff. The name specified is used to identify the devices in the charts.

Name	Device ID	Model	Tariff
home monitor	1721137	60	Tariff rate comes from device

Delete device Restore device

Clear list

Save Cancel

Save settings by selecting <Save> button or select <Cancel> button to leave settings window without saving any of these changes.

5.0 VIEWING THE DATA

After leaving the settings page for the first time, there may be a slight delay in a history chart appearing for the first transmitter in your list until sufficient data has been added to the database.

Navigate through the chart options using the different option through the <Options> button.

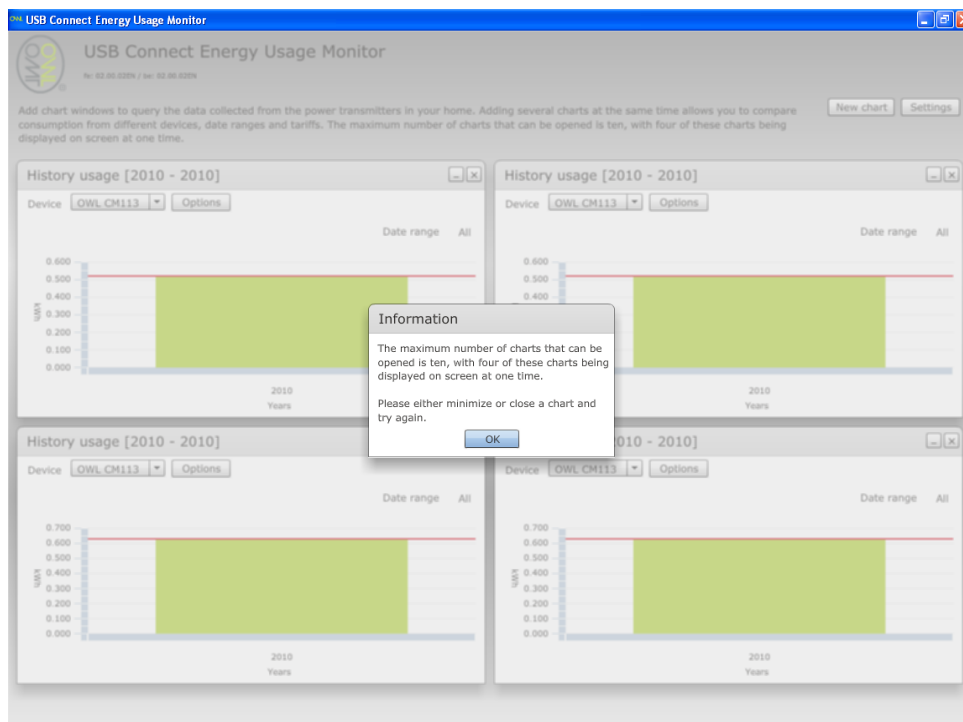
- View “Live” Data as a cost, as kW & CO2 emissions using line charts / bar charts / numeric display.
- View “Historical” Data as an accumulated cost, as accumulated kWh & accumulated CO2 emissions using line charts / bar charts / numeric display.
 - Review data down to a per minute usage by clicking on the data point/bar
- View data point values by passing cursor over the data point/bar
- Maximum / Minimum markers
- Compare tariffs
- Open multiple charts (10) with a maximum of 4 being displayed at any one time
- Export raw data from database into a .csv file for use with spreadsheet packages such as Excel.
 - Live display → Exports Data Displayed (Last 2 Minutes)
 - Historic Display → Exports Data Displayed (Years, Months, Days, Hours, Minutes)
 - Historic Display → Exports Data between 2 dates based on chart time base (ie Day will export Daily Data between 2 dates)
 - Historic Display → Exports All Data
- Simple printout of the chart displayed

4.1 ADDING CHARTS

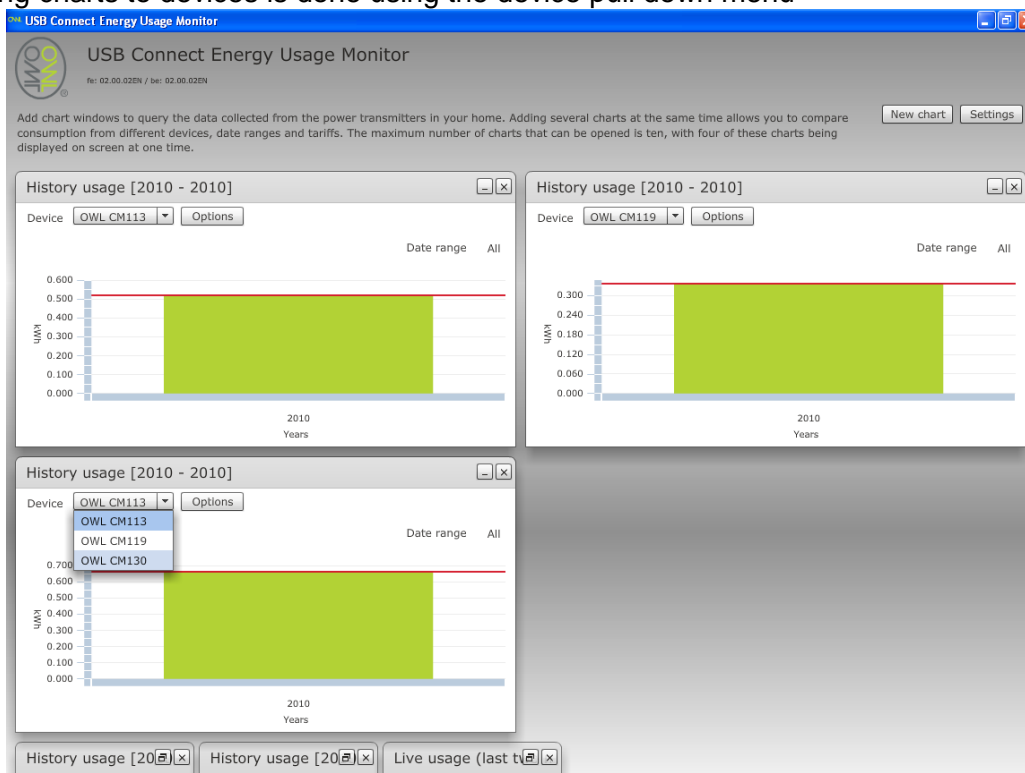
Up to 10 charts can be open at one time and are added using the <New Chart> button.



If 4 charts are already being display on the screen, one of these will need to be minimised to allow the next chart to be added.

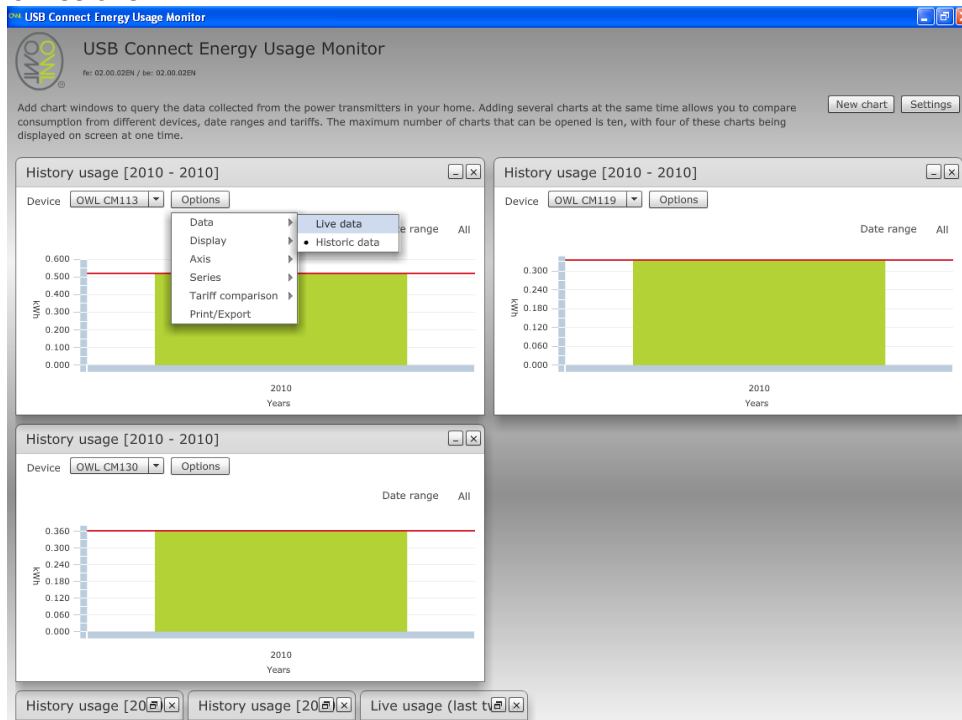


Applying charts to devices is done using the device pull down menu

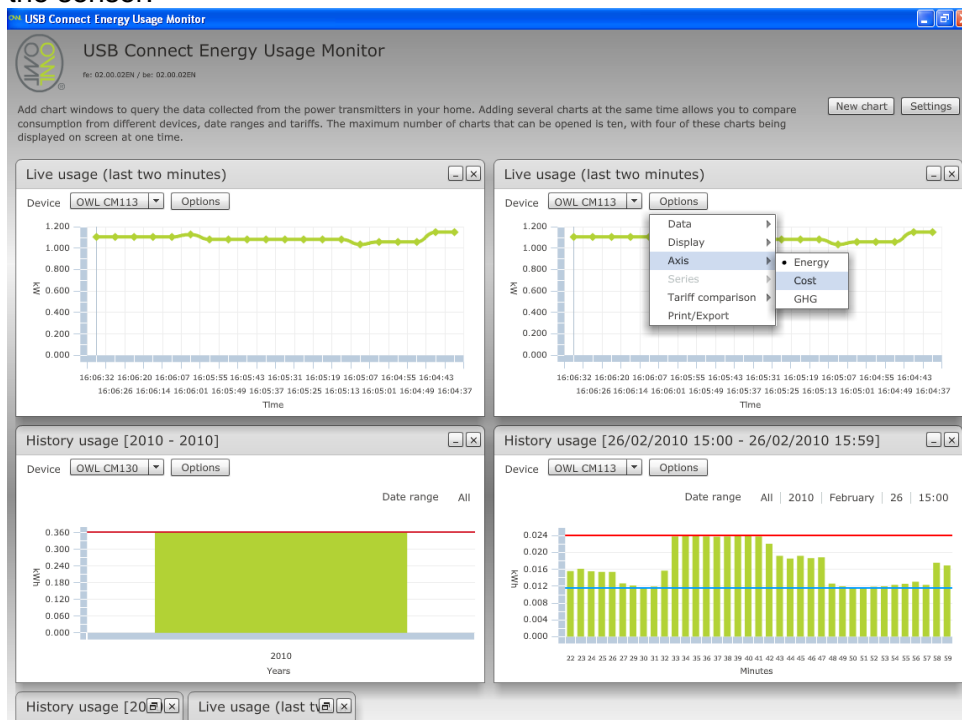


4.2 LIVE DATA CHARTS

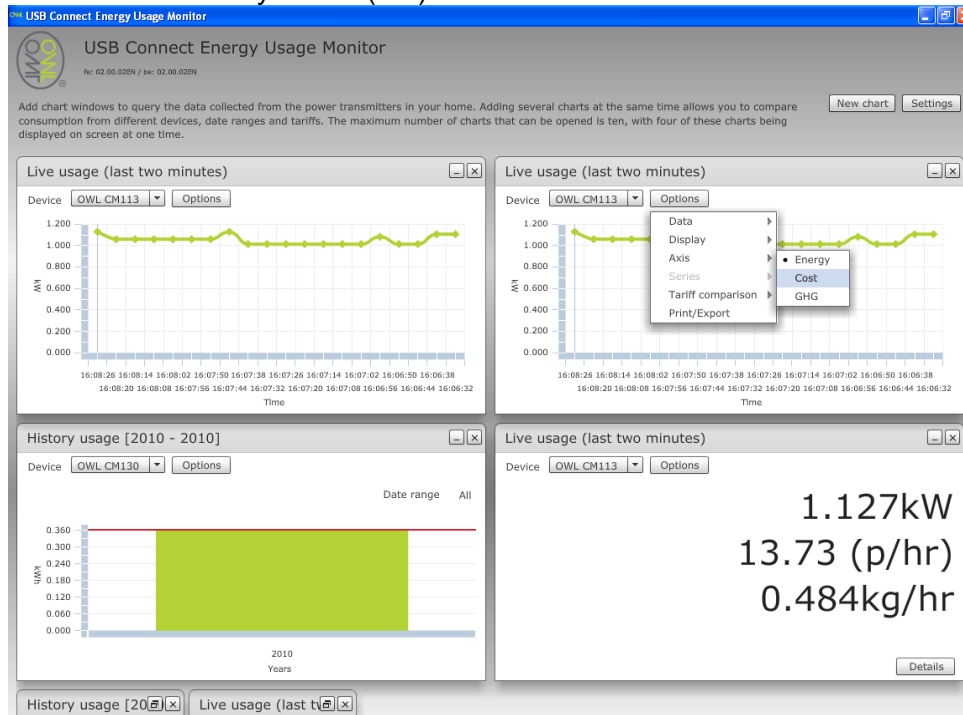
See the electricity as it is being consumed displayed in chart form showing it as cost, power and CO2 emissions.



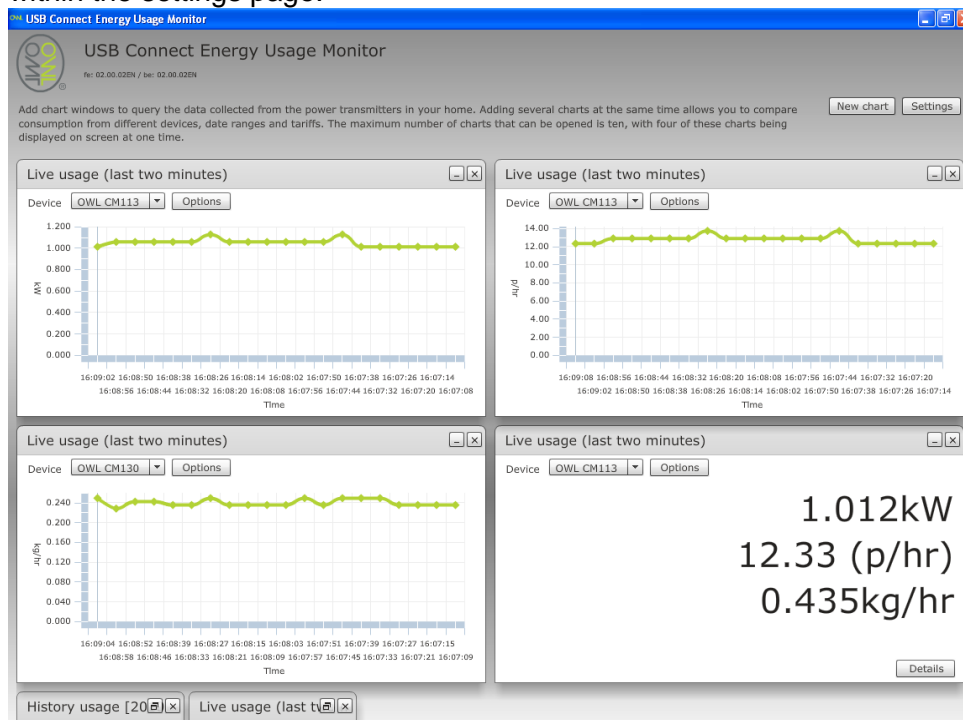
- **Energy Chart** → Shows the electricity in use in kW, calculated from the voltage setting you have used within the settings page and the electrical current reported by the sensor.



- **Cost Chart** → Shows the cost of electricity as it is being used, calculated from the tariff setting you have set up for the sensor within the settings page and the calculated electricity in use (kW).



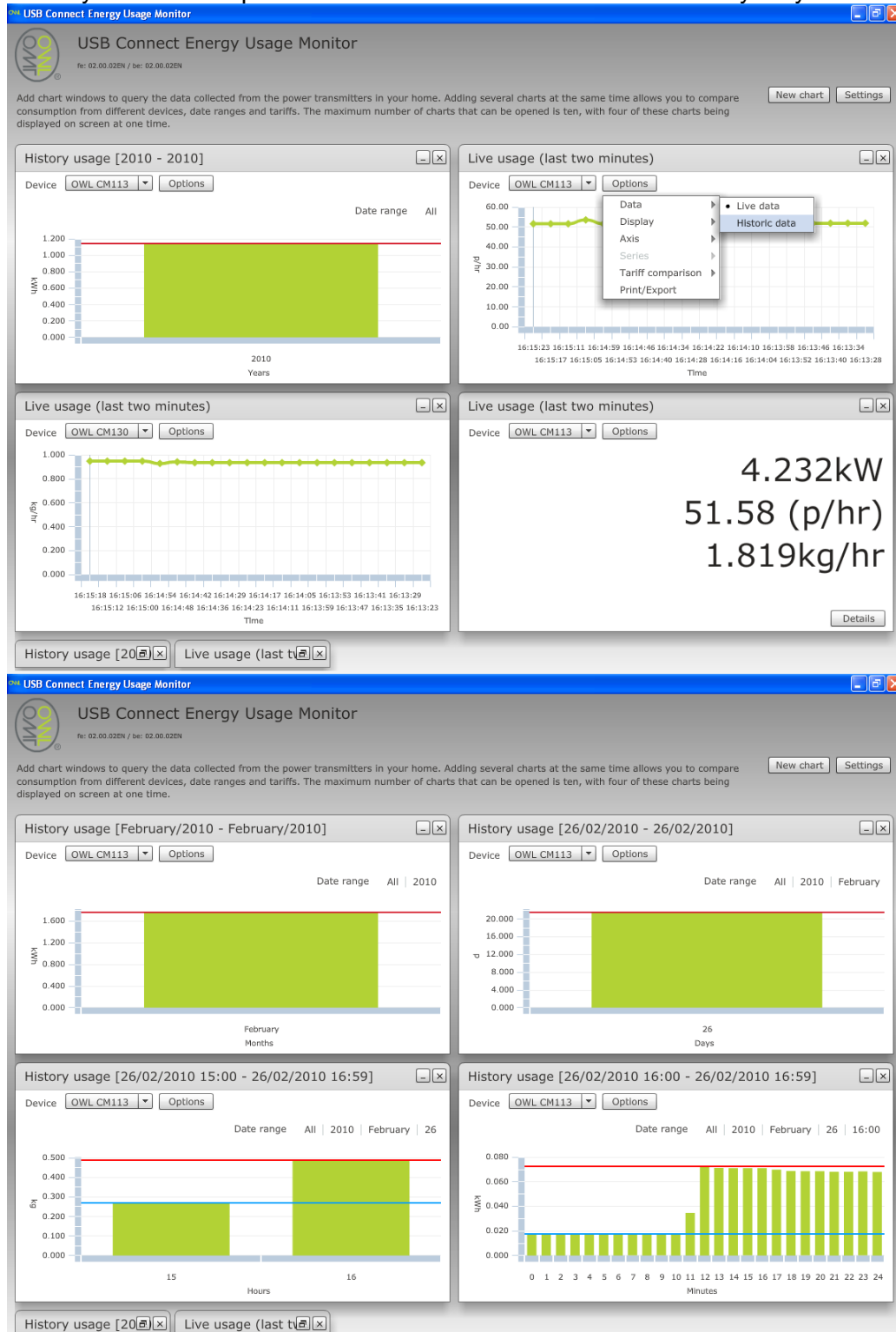
- **GHG Chart** → Shows the calculated CO2 emissions for generating the electricity you are currently using based upon the GHG Conversion Factor you have used within the settings page.



- **Numeric** → Shows the live data of the electricity in use in kW, as a cost, and shows CO2 emissions.

4.3 HISTORICAL DATA CHARTS

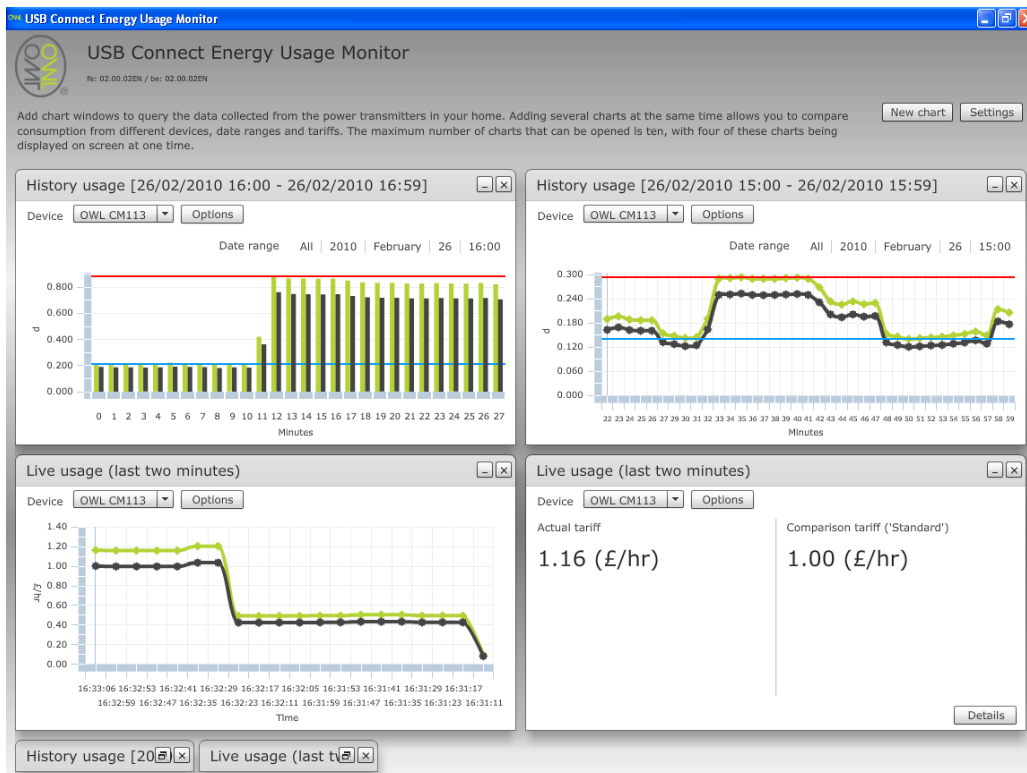
This will take you into the top level of the data shown as data used on a yearly timeline.



Drill down into the data by placing the cursor over the data bar you want to look at in more detail, select that the data bar by double clicking your mouse key to then see the data on a monthly basis. To view on a daily, hourly and per minute repeat steps above.

4.4 TARIFF COMPARISON

Comparing tariff plans using Live data or Historical data against other entered tariff plans.



6.0 EXPORTING DATA

Exported data is saved to a default folder "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\WINDOWS\Application Data\2SE" and the filename is generated from device name and date/time saved.

A shortcut to this folder can be found Start>Programs>OWL USB Connect 2.

After exporting a file the OWL USB Connect 2 user interface will be minimised and the OWL Data folder opened on the screen.

The exported data is downloaded in columns under the following headings:-

Sensor	Sensor identification associated with exported data.
Time	Timestamp of when data was recorded.
GHG Factor	GHG Factor applied to recorded data
Tariff Cost	Tariff Rate applied to recorded data.
Amps_Raw_Data	Raw data value relating to Amps measured by the sensor during that time period.
Amps_Raw_Data_Min	Minimum raw data value relating to Amps measured by the sensor during that time period (ie Minimum value during that Day, Hour, Minute)
Amps_Raw_Data_Max	Maximum raw data value of Amps measured by the sensor during that time base (ie Minimum value during that Day, Hour, Minute)
kW_Raw_Data	Raw data value of kW calculated using Amps_Raw_Data and the voltage applied in the settings window when data was recorded.
kW_Raw_Data_Min	Minimum raw data value of kW calculated using Amps_Raw_Data_Min and the voltage applied in the settings window when data was recorded.
kW_Raw_Data_Max	Maximum raw data value of kW calculated using Amps_Raw_Data_Max and the voltage applied in the settings window when data was recorded.
Cost_Raw_Data	Raw data value of cost of electricity using applied tariff during the period between this and previous time stamp.
Cost_Raw_Data_Min	Minimum raw data value of cost of electricity using applied tariff during the period between this and previous time stamp.
Cost_Raw_Data_Max	Maximum raw data value of cost of electricity using applied tariff during the period between this and previous time stamp.
GHG_Raw_Data	Raw data value of calculated weight of Carbon Dioxide emissions using applied conversion factor during the period between this and previous time stamp.
GHG_Raw_Data_Min	Raw data value of calculated weight of Carbon Dioxide emissions using applied conversion factor during the period between this and previous time stamp.
GHG_Raw_Data_Max	Raw data value of calculated weight of Carbon Dioxide emissions using applied conversion factor during the period between this and previous time stamp.

5.1 HOW TO CONVERT EXPORTED RAW DATA?

Take the raw data and using the calculations below, convert the Current, Energy, Cost & GHG data columns.

- Current (Amps) → Amps Value x 60
 - ie: 0.05 x 60 = 3 Amps
- Energy (kW) → kW value ÷ 1,000
 - ie: 4.4 ÷ 1,000 = 0.0044kW (or 4.4W)
- Cost (pence or cents) → Cost value ÷ 100,000
 - ie: 520000 ÷ 100,000, = 5.2pence
- GHG (kg) → GHG value ÷ 100,000
 - ie: 7100 ÷ 100,000 = 0.071kg (or 71g)

5.2 EXPORTING LIVE CHART DATA

Using the export function when viewing live data will download the current data as shown in the 2 minute live usage chart.

Device	Time	GHG_Factor	Tariff_Cost	Amps_Raw_Data	Amps_Raw_Min	Amps_Raw_Max	kW_Raw_Data	kW_Raw_Min	kW_Raw_Max	Cost_Raw_Data	Cost_Raw_Min	Cost_Raw_Max	GHG_Raw_Data	GHG_Raw_Min
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OWL CM113	08:46:10	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	736	644	6440	897184	785036	7850360	31648	27692

Converted data shown below:-

Device	Time	GHG_Factor	Tariff_Cost	Amps_Conv_Data (A)	Amps_Conv_Min (A)	Amps_Conv_Max (A)	kW_Conv_Data (kW)	kW_Conv_Min (kW)	kW_Conv_Max (kW)	Cost_Conv_Data (p/c)	Cost_Conv_Min (p/c)	Cost_Conv_Max (p/c)	GHG_Conv_Data (kg)	GHG_Conv_Min (kg)
OWL CM113	08:48:04	0.43	12.19	3.1	2.8	28	0.00713	0.00644	0.0644	8.69147	7.85036	78.5036	0.30659	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:58	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:52	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:46	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:40	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:34	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:28	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:22	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:16	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:10	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:47:04	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:58	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:52	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:46	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:40	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:34	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:28	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:22	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:16	0.43	12.19	2.9	2.8	28	0.00667	0.00644	0.0644	8.13073	7.85036	78.5036	0.28681	0.27692
OWL CM113	08:46:10	0.43	12.19	3.2	2.8	28	0.00736	0.00644	0.0644	8.97184	7.85036	78.5036	0.31648	0.27692

5.3 EXPORTING HISTORICAL CHART DATA

Using the export function when viewing collected data will download the data depending upon option selected:-

- Data from current chart being displayed.
 - Viewing one hours data when exported will give that hours data on a per minute basis
 - Viewing one days data when exported will give that days data on a per minute basis
 - Viewing one month's data when exported will give that months data on a per minute basis
 - Viewing one year's data when exported will give that years data on a per minute basis
 - Viewing all data when exported will give all data on a per minute basis

- Data collected between 2 dates for sensor in current chart.
 - When exporting between 2 dates when one hours chart is being viewed only that hours data for the between those dates are exported on a per minute basis
 - When exporting between 2 dates when viewing all other charts all data between those dates is exported on a per minute basis.

- All data collected for sensor.
 - Exports all data for that sensor on a per minute basis.

7.0 CHART PRINTING

A simple version of the charts can be printed by selecting the Print option in the Export/Print menu.

