

# Oil Club

As the weather draws in, may I remind you about the Quarter-to-Six Quadrant Oil Club?

This is a bulk-buying oil club, designed to save residents money on the cost of home heating oil.

There is no membership fee, and no joining paperwork. It's available for anyone in the area: either in Barton, Coton, Grantchester or Madingley, or in any of the neighbouring villages.

When you place an order, our broker will bulk-up your order with all of its other customers who order at the same time, so that you can benefit from a shared volume discount and the best competitive price from a range of suppliers on the day. There are two ways to order:

- order **any time** for delivery within 2-3 days. This gets you a normal discount, as your order will be bulked-up with all the other people who order on that day; or
- order **in the last week of a month** to join the month-end scheme, for delivery by the middle of the next month. This gets a bigger discount, as more people target this time of the month, so the volume of orders is bigger, and hence the discount is bigger.

The club is administered by a broker called Agricole Oil ([www.agricoleoil.co.uk](http://www.agricoleoil.co.uk)), based in Cambourne and run by Jeremy Cole and his colleagues.

**To join or order, email [jeremy@agricole.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@agricole.co.uk) or call 01954 719 452**

Agricole takes competitive bids from a number of local oil companies, to get the best price for club members for each delivery.

One of the companies often used is Conquest Oil. Their tankers hold 12,500 litres, which is enough for about 15 households, as most individual orders tend to range between 500–1,000 litres. The monthly bulk-buy system is particularly good, as only one tanker needs to come out to service all 15 households; its delivery round can be well-planned; and there is therefore much less congestion on the roads and in the village, and it's more efficient for the trailer's own use of fuel.

Agricole donates to local good causes, giving £5 per year for each customer who orders over 1,000 litres in that year.

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