



## “How In The Name Of God”: Shocked Europeans Post Astronomical Energy Bills As ‘Terrifying Winter’ Approaches

### Description

**UK: Over the past week, shocked Europeans – mostly in the UK and Ireland – have been posting viral photos of shockingly high energy bills amid the ongoing (and worsening) energy crisis.**

Several of the posts were from small business owners who getting **absolutely crushed** right now, and won't be able to remain operational much longer.

One such owner is Geraldine Dolan, who owns the Poppyfields cafe in Athlone, Ireland – **and was charged nearly €10,000 (US\$10,021) for just over two months of energy usage.**



*Geraldine Dolan, of Poppy Fields Cafe, Athlone, with an electricity bill for just under ten thousand euro for two months. Photograph: Dara Mac Dónaill / The Irish Times*  
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As the *Irish Times* reports, **“The cost of electricity to the Poppyfields cafe for 73 days from early June until the end of August came in at €9,024.70 an increase of 250 per cent in just 12 months. There doesn’t include the €812.22 in VAT, which brought her total bill to €9,836.92”**

**“How in the name of God is this possible,”** tweeted Dolan.

I got this electricity bill today, how in the name of God is this possible, we're a small coffee shop in westmeath [pic.twitter.com/uz5J8BePhB](https://pic.twitter.com/uz5J8BePhB)

— poppyfields cafe.?? (@DolanGeraldine) [August 29, 2022](#)

UK pensioners are also facing a “terrifying” winter, as elderly Britons are about to get hit with an 80% rise in energy bills in October.

*Elderly Britons are set to welcome a boost of around £1,000 to their state pension payments next year thanks to the return of the triple lock, however the cost of living crisis will still leave them significantly poorer.*

*However, the price cap for energy bills will rise by 80 per cent to £3,549 in October, and it is predicted to rise over £6,600 next year according to Cornwall Insight.*

*Higher energy bills often hurt pensioners significantly more than the rest of the population because they spend a greater amount of their income on heating their home. -Daily Mail*

According to Caroline Abrahams, charity director of Age UK, “It’s a truly frightening prospect and one that most could not have prepared for, and never expected to face at this point in their lives,” adding “I think a lot of older people will be utterly bewildered that it has come to this and will also feel badly let down, and I can’t say I blame them.”

**But that’s just the tip of the iceberg.** Twitter researcher ‘Crab Man’ ([@crabcrawler1](#)), who compiles deep dives on a wide variety of topics (and is absolutely worth a follow), has put together a lengthy thread of similar cases – and put it in the context of the current European energy backdrop. The situation is dire, to say the least.

<https://t.co/GqKe6S0M7a>

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Firebrick Brasserie. Lauder, United Kingdom. Had to close yesterday FOREVER, b/c of energy prices in the UK.

"energy prices that companies are charging – there is no price cap for businesses!!- have meant it is no longer sustainable for us to continue."

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"Closed our tearoom we’ve successfully run for 7 years due to increasing costs in food/petrol/ utilities. Can’t sustain the hikes." [pic.twitter.com/BW0bgqH1kO](https://pic.twitter.com/BW0bgqH1kO)

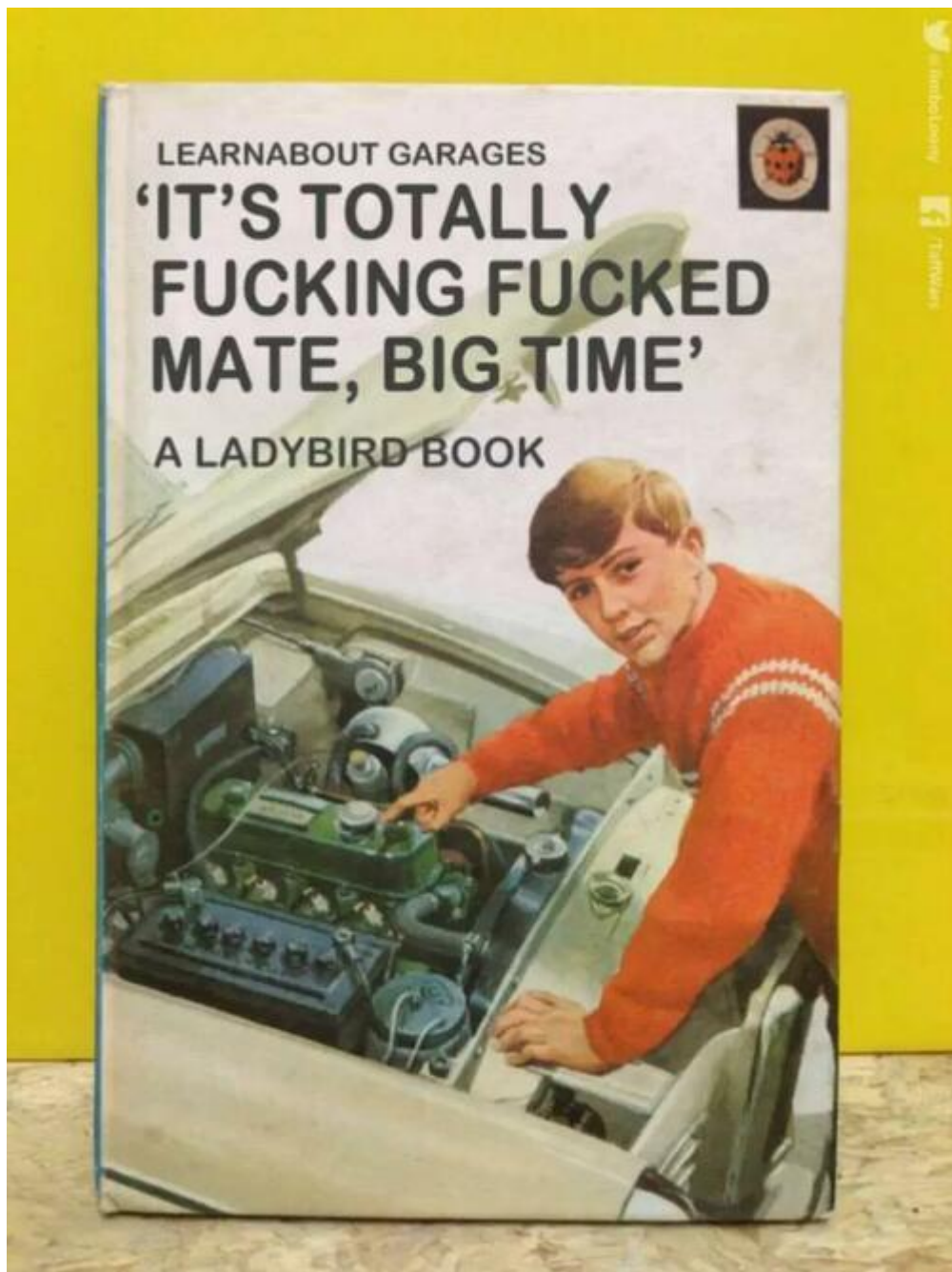
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"I currently pay £126 a month gas and electricity combined. Live alone. How the actual fuck can THIS be right? And I’m in a reasonable job. But I just can’t afford this. No fucking way." [pic.twitter.com/TvlcbW7NS3](https://pic.twitter.com/TvlcbW7NS3)

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"Telford chippy boss 'in tears' as £5k monthly gas and electric bill forces business to close" <https://t.co/gMtXWQymbY>

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