

SAVE project

Marketing and Nudge Techniques

Behavioural science insights and delivery mechanisms used in SAVE



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Behavioural insights used

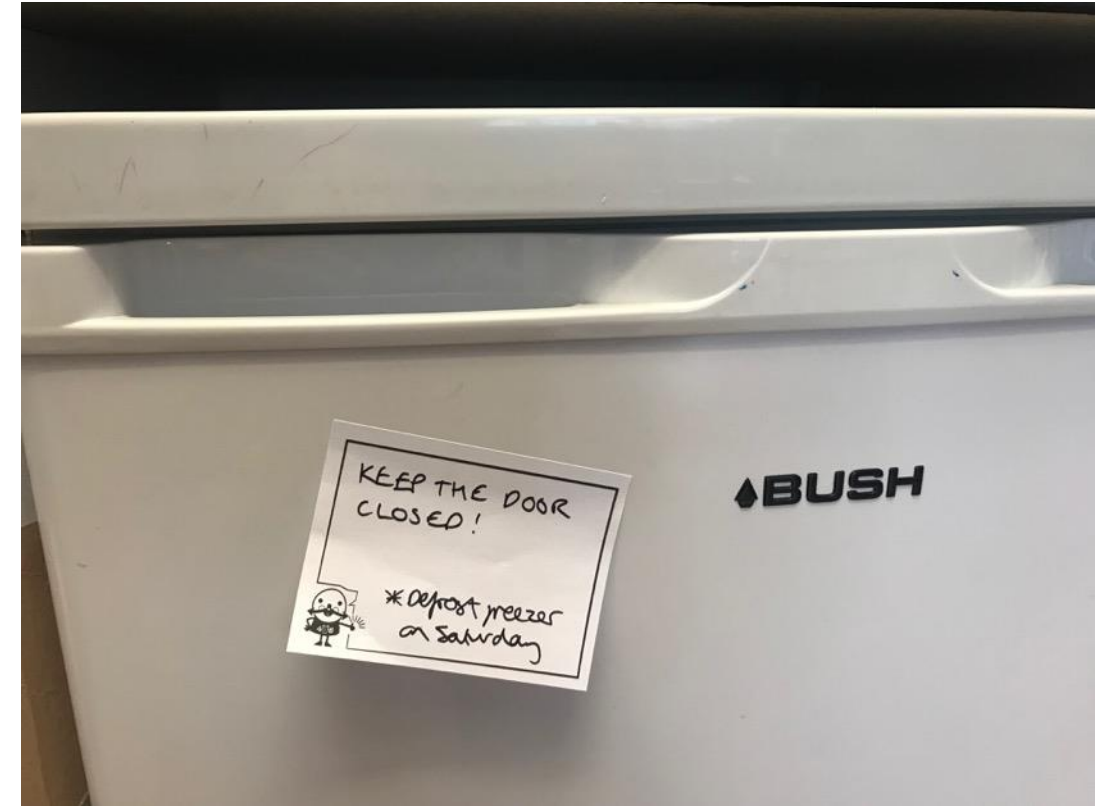
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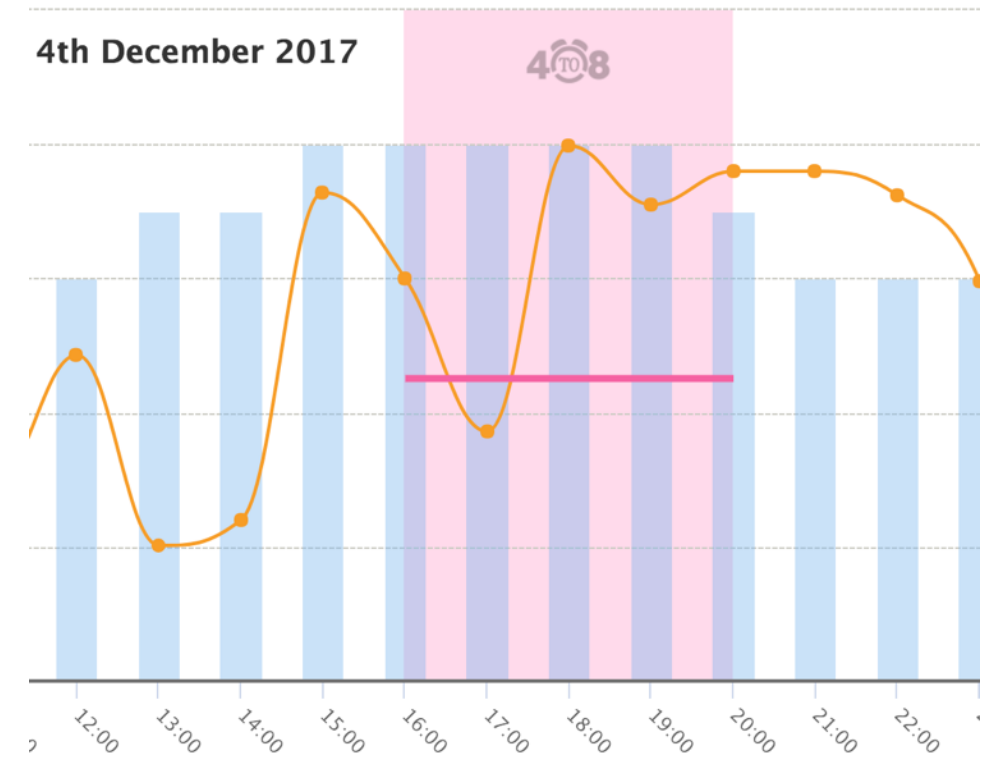
Messengers



Right time, right place



Goals/ feedback



Social norms



Summary

Explore

Activities

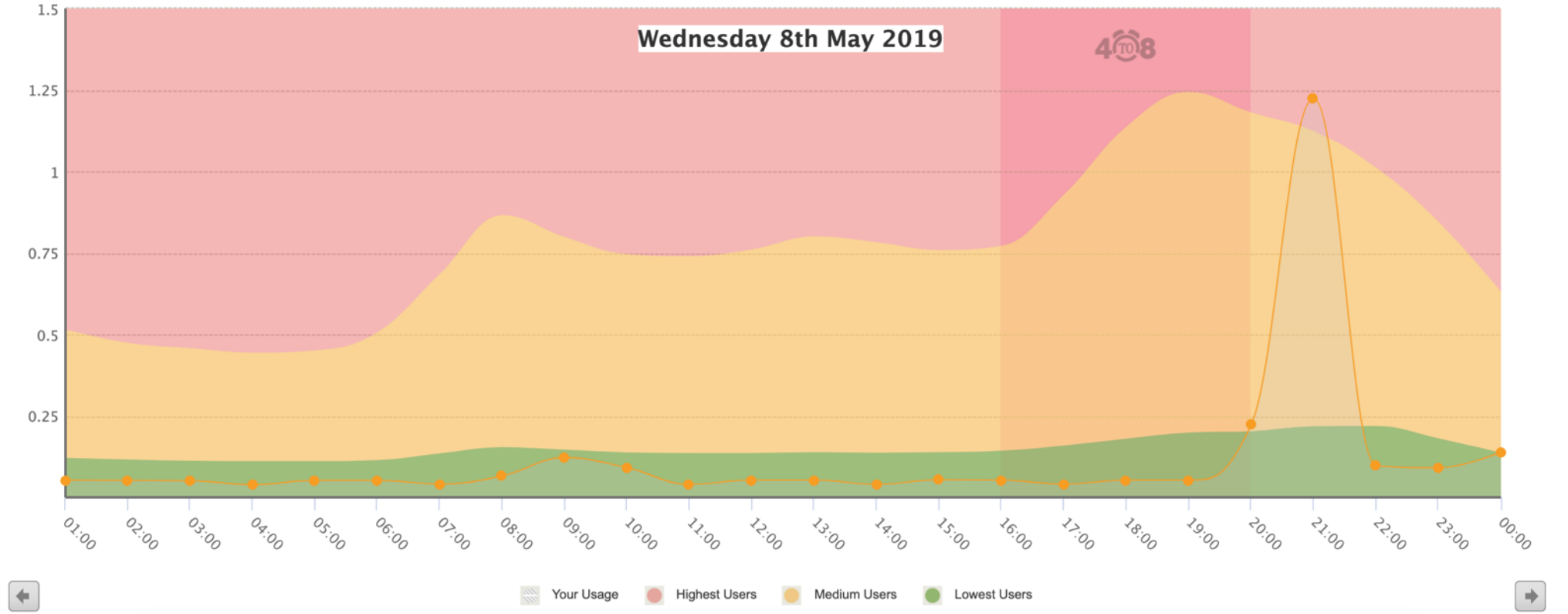
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Defaults

OPT IN TO THE ENERGY SAVING PLAN

We can only help you benefit from the energy saving plan if you confirm you take part.

Please tick the box below and post this card back to us. The postage is already paid for.

Alternatively, please follow this link to opt in online: www.4to8.co.uk

☐ I confirm I have read the information in the booklet about the energy saving plan and I would like to opt in

If you would like to receive a weekly text update of your balance please enter your mobile number here:

Study ID:

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EARN CASH FOR
KEEPING YOUR
ELECTRICITY USE
IN CHECK

*Take advantage of my new
energy saving plan this Autumn*



EARN
UP TO
£20
CASH

Delivery channels

Post



Online



Flossing our teeth, eating an apple a day, calling our mums on a Sunday night, saving energy... The things that are good for us seem so simple and straightforward and yet life just somehow gets in the way.

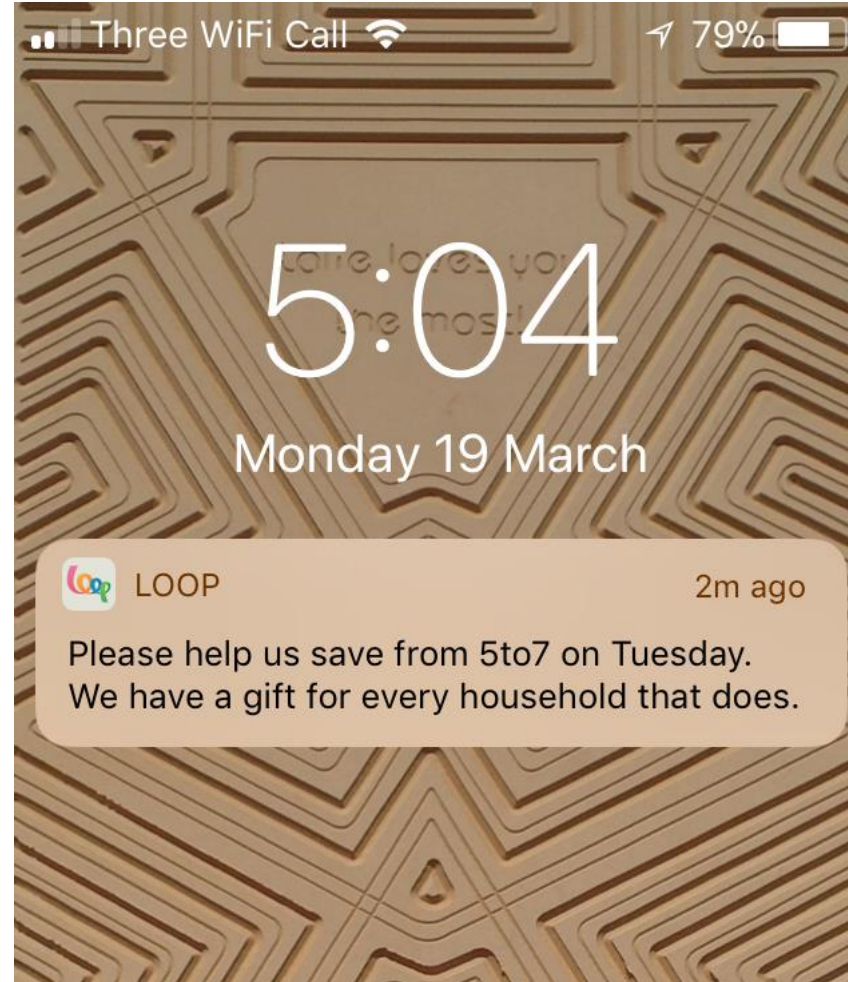
Sometimes, all it takes is a little reminder, so I'm here to help you make a habit out of the quick and easy things you can do



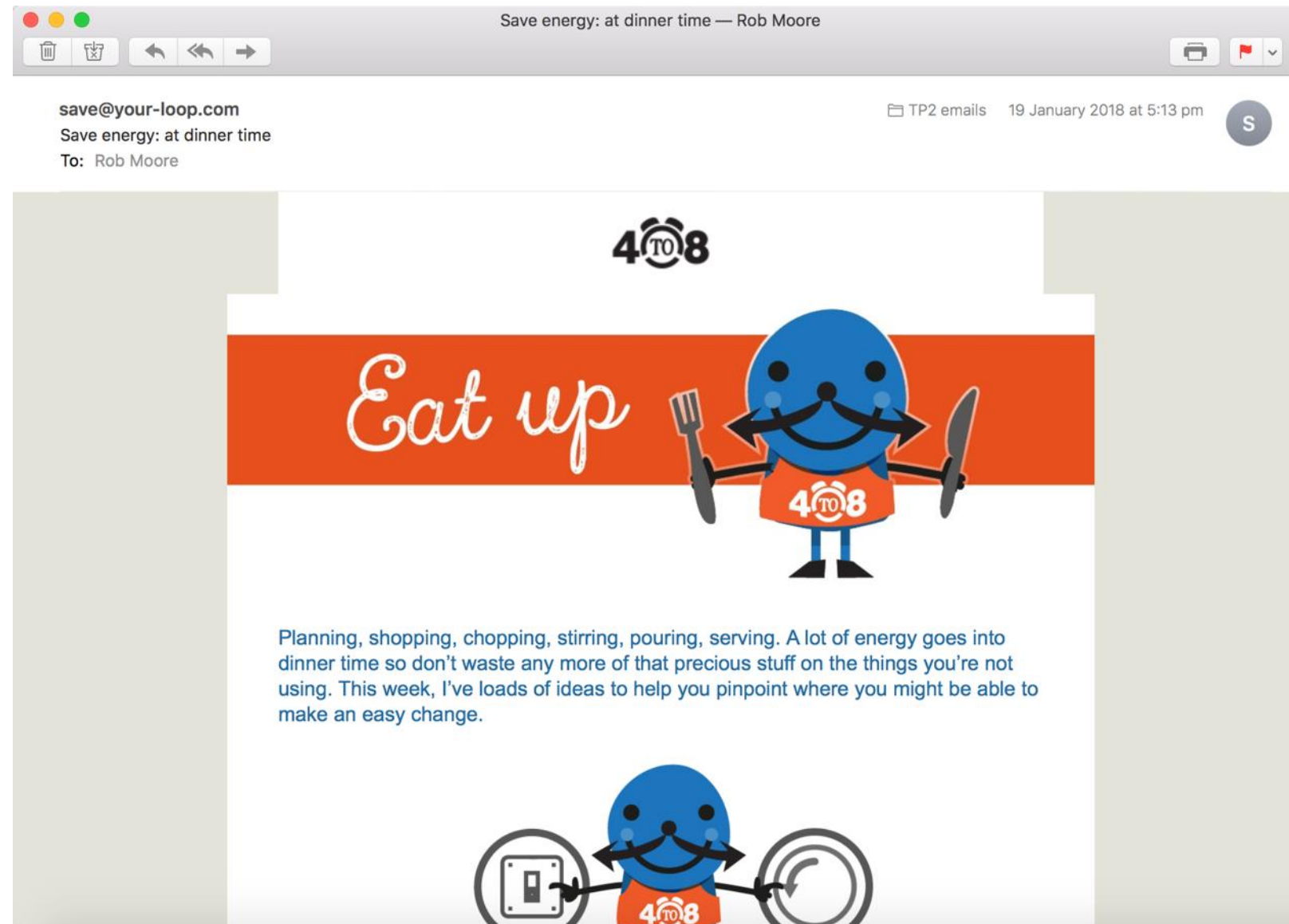
4pm to 8pm is normally when the house is at its busiest - it's also when it's guzzling the most power. So let's take a look at what's going on then and if there are things we can turn off, turn down or turn on later.

4pm to 8pm is also when the network of wires and cables that get the power to our homes is working at maximum capacity. By reducing what we use during this period, not only are we reducing what we spend but also we're doing our bit to reduce pressure on the

Mobile app



Email



Text

08/10/2018, 11:06 am

From SAVE: Electricity demand will be at peak until 8pm putting the local grid under strain. Please try to cut your use or run appliances later. TXT STOP to end

Video



| E | = event/challenge | | Delivery channels | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|------|------------|-------------------|-----|---|---|
| | | | Postal | | | Digital | | | | |
| | Date | Time | Pack of materials | Leaflet | Card | Loop email | Loop notification | SMS | Message | Incentive |
| TP2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16/10/2017 | N/A | X | | | | | | 4 to 8 is peak time / cut usage / helpful tips | |
| E | 20/11/2017 | N/A | | | X | | | | Challenge week: cut usage / 10% target | Restaurant Choice gift card - prize draw, 20 @ £100 |
| | 07/12/2017 | N/A | | | X | | | | Challenge results | |
| | 12/01/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | 4 to 8 is peak time / cut usage / helpful tips | |
| | 19/01/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | Cut usage / dinner time tips | |
| E | 26/01/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge week: cut usage / 10% target | Restaurant Choice gift card - prize draw, 20 @ £100 |
| | 02/02/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | Cut usage / feet up tips | |
| | 16/02/2018 | 9:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge results | |
| | 23/02/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | Cut usage / Sunday peak | |
| E | 06/03/2018 | 8:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge days: cut usage over 2 days / 20% target | Gift card for your supermarket - prize draw, 1 @ £1,000 |
| E | 07/03/2018 | 8:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge days: cut usage over 2 days / 20% target | |
| | 16/03/2018 | 9:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge results | |
| E | 19/03/2018 | 17:00 | | | | X | X | | Event: network peak / 5 to 7pm / 10% target | Costa Coffee gift card - £10 to all successful |
| | 30/03/2018 | 9:00 | | | | X | X | | Challenge results | |
| TP3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 04/06/2018 | N/A | | X | | X | | | Energy saving plan starting October - opt in | |
| | 01/10/2018 | 17:00 | X | | | X | X | | Energy saving plan started / cut or shift usage / video | 10p/h, £20 max |
| | 10/10/2018 | 18:00 | | | | | | X | Balance update | |
| | 17/10/2018 | 18:00 | | | | | | X | Balance update | |
| | 24/10/2018 | 18:00 | | | | | | X | Balance update | |
| | 31/10/2018 | 18:00 | | | | | | X | Balance update | |
| | 07/11/2018 | 18:00 | | | | | | X | Balance update | |

Learnings

Anecdotal feedback from participants

- High frequency of messaging can be off-putting/lead to fatigue
- Postal or email but not both/not too many emails
- Salience works (e.g. pink envelopes)
- Think about how messaging materials work in a *household* not just on an individual (e.g. kids liked the sticky notes)

Conclusions

- Peak time is peak time for a reason – people are getting on with busy lives
- No single ‘nudge’ or channel likely to be sufficient to change entrenched, habitual electricity use, particularly in the absence of any real facilitation
- Over time, we sought to build understanding and engagement through complementary messages via a range of channels
- Engagement via email risks low open rates but postal materials reach the entire audience
- While each message was designed to be simple and singular, it is difficult to pull apart individual effects
- Aiming for a cumulative, long term effect on people’s willingness to try specific strategies to reduce their peak usage
- Ultimately, it would appear that one-off events were the moments when behaviour was most likely to shift

Thank you

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