



Action for affordable warmth

Welcome to Wolverhampton Affordable Warmth News Spring 2008! This issue brings you up to date with the latest news about new schemes which are up and running across the city and beyond. For more information from the action group, visit:

www.wolverhampton-affordable-warmth.org.uk

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Oxley and Bushbury North area benefit from E.ON community insulation scheme

Wolverhampton City Council have teamed up with E.ON to provide free cavity wall and loft insulation to residents in the Oxley and Bushbury North area on qualifying benefits or aged 70 or above – whether they are an E.ON customer or not. The scheme could save homeowners around £360* a year on their household energy bills.

E.ON have provided Wolverhampton City Council with insulation marketing packs containing details of the scheme and the benefits of installing insulation. These will be distributed to nominated community group leaders across Wolverhampton, so everyone who is eligible has a chance to take advantage of the offer.

In an industry first, community groups will be given £30 for each qualifying measure installed – that’s up to £60 for each household they tell about the free offer that goes on to take it up.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise at Wolverhampton City Council, said “We’re delighted to be working with E.ON on this new initiative ... this will benefit the most vulnerable people in Wolverhampton and reward local communities for their involvement and promotion of the scheme”.

Community group leaders in Oxley and Bushbury North areas who want to get involved in The Wolverhampton Insulation Offer should contact Wolverhampton City Council on **551 346**.

To find out more about the free insulation on offer from E.ON call free on **0800 096 1109**.

*£360 saving over a one year period is potentially achieved by increasing loft insulation from 25mm to 250mm and installing cavity wall insulation. The cost savings shown are approximate, and provided for illustrative purposes only and are based on a gas heated semi-detached house with three bedrooms.





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Npower Health Through Warmth scheme

Since its launch in the city in 2001:

- Over 850 health and community workers trained
- More than 1,510 people referred
- £1.9m of grants and other funds accessed, including £183,000 from the unique npower HTW Crisis Fund

Delivering Health Through Warmth in Wolverhampton. Local Councillor leads the way

Wolverhampton residents whose health is adversely affected by the cold, damp conditions in their homes are being helped by Councillor Alan Smith, who is putting the city's npower Health Through Warmth (HTW) scheme to good use.

Working in partnership with Wolverhampton City Council, health professionals and other community workers the scheme has delivered training to nurses, health visitors, the police and fire services enabling them to spot signs of ill health, caused or made worse by cold or damp conditions in the home.

Councillor Alan Smith received HTW training in 2006. Since then he has referred a number of local people to the scheme.

One resident who benefited from the HTW scheme is 78 year old Edward Drummond.

Councillor Smith saw first hand that the boiler in Mr. Drummond's home was not working properly, so that he was unable to heat his house adequately. An assessment of the property found that cavity wall insulation and boiler repairs were required.

The boiler repair was funded from the unique npower HTW Crisis Fund and the npower Energy Efficiency Commitment scheme provided free cavity wall insulation.

Mr Drummond is now able to keep warm and comfortable in his Wolverhampton home. Delighted with the work carried out he said, "I am so grateful for the help I have received from the HTW scheme...".

Councillor Alan Smith added, "I was able to identify the link between the broken boiler in Mr Drummond's home and the adverse effect this was having on his health condition ...training from npower HTW means I can help people that I come across through the course of my day-to-day work ...".

If you would like to attend a free HTW training session please contact Tom Winckley on 01902 551 346 for more information.



Cllr. Smith visits Mr Drummond



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Sempatap is:

- A flexible thermal lining
- Easy to apply
- Approved by the Energy Saving Trust

Sempatap has been in use in the UK and Europe for over 20 years.

Easy as ABCD! Solid wall insulation pilot begins in Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton City Council have identified areas in the city with significant numbers of solid wall properties and suffering from high levels of fuel poverty.

As part of the Warm Zone programme, a pilot is underway to install internal solid wall insulation in seven hard to heat properties in the ABCD (All Saints and Blakenhall Community Development) area. All properties involved in the pilot are of solid brick construction and are being insulated with Sempatap flexible insulation foam.

After Sempatap has been installed, each property will be finished using eco paints which are produced using natural dyes rather than oil based paints to avoid potential health problems.

IRT Surveys will be conducting thermal imaging analysis of the properties to study the heat loss.

On completion of the pilot Hestia Managed Services will be conducting research into the benefits and practical application of using this flexible thermal lining technology as internal insulation in hard to heat properties. The areas that will be assessed are cost effectiveness, reduction in CO2 emissions, and potential savings both in terms of energy used and on fuel bills.



Installation of Sempatap

MGC (Mould Growth Consultants Ltd) are supplying the materials and training to Burrows Insulation who are installing Sempatap.

If the pilot produces positive results, areas identified through 2007's fuel poverty mapping exercise will be given future assistance using this product.

FREE cavity wall & loft insulation for over 70s

The Wolverhampton EEAC is able to offer 100% grants for free cavity wall and loft insulation (subject to survey) to every homeowner aged 70 or over.

Contact Wolverhampton EEAC for more information on:
0800 512 012



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Grants will only be awarded to eligible not-for-profit community-based organisations such as:

- Community groups
 - Charities & trusts
 - Parish councils
 - Schools & colleges
 - Mutual societies
- and more...

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme

A new £10 million grants programme from the Big Lottery Fund will deliver a huge boost to communities seeking to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) is part of the Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It will give grants of up to £50,000 towards the installation of small-scale renewable energy technology, such as wind turbines and solar panels, on sites including village halls, visitor centres and schools. The programme will also offer funding to improve building insulation.

This is a significant step up in funding for energy projects in the community as they are in a unique position to help groups of all types take advantage of the fund.

Groups will be able to apply for a maximum capital grant of £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is lower). Groups can also apply for project development grants of 75% or up to £5,000 of the study cost (whichever is lower).

The CSEP is being administered by the Building Research Council and has a dedicated website at www.communitysustainable.org.uk where you can find out more details and apply online.

This article is an extract from issue 24 of the café newsletter. The full article can be viewed at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe

If you have any news or stories that you would like to see in the next Affordable Warmth newsletter you can e-mail them to: mark.hamilton@hestiaservices.co.uk

If you would like to find out more about any of the grants and schemes mentioned in this newsletter you can contact your local **Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** on free phone:

0800 512 012

