

BEAT THE COLD THIS WINTER

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North Staffordshire Warm Zone is offering insulation grants to help private sector homes beat the cold this winter.

Following the success of other areas North Staffordshire Warm Zone energy assessors will be moving into Stoke and Trent Vale in the next couple of weeks.

They will be in Warm Zone uniforms and carry identity cards and ask a series of simple home energy questions on resident's doorsteps, after which the data collected will be assessed to determine whether or not they qualify for the free or discounted installation. They will also be offered a range of free services, such as Fire Safety checks or Free low energy light bulbs sent to their homes.

Grants are available to all private sector households living in a Stoke on Trent or Newcastle under Lyme regardless of income and in some cases 100% grants are available.

With ever increasing fuel bills installing the full recommended insulation depth into a loft or insulating cavity walls could save between £160 and £220 a year on heating bills.

The scheme has been funded by Newcastle Borough Council and Stoke City Council with the aim to measure and reduce the domestic carbon dioxide emissions of private households who would otherwise not qualify for a grant.

Alan Hudson, Executive Director (Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council), said:

“Loft and cavity wall insulation are only a few of the many measures that can be implemented to reduce our ‘carbon footprint’ and protect the environment. Making simple changes to the way we live will not only save money on our household bills but also help to save the planet.”

Sophie Thorley Director of North Staffordshire Warm Zone said

“We are pleased to be working with Stoke on Trent City Council and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council in a bid to deliver our energy saving services.

To apply for a grant or for more information on how you can save money and energy call customer services on 01782 238443.