

Leaders Meet Warm Zones' First Residents

Assessors working to identify the first people who benefit from the £10 million North Staffordshire Warm Zone project will get a helping hand from two of the area's leaders on Friday 26 January.

Stoke on Trent City Mayor, Mark Meredith and the leader of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, Cllr Simon Tagg will join the assessors knocking doors at Star & Garter Rd in the Longton South area from 9.30am through to 10.30am.

Around 4,000 homes in the Longton South area are being visited by the Warm Zone team over the next few weeks. Residents will have the opportunity to complete the assessment and could qualify for free energy measures including loft and cavity wall insulation whilst everyone will qualify for free benefits and energy advice. Everyone who completes the assessment will receive four free energy saving light bulbs courtesy of Zone partner Scottish Power.

Over the next two years the team will visit around 73,000 homes in Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme and expect that 35% of them will benefit from free measures.

The North Staffordshire Warm Zone is a public private partnership between the two local Councils, Scottish Power, National Grid and Warm Zones Limited. Scottish Power expects to contribute around £5.6 million with other finance coming from National Grid and the two Councils.

Tracy Hine, Director of the Warm Zone, says the visit on Wednesday is very important to the team: "A tremendous amount of hard work and training has gone into preparing for the Zone and our assessors, who are key to the programme's success, will be delighted to see the leaders taking an interest in their work so early on. The visit will also help raise the profile of the Zone and help reassure residents that we have an important and legitimate role to play in the area to help them," she said.



Leaders meet NSWZ first residents to benefit from the scheme