

Warm Zone brings warmer homes to Kirklees

Every suitable home in Kirklees can have loft and cavity wall insulation fitted free of charge with the Warm Zone project. The insulation is free for everyone – irrespective of age, income or size of the home.



Warm Zone in Crosland Moor, pictured from left: Kim Goldring (Miller Pattison Project Manager), Kerry Scullion (Warm Zone Marketing Manager), Linda Kilkenny (Crosland Moor resident) with her son, Bob Payne (Miller Pattison Operations Manager), Cllr Martyn Bolt (Kirklees Council Cabinet Member for Transportation and Green Services), Emma Kovaleski (Warm Zone Assessments Co-ordinator) and Sally Kelling (Kirklees Council Energy Efficiency Officer).

Kirklees Warm Zone is a practical way to help households improve their energy efficiency and in doing so to help tackle climate change. Two of the best ways to reduce your energy use are to insulate your walls and loft. This makes for warmer homes – and lower fuel bills.

A team of Warm Zone assessors will visit every household in Kirklees to carry out doorstep assessments. They won't need to come in, just ask some questions. If the home would benefit from loft and cavity wall insulation, the insulation partner Miller Pattison will survey the property and carry out the work totally free of charge. Warm Zone will write to let each household know when the assessors will be in their area. They are working around Kirklees one area at a time over the next three years.

Households that already have this insulation are also encouraged to complete the assessment. Everyone receives a free Home Energy Report with advice about other ways to reduce energy use, which may help save more money on fuel bills. Warm Zone can also put you in touch with a variety of partners for advice and support in other areas – home fire safety for example. Plus, Warm Zone will give every household four low energy lightbulbs.

Kirklees Warm Zone is the only council supported partnership for domestic energy efficiency. Councillor Martyn Bolt, Kirklees Council's Cabinet Member for Transportation and Green Services, said: "the council's 'Green Ambition' is to make Kirklees a beacon for green living. It may sound too good to be true, but there really are no catches. By improving the insulation in people's homes, and helping them reduce their energy use in other ways, the collective carbon footprint of Kirklees will reduce."

Installations are now underway in Crosland Moor & Netherton, and households can still complete a self-assessment form if they missed an assessor. The Warm Zone team is now working in the Denby Dale electoral ward – that includes Emley, Skelmanthorpe, Scissett, Clayton West, Upper & Lower Cumberworth, Denby Dale, Upper & Lower Denby and Birdsedge. Look out for the Warm Zone team in your street soon!

Kirklees Warm Zone is made possible by support from many partners, including Kirklees Council, Scottish Power, National Grid, Citizens Advice Bureau and The Pension Service to name a few.

