

Are You Keeping Warm and Well in Lewes District?

Energy efficiency grants of up to 100% may be available to qualifying households for insulation and heating measures.

Putting in cavity wall insulation for example will have immediate benefits for your home, making you warmer and reducing carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming. Energy efficiency measures will also help reduce your energy bills significantly.

Useful numbers

Age Concern Freephone **0800 009966** 8am – 7pm everyday

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) Local branches:

Lewes **01273 473082**

Seaford **01323 896209**

Newhaven **01273 612360** (for appointments)

Help the Aged Freephone **0808 800 6565**

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Pension Credit Freephone 0800 99 1234

Winter Fuel Payments 08459 15 15 15

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre
0800 512012.

Winter Warmth Advice line 0800 085 7000

Anchor Staying Put Wealden and Lewes
01323 441013

Consumer Direct – Energy Complaints
08454 040506

For advice on energy efficiency or renewable energy call **01273 474968** or www.lewes.gov.uk

Energy saving tips

- Get insulation! Cavity wall insulation can save you up to 25% on your energy bill.
- Close curtains at dusk to keep heat in. Use thicker curtains to keep the draughts out.
- Set your room thermostat between 18c and 21c and leave it at that setting – increasing the setting will not heat up the room more quickly. Only if the room is always too cold or too hot should you alter the thermostat. Turning your thermostat down 1 degree can save 10% on your fuel bill!
- Use a shower rather than a bath if you are able to as it uses less hot water.
- Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine.
- Defrost your fridge regularly to keep it running efficiently.
- Avoid filling the kettle right up for just one drink – but be sure to cover the element.
- Keep saucepan lids on when cooking.
- Leaving electrical items like TV's on standby still uses electricity – up to 60% of normal use! Make sure that they are turned off properly at the switch.



LIVE WARM and WELL

This leaflet gives you information about how to keep warm in your home, increase energy efficiency and reduce your carbon footprint



Energy Efficiency Grants

Please Call 01273 484330

Grants Available to People on Means-Tested Benefit

Benefits include: Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (income less than £15,460), Income Support, Council tax Benefit, Guarantee Pension credit, Income-based jobseekers allowance.

Warmfront Grant – £2700 (£4000 if on oil) available for heating and insulation measures. If the measures exceed this amount top-up grants may be available. Call 01273 484330.

Minor Repairs Grants – Up to £6000 may be available for small scale repairs. This may include energy efficiency measures such as boiler repairs, double glazing and draught proofing measures and roof repairs. Eligibility criteria applies.



Grants Available to People Aged 60 and Above

Keep Warm in Winter – Free cavity wall and loft insulation for residents living on a council tax band between A-D.

Over 70's Grants – Free cavity wall and loft insulation is currently available for anyone aged 70 or over regardless of council tax band and income.

Warmfront £300 Heating Rebate – Available to the cost of a new boiler if the current one is faulty or has broken and you are not in receipt of a means-tested benefit.

Available for Anyone

The following sources offer a range of the best deals on insulation measures. It is advisable to get a range of quotes as prices change and times taken to install measures can vary.

Heat Project 0800 093 4050

www.heatproject.co.uk

HCL Energy 01273 390420

nPower Able to Pay Scheme

0800 0776 6195

EDF Able to Pay Scheme 0800 0969966

Eaga Able to Pay Scheme 0800 317997

Renewable Energy Grants

There are a range of grants available
Lewes Renewable Energy Grants
OVESCO – 01273 472405

There are also National grants available for up to 50% of the installation costs of renewable energy systems (i.e. solar, wind, biomass etc). Call **Low Carbon Buildings Programme** – 0800 9157722

Low Energy Lightbulbs

They can last up to 15 times longer than ordinary bulbs and each one can save up to £7 per year on energy bills. Householders who are over 60 or on a means tested benefit are entitled to 4 low energy lightbulbs per household. Bulbs can be collected from:

Community Recycling Centre,

20 North Street, Lewes

Meridian Leisure Centre, Peacehaven

Southover House Reception,

Southover Road, Lewes

Fort Road Reception, Fort Road, Newhaven

Tourist Information Centre,

25 Clinton Place, Seaford

Tenants Resource Centre,

2a Horsfield Road, Landport, Lewes

The House Project, South Coast Road, Peacehaven.

