

## Warm Front £300 heating rebate

There is a £300 grant for households with an occupant aged 60+ and not in receipt of an income or disability benefit towards the cost of installing a new central heating system or boiler. The scheme is open to private homeowners and tenants. Customers can apply via the EAGA contact centre on: 0800 316 2808

## Community Carbon Calculator

[www.myherefordshire.com/intro.aspx](http://www.myherefordshire.com/intro.aspx)

You can find out how much carbon you personally produce by using Herefordshire's new Community Carbon Calculator. This measure of consumed natural resources is known as your carbon footprint. Your carbon footprint gives an indication of your impact on the environment, which is caused by the burning of fossil fuels such as oil and gas.

It is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide emitted per year. The calculator also measures a total carbon footprint for your parish.

## Affordable warmth

Herefordshire Council has developed an Affordable Warmth Strategy which aims to reduce fuel poverty in Herefordshire. The Herefordshire Energy Action Team plays a key role in coordinating the rolling out of its action plan through the promotion of energy efficiency and partnership working with other organisations. To find out more, contact the Herefordshire Energy Action Team. See details below.

Each and every one of us can make a valuable and vital difference to reducing the extent of climate change and its impacts both for present and future generations.

For more information call: the Herefordshire Energy Action Team (HEAT) on 0800 512 012 or 01432 260 398 or visit our website [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/psh](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/psh) or write / call in to 84 Whitecross Road, Hereford, HR4 0DH.

If you would like help to understand this document, or would like it in another format or language, please call the Private Sector Housing Service on: 01432 260757 or e-mail [psh@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:psh@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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## Herefordshire Energy Action Team (HEAT)

A brief guide to our service

### Private Sector Housing Promoting warm and safe homes in Herefordshire



## Herefordshire Council's Herefordshire Energy Action Team aims to help Herefordshire residents save energy in their homes in order to contribute towards:

- Tackling climate change
- Increasing the provision of affordable warmth in Herefordshire
- Promoting the safeguarding of finite fossil fuels

The average UK household wastes around £300 per year through being inefficient in their use of energy.

The service includes:

- Managing Herefordshire's Special Energy Efficiency Scheme (SEES)
- Referring people to energy efficiency grant schemes funded externally from the council
- Providing energy saving advice
- Coordination of Herefordshire's Affordable Warmth Strategy
- Development of new carbon reduction and sustainable energy initiatives

There is financial assistance available to all through local and national discount and grant schemes. The schemes are described as follows:

## Herefordshire Council's Special Energy Efficiency Scheme (SEES)

This scheme is reviewed annually. At present it offers up to £500 per household for the following energy efficiency measures:

- Loft insulation
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs)
- Room thermostats
- Heating programmers
- Draught proofing
- Hot water tank jackets

The SEES grant also provides financial support to help towards the cost of utilising renewable energy in the home including:

- Solar thermal panels
- Solar electric panels
- Biomass boilers
- Wind turbines
- Ground source heat pumps
- Wood burning stoves

There is also a grant available from central Government for these renewable energy technologies under the Low Carbon Buildings Programme (0800 9150990)

[www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk](http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk)

SEES assistance is available in certain areas of Herefordshire and for those on

an income or disability related benefit. It is recommended that residents contact us to check their eligibility.

## Utility Company discount schemes

Most utility companies offer discount schemes for loft and cavity wall insulation so it is worth contacting them to see what deals are available.

The local contractor, Domestic and General Insulation run their own utility funded discount scheme for those areas of the county not targeted by Herefordshire Council for loft and cavity wall insulation. These works may be free of charge to the over 80's and those receiving an income or disability related benefit.

To access a free survey and quote contact: 0844 5430043.

## Warm Front

Warm front is a central Government energy efficiency grant to help towards providing affordable warmth to vulnerable households in receipt of certain benefits. The grant is up to a maximum of £3,500 for gas fired boilers and £6,000 for off gas system. Contact Warm Front on: 0800 316 6011 for more information.