Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is a key issue, not only a priority for government and many independent organisations in the UK but also of global importance. Being energy efficient not only helps the environment, but can help householders in reducing energy bills and also be beneficial to our health.

The Private Sector Housing Section is able to offer free and impartial advice relating to energy efficiency. Alternatively, there are a number of organisations that can be contacted to give you more in depth information. Please click on the links or contact us on the numbers given below.

Energy Savings Trust

The <u>Energy Savings Trust</u> was set up after the 1992 Rio Earth Summit They are a non-profit organisation that promotes energy saving, funded by government and the private sector. They provide independent advice to home owners, businesses and schools on all energy matters including:

- Insulation
- Fuel
- Grants
- Renewable Energy, such as wind and solar power.

You can complete on-line energy questionnaires to see how efficient your property is and what improvements can be made.

Energy Efficiency Advice Centre

The Energy Advice Centre (run by Energy Savings Trust) offers free, impartial advice to householders on all aspects of energy efficiency. They work closely with all the local authorities in the region to help cut the amount of energy used in homes. They also sell a selection of energy efficient products ranging from light bulbs to water powered alarm clocks.

Telephone Number: 0800 512012

Energy Saving Secrets

Save energy, money and the environment by visiting the <u>Energy Savings Secrets</u> site. It offers tips and advice on having a greener lifestyle and news on all energy issues.

Warm Front

Warm Front is a government funded scheme which provides grants to help make your home warmer and more energy efficient. For more information on Warm Front grants, please call 0800 3166011 or visit the Warm Fronts Grant Website: http://www.warmfront.co.uk/

UK Energy Saving

The <u>UK Energy Saving</u> website is designed to point you in the right direction for advice and tips on UK Energy Saving in your home. It also provides information on green living, such as fair trade, recycling and saving water.

The Pension Service

If you are in receipt of the State Pension, then you may be entitled to Winter Fuel Payments. The payments are paid annually by <u>The Pension Service</u> and are paid at different rates. For more information, you should visit the website or call the helpline on 0845 9151515

Eco House

Eco House is a show house designed and built to incorporate many environmentally friendly and efficient features. It is open to the public and should be visited if you are looking for ideas on how to improve you own property. For more information, visit the <u>Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire</u> website or call 0116 2220222. The organisation can also give advice and information on how to take steps towards creating a more sustainable future

Energy Efficiency for Business and Public Sector

The <u>Carbon Trust</u> is an independent organisation that is funded by Government. Their role is to help the UK move to a low carbon economy by helping business and the public sector reduce carbon emissions now and capture the commercial opportunities of low carbon technologies.