



Community Energy Plus is a registered charity and profit-recycling company which hosts the Cornwall Energy Advice Centre and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

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FREE HOME INSULATION FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN CORNWALL OVER 70

As part of new government funding to eradicate fuel poverty and save carbon emissions, all residents in Cornwall aged 70 years or over are eligible for free home insulation.

All elderly residents, regardless of income or benefits, are being urged to call local energy charity Community Energy Plus (CEP) free to complete a home energy check to establish what measures are needed.

Measures include cavity and loft insulation, free hot water tank jackets and some residents may be eligible for up to £4,000 for oil central heating and up to £2,700 for gas central heating.

Julia Tibbett, Advice Team Manager for the Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre which is managed by CEP said, **“This is a fabulous initiative by the Government to ensure that those who will most benefit from a warm home and smaller energy bills, receive the help to achieve this. Recent figures from the Energy Saving Trust estimate that you can save around £300 a year on your energy bills in a well insulated home.**

For free impartial advice on what energy efficiency measure are available or for a home energy check, call the Advice team free on **0800 512 012**.

Mrs Mary Greatorex, from St. Agnes said, **“The one free phone call to the Advice Centre has saved me money on my fuel bills. There has been a noticeable difference to the house temperature in the winter and I only have to use the one storage heater downstairs even in the coldest months of the year.”**

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Notes to editors

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust.

CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

- CEP is the lead partner of the **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001), which is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors. The Partnership is committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.
- * On the 30th June 2005, Community Energy Plus was recognised by the prestigious international **Ashden Awards** in the UK Energy Efficiency category for its Home Health project, which has installed nearly three and a half thousand energy efficient measures into Cornish homes.

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