



Hertsmere launches FREE central heating scheme



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Hertsmere homes without radiators could receive free installation of gas-powered central heating - helping residents keep warm this coming winter whilst slashing energy bills.

Homeowners and private renters can qualify for the funding by either being in receipt of certain state benefits (e.g. pension guarantee credit, income support, tax credits, etc.) or having a low household income (typically below £20,000 after rent or mortgage costs have been paid).

Householders who are vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home could also receive support.

Emily Dillon, housing strategy manager, said: "We are delighted to offer Hertsmere residents the chance to keep warm for less. Improving their homes' heating facilities is not only good for their finances but good for the environment too.

"The scheme will also improve the energy efficiency of properties in Hertsmere by installing modern mains gas central heating.

"Studies show gas central heating is three to four times less expensive than electric heating so this offer will help eligible residents lower their fuel bills."

We, along with North Hertfordshire District Council and East Hertfordshire District Council have worked with Hertfordshire County Council and energy experts, YES Energy Solutions, to secure over £230,000 from the Warm Homes Fund an innovative fund established by National Grid.

We are providing match funding to support installations in the area, whilst additional funding is being channelled in through the Government's Energy Company Obligation programme.

The scheme aims to install 100 first time gas central heating systems in homes across Hertsmere, North Hertfordshire and East Hertfordshire, helping eligible householders switch to a more cost effective fuel and efficient home heating system.

There are also separate grants available to help connect homes to the mains gas network where required.

YES Energy Solutions is managing the scheme on behalf of the councils and will be coordinating the installations through their network of accredited installers.

Householders interested in the opportunity are encouraged to contact YES Energy Solutions on **01422 880100** to see if they are eligible for support.



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