



Partner News August 2022

Team updates

In March the Scottish Government announced that it would be increasing investment in the Home Energy Scotland programme to boost capacity by 20% and allow us to support an additional 12,000 households a year.¹ In the South East we have been busy creating development opportunities for existing staff and hiring and training new Energy Advisors. We have a well-resourced and enthusiastic team supporting our Partnerships work:

Morag Cockburn, Senior Partnerships Officer

Courtney Hair, Senior Advisor - Partnerships

Sophie Duncan, Partnerships Advisor

Hazel Anderson, Project Officer

Caroline Okoe, Energy Carer

Niall Murphy, Energy Carer

Kehinde Moses, Senior Advisor - Energy Care

Exciting update on Warmer Homes Scotland

As well as increasing investment in Home Energy Scotland, Scottish Government has extended the eligibility criteria for Warmer Homes Scotland, meaning many more people will be able to access this funded programme:

- Anyone 16 years or older and in receipt of a passport benefit (such as income support, pension credit or universal credit) will be eligible for a new fabric only stream. We estimate that **111,000 additional households** in Scotland could be eligible.
- Pensionable age, no working heating system and in receipt of a passport benefit has become **aged over 60, no working heating system and in receipt of a passport benefit.**
- Aged over 75 and in receipt of a passport benefit has become **aged over 60 and in receipt of a passport benefit.**
- They are also introducing a new eligibility criteria, allowing those **aged 75 and over** access to the scheme if they have **no working heating system, with no benefits receipt requirement.**

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/news/tackling-the-cost-of-living-crisis/>

We are all acutely aware of how rising cost of living and energy bills are impacting households. As well as short term, low-cost savings and emergency help, the best thing we can do for the longer term is to reduce energy consumption by helping customers make their home more efficient. Warmer Homes Scotland is one of the main ways that Home Energy Scotland can support, and we have helped over 27,000 households since 2015 when the programme started.

Find out more

You may have already attended one of our drop-in sessions but if you would like to hear more, please sign up for our webinar hosted by Home Energy Scotland and Warmworks, providing a comprehensive overview of the Warmer Homes Scotland programme and the new criteria.

Wednesday, 14 September 10am - 11.30am

Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/WarmerHomesScotlandevent> (held on Zoom)

See attached our partner leaflet summarising the new criteria.

The Home Energy Scotland competition is back! (and bigger than ever)

We're offering people in Scotland the chance to win money to put towards their energy bills and pick up some energy saving tips along the way! By testing your knowledge in our competition and leaving your details, you'll be in with a chance to win big. There are five first place prizes of £750 and five runner up prizes of £500 waiting to be won across Scotland.

Enter now and share these posts on social media to help spread the word:

Facebook: <https://bit.ly/FacebookCompPost>

Twitter: <https://bit.ly/TwitterCompPost>

Edinburgh Draught Proofing Project

We are continuing to work in partnership with Care and Repair Edinburgh, who, with support from Greenshoots Fund, are able to offer a free draught-proofing service for older or disabled Edinburgh residents.

Draught proofing wooden doors and windows can be one of the cheapest and most effective ways to save energy and money in any type of building. Our advisors can check eligibility for this service and refer to Care and Repair to carry out the work.

Hear from the team

Our advisors have been busy creating a series of videos on various aspects of the Home Energy Scotland service. Check them out and help us to share them far and wide:

Here is Kenny with 'What's Warmer Homes Scotland?'

<https://youtu.be/DHd2KIsO71o>

Upcoming events

Home Energy Scotland Summer Transport Events

Home Energy Scotland is hosting a series of outdoor active travel events this September. Attendees will have the opportunity to try out riding an ebike for free and experience a fun, easy and environmentally friendly way to travel. Plus find out more about the funding available to buy an ebike and enter our free prize draw to win a £100 Tiso voucher!

Sunday 4th September - Lochore Meadows Country Park, Fife

Saturday 10th September - Dalkeith Country Park, Midlothian.

Joining us will be Changeworks in Dalkeith, a new project to support households in Midlothian to save money and save carbon; and The Bike Station - offering free bike safety checks and repairs.

Saturday 17th September - Beecraigs Country Park, West Lothian.

Plus, Linlithgow Community Development Trust will offer free advice around renewable technologies and upcoming projects; West Lothian Council Ranger Services will join with Scottish Outdoor Access Code information, nature resources and a game for kids; and 1st Step with free on-the-spot bike checks and minor repairs!

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