



News Release

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Avoid Beast from the East with help from council for heating systems

Now that the cold weather has arrived, the council are taking the opportunity to remind homeowners and landlords across the district of their loan scheme to replace heating systems. The scheme has been developed to keep people warm and cosy in their homes over the winter months.

The loan scheme is open to people who heat their homes with gas, oil, Calor gas, LPG, electric or other sources and to those who do not currently have central heating installed. Eligible homeowners can choose their own contractor and there are a variety of loan products available to suit individual needs and means.

Cllr Hilary Bastone, South Hams District Council's Lead Member for Customer

First said: "People are not always aware that help is available. With the winter weather rearing its head again, we have been reminding residents of the various ways to look after themselves and those who are vulnerable in our communities.

"The wellbeing of every person in our community is important and this is why the Council has been working closely with Wessex Resolutions, to bring heating systems to residents' homes.

"It's quite easy to get onto the scheme and we urge residents to think about it as an investment for this and many winters to come."

Wessex Resolutions CIC is a not-for-profit finance provider working in close partnership with the council to deliver the loan scheme. The Partnership has been running for over ten years across Devon and has helped a huge variety of homeowners, from people simply requiring a new gas boiler to those needing the whole system installed, through to people living in off-gas properties or those that have lived without heating for years because they did not know help was available.

If your boiler has packed up or your current system is inefficient or non-existent, a loan funded by the council can help spread the cost of a replacement but let you enjoy the benefit right away.

Through providing loans, the council are ensuring that funds for homeowners are sustainable which means that every repayment goes back into the council pot to lend to homeowners in the future.

For more information, call Wessex Resolutions direct on 01823 461099, visit www.wrcic.org.uk or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk.

Loans have a fixed interest rate and typical 4.2 APR and are subject to status. Missing future payments could affect your credit rating and ability to obtain credit in the future. Wessex Resolutions CIC may insist on loans being protected at the Land Registry by a Title Restriction.

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Wessex Resolutions CIC is a not-for profit organisation and a Responsible Finance Provider. Established in 2003, we work in partnership with 20 local authorities across the South West to provide council subsidised loans to enable homeowners to make essential home repairs. To date, we have recycled over five million pounds of local authority funds for the benefit of future clients.

Our advisers visit people in their own homes to discuss how loans work in partnership with their local council and to complete a thorough financial assessment. We are able to assist a wide range of homeowners with an even wider range of

repair issues; our loans are used to fund issues such as a straightforward boiler replacement to installation of a full central heating system, solve damp and leaking roof issues, resolve structural issues or replace draughty windows to name a few.

We often visit clients who have lived in damp, cold or leaking homes for far too long simply because they did not know that their local council had funds available through Wessex Resolutions to assist. Councils provide subsidised loan funds to ensure that the funds are recycled and sustainable and Wessex resolutions are the delivery agent to manage those funds.

Loans have a fixed interest rate and typical 4.2% APR and are subject to status. Missing Future payments could affect your credit rating and ability to obtain credit in the future. Wessex Resolutions CIC may insist on loans being protected at the Land Registry by a Title Restriction.

We would be happy to discuss our work in more detail with you, please give us a call on 01823 461 099 and ask for Harriet Munday or Ellie Lister.

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