

## **HELP WITH IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN YOUR HOME**

As part of the project to make some Melton homes warmer, greener and improve efficiency, Melton Parish Council has pulled together this fact sheet to try and help you find your way through the myriad of information about what's available in Grants, subsidies and interest free loans.

Funding is available depending on the type of scheme, the household income and whether you are in receipt of benefits or not. Interestingly, many of the schemes are available to you as a homeowner, tenant or landlord, but of course, improving your home will depend on whether you have permission from the property owner to introduce or make improvements to the property.

Help can be available for both loft and wall insulation but may also be available to replace old boilers, introduce solar panels and repair old windows or doors.

Because of the drive to reduce carbon emissions in the UK to zero by 2050, Central Government has made funds available to local authorities to make improvements and save energy, thereby improving carbon emissions while saving you money and keeping you warmer. In all cases, this will be subject to availability of funds and on occasions your personal circumstances. But not all grants are means tested so do apply if you think you meet the criteria.

We hope you will find this information useful. Melton Parish Council will be keeping an eye on any new initiatives that come along and information on these schemes will be made available via the Council's website.

Cllr Alan Porter

Chair Melton Parish Council

## RECEIVING BENEFITS

- ECO4 Cavity wall Insulation Grant – Available to those receiving qualifying benefits; are either homeowners or private tenants; electrically heated property.  
<https://ukenergysupport.co.uk/free-cavity-wall-insulation-grants/>
- ECO4 Loft Insulation Grant – Available to those on income related benefits or claiming tax credits; are either homeowners or private tenants; electrically heated property.  
<https://ukenergysupport.co.uk/loft-insulation-grants/>
- ECO4 Electric Heating System – Available to those receiving income related benefits; Homeowner or private tenant; Have an electrically heated property  
<https://ukenergysupport.co.uk/best-electric-heating-system/>
- ECO4 Storage Heaters – Free storage heaters available if your home is heated by electric heaters; Homeowner or Private Tenant; get income related benefits; Pensioner and Over 60 years old; The main Fuel source is Electric. <https://ukenergysupport.co.uk/free-storage-heaters/>
- Eco4 Solar Panels - Solar panels to reduce energy bills.  
<https://www.energygrants.org.uk/copy-of-air-source-heat-pumps> Solar panels to reduce energy bills

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME LESS THAN £30,000

- Warm Homes Suffolk Grant – Improvements of insulation and draft exclusion. Applies to homes with a D, E, F or G energy rating. <https://www.warmhomessuffolk.org>
- Warm Homes Healthy People - Grants for First Time Central Heating. **Boiler or heater stopped working?** Warm Homes Healthy People can lend you electric heaters and point you in the direction of any grant funding available such as assistance in applying for a local authority renovation or home assistance grant. **Do you own or privately rent your property?** Warm Homes Healthy People can arrange for an **independent surveyor** to visit your home and discuss energy efficiency improvements that could make a real difference to your heating bills. The project can also access grants to help pay for **insulation** and basic **draught proofing**. Call Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037 686 or email [whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)
- Minor Works Grant – a grant of between £500 and £5000 to help with house repairs. In receipt of a means tested benefit. Combined income of no more than £15,000 after deducting housing costs (mortgage, rent and council tax)  
<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/grants/renovation-grants/minor-works-grants/>

## OTHER

- Boiler Upgrade Scheme – If you own the property (including as a landlord) and plan to install a new boiler; If you are replacing a fossil fuel heating system (oil, gas, electric); and the property is fully insulated; and you are off the gas grid. You may be eligible for a grant to install a air or ground source heat pump or biomass boiler <https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme>

- The Green Suffolk Organisation – provides useful advice on Green loans; simple energy advice; Green Tariffs; LED lighting; Heating controls. <https://www.greensuffolk.org/low-impact/energy>
- Suffolk Greener Homes 0% Loan scheme – Loans of up to £5000 at 0% interest to help homes cut their energy use. <https://www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/energy/loans-for-energy-efficiency/>
- Lofty Heights – a decluttering service to help you prepare for the improvements you want to make to your home or to help improve safety of occupants <https://lofty-heights.org/our-services/decluttering>

#### **COMMUNITY BUYING SCHEMES**

- Solar Together Suffolk - a group-buying scheme, which gives you the opportunity to buy high quality solar panels at a highly competitive price. <http://www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk/>

#### **FRIENDSHIP AND COMPANIONSHIP (WARM ROOMS)**

MELTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month; Burness Parish Rooms; 10:00

ST ANDREWS GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month; St Andrews Church Hall  
10:00

ST ANDREWS WARM ROOM SCHEME - Every Tuesday morning for tea and toast 10:00