

## **PRESS RELEASE FROM EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - 11/11/2013**

### **Bubble, bubble, boiler no trouble**

Residents can replace their rusty, old, money-wasting boilers with free, new, efficient, money-saving ones.

If a boiler is more than 10-years-old residents could qualify for a grant to have an A-rated boiler installed for absolutely no cost as part of a government scheme to keep all Britons warm.

Installing a new boiler could save as much as £300 a year on heating.

To qualify residents need to live in a privately owned or rented property and receive certain means-tested benefits. If the requirements are met, there is also funding available to help insulate homes.

The scheme, which is called Affordable Warmth, is funded by the Energy Company Obligation (ECO), which is a government initiative to cut energy bills.

Cllr David Parkinson, East Hampshire District Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning, said: "Schemes like this are vital for ensuring that households are not left suffering through the chilly winter nights.

"This scheme is especially important to help the elderly, disabled and those with families who may struggle to keep up with the rising costs of heating their houses.

"I urge you to make the most of this great offer while it's on the table."

There's a draught-busting workshop happening at the Eco-station on Camp Road in Bordon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 1pm.

Learn some simple measures to trap heat and reduce energy bills, and enjoy some free vegetable soup.

To find out if you are eligible for the government's Affordable Warmth scheme contact the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234 or visit [energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk).