

Action on Energy – turning rental properties into cosy homes



Do you rent out or are you a tenant living in a home built before 1940? If so, you may be interested to know that Action on Energy Cambridgeshire is offering landlords in Cambridge grant funding to install solid wall insulation. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of their properties, and to help make their tenants more comfortable. Landlords with solid wall properties (typically pre-1940s) can claim up to £6,000 (typically up to 75% of the total costs) for internal or external wall insulation. A further grant of up to £1,000 can pay for other energy efficiency measures, including boiler upgrades and loft insulation.

Landlords with more modern properties are eligible for grants of up to £2,000 towards either cavity wall or loft insulation,

plus one other energy efficiency measure.

New legislation expected in 2018 will require all eligible rented domestic properties to have an EPC (energy performance certificate) rating of at least an 'E'. Landlords taking up the Action on Energy offer now will get ahead of the game! As an extra incentive, landlords bringing 'F' or 'G' rated properties up to at least a 'D' rating will receive £500.

Tenants can receive a payment of up to £500 if a landlord installs solid wall insulation, or up to £100 if any other measure is installed, through Action on Energy.

Accessing these grants starts with a Green Deal Assessment of the property, available at a discounted rate of £29 per property (refunded if insulation is installed). A technical survey will list the

recommended energy efficiency measures, their costs, the amount of grant funding that can be claimed and the contribution that will need to be paid by the landlord. Finance through a Green Deal Plan is an option – with payments made through energy savings on the electricity bill.

This government funding must be spent by March 2015, so act now! Tenants and landlords can call Action on Energy now on 0800 093 3303 (quote AOE_CamCityLandlord) to speak to an advisor and book a Green Deal Assessment.

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Cambridge homeowners living in properties with solid brick walls can also take advantage of Action on Energy grant funding of up to £6,000 for solid wall insulation. For details call 0800 093 3303.

The type of solid wall insulation installed may depend on whether it is likely to change the appearance of the property. If this is the case, planning permission may be required or internal insulation may be more appropriate. Planning permission will be required if the property is in a conservation area. Action on Energy is working with local planning officers to make the process as simple as possible. For advice on your property contact the duty planning officer on 01223 457200 or email planning@cambridge.gov.uk to arrange a free 15 minute consultation.

Action on Energy is organising a series of free energy advice surgeries in Cambridgeshire for landlords to discuss their property portfolios. If you are interested in attending an energy surgery please email info@actiononenergy.net or call 0800 093 3303.

Open Eco Homes event

As a follow-up to its annual Open Eco Homes event in September, Cambridge Carbon Footprint has some free, practical events during the autumn to help if you want to put inspiration into practice, and start making your home more low-energy and comfortable.



Event name	Date/Time	Venue
Getting Started	Wed 1 Oct, 7:30pm	St Pauls, Hills Road
Solid Wall Insulation	Tue 7 Oct, 7:30pm	Christ Church, Christchurch Street
Low-carbon Energy	Wed 15 Oct, 7:30pm	St Pauls, Hills Road
Personal Stories	Wed 22 Oct, 7:30pm	Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane
An Energy Researcher's Home	Wed 12th Nov, 7:30pm	34 Linden Close, Cambridge

For more information and booking visit www.openecohomes.org or phone 01223 301842.