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Grants on offer for hard to heat homes

People across Lichfield District are being encouraged to apply for a Green Homes Grant to make their homes warmer in the winter, less expensive to heat, and kinder to the environment.

The government's Green Homes Grant scheme offers homeowners and residential landlords across England the chance to apply for a voucher towards the cost of installing energy efficient improvements in their home.

Improvements could include insulating your home to reduce your energy use or installing low-carbon heating to lower the amount of carbon dioxide your home produces.

Vouchers will cover two-thirds of the cost of eligible improvements, up to a maximum government contribution of £5,000.

If you, or someone in your household, receive certain benefits you may be eligible for a voucher covering 100% of the cost of improvements up to £10,000.

Through its energy advice service - Warmer Homes, Greener District - Lichfield District Council is urging its residents to take advantage of this national scheme and not to miss out on the opportunity to install energy saving measures in local homes.

Councillor Angela Lax, Cabinet Member responsible for Housing, said: "The Green Homes Grant scheme offers an amazing opportunity to install energy saving measures at a fraction of the cost.

"Not only will it help keep homes warmer in the winter, but it could help cut fuel bills and lower the amount of carbon produced locally.

"Measures that are covered through the scheme include insulation, low carbon heating, draft proofing, heating controls and insulation.

"Our Warmer Homes, Greener District advisors can help local homeowners with the application process, such as checking for eligibility."

For advice on how to access this and other grants, please call the council's Warmer homes, Greener District free energy advice line on **0800 677 1543**.

The Green Homes Grant scheme will never include official representatives coming to your property uninvited or cold calling on the phone to encourage you to join the scheme.

There will be many other companies that will be marketing access to the funding and the council is advising its residents to check companies' credentials carefully and call Warmer Homes, Greener District for guidance if you are unsure.

To find out more about the Green Homes Grant, visit www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme.

Vouchers must be redeemed and the improvements completed by 31 March 2021.

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