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Homeowners urged to take advantage of Green Deal

Householders across Daventry District are being advised to take advantage of a Government scheme which allows them to claim cash back on a range of energy saving improvements.

The Government Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (GDHIF) allows people to claim back some of the money they spend installing energy efficiency improvements in their home.

Up to £5,600 is available to households in England and Wales to help with the cost of installing certain energy saving measures such as solid wall insulation, double glazing, boilers, cavity wall and floor insulation.

It is the third time the Government has released funds through the GDHIF since it launched in June 2014, with £70million up for grabs this time.

People will be able to apply for up to £3,750 for installing solid wall insulation, while £1,250 is being offered towards the cost of installing any two of a number of improvements.

These include a condensing gas boiler on mains gas, double or triple glazing as a replacement for single glazing and replacement doors or storage heaters. Residents who apply within one year of buying a new home can receive up to £500 more.

To complete the two-stage application process, householders will need a Green Deal Advice Report (GDAR) if seeking funds to help cover the cost of the measures, or an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) that is less than two years old.

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They must also have a quote from a GDHIF registered installer or provider for the work specified in the GDAR or EPC, as well as proof they own the property.

The cashback will be paid once the Green Deal provider has confirmed the work has been carried out and arranged for the home's EPC or GDAR to be updated. Payment for work carried out can be made upfront or in instalments through heating bills.

Councillor Daniel Cribbin, Environment portfolio holder at Daventry District Council, said: "The scheme offers an affordable way for people to make energy saving improvements in their homes without necessarily having to have the upfront cash.

"Demand for this scheme is high so we are encouraging people in Daventry District to act quickly and look into this as a way of improving the energy efficiency of their home while saving money on heating bills."

The Council is working with the Flourish Partnership to promote the scheme. Please contact help@flourishpartnership.org.uk or phone 0800 488 0543 to be put in touch with contractors registered with the scheme and find out more information on the different finance options.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures

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The Council's Objectives

Daventry District Council's vision to 'Develop a Better District' has four supporting objectives: To Improve our Business Economy, Protect and Enhance the Environment and Healthy, Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals and Effective and Efficient Council. Underpinning these objectives are the council's priorities over the next three years, such as increasing healthier living, cleaner open spaces and reducing waste and energy use. More details can be found at www.daventrydc.gov.uk

The Council's Values

Daventry District Council staff and members work to six key values:

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Placing the customer at the heart at of everything we do; communicating openly and honestly with the public; striving for continuous improvement and excellence in everything we do; demonstrating good leadership, respect and effective team working; achieving positive outcomes for the community through delivery of high-quality services and community empowerment; promoting and valuing the district's diversity.