

Green Homes Grant – North Runcton Parish Council wants to highlight this for all its parishioners and all residents in West Norfolk

We are all increasingly aware of the need to reduce carbon emissions and our homes contribute about 18% of total emissions (2018 UK greenhouse gas emissions, BEIS). It is also a fact that emissions for the West Norfolk district are the third highest of any district authority in England. So, what can **we** do to play our part in moving towards net zero emissions?

The government has announced the Green Homes Grant which is designed to enable homeowners and private landlords to receive financial support for installing energy efficient property improvements. The subsidy comes in the form of a voucher which will cover two thirds of the cost up to a maximum government contribution of £5000. If someone in your household receive certain benefits, you may qualify for a voucher paying 100% of the cost up to a maximum of £10000.

The application process is very straightforward and if you go to the Simple Energy Advice web site at www.simplenergyadvice.org.uk, not only will you be able to complete the application form, you will also find a useful section to help you identify what form of heat efficiency package it would be best for you to apply for.

You must apply for a 'primary' measure and then can apply for a 'secondary' measure as well.

Primary Measures

Insulation:

Solid wall
Cavity wall
Under-floor insulation
Loft
Flat roof
Room in roof
Park home insulation

Low carbon heat:

Air source heat pump
Ground source heat pump
Solar thermal
Biomass boilers

Secondary Measures

Windows and doors:

Draught proofing
Double/triple glazing
Secondary glazing
Energy efficient replacement doors

Heating controls and insulation:

Hot water tank thermostats
Heating controls
Hot water tank insulation

There is a tight timescale for applying for grants, the scheme ends March 31st 2021, but if you go through the Simple Energy Advice web site, the process is relatively straightforward.

North Runcton Parish Council is currently considering ways in which we can offer further support to this initiative – and for 'low carbon' projects in general.

If you would like further information on the Green Homes Grant or have ideas about how North Runcton can play an active role in reducing emissions, please contact either Cllr. Rick Morrish cllrmorrish@northrunctonpc.co.uk) or Cllr. Lee Stevens (cllrstevens@northrunctonpc.co.uk)

