



SUSTAINABLE AXBRIDGE NETWORK

Home Energy & Insulation: The Warm Streets Scheme

As most of you know, having a well insulated house is the first key step to reducing your domestic carbon emissions, keeping your house warmer in the winter and even cooler in the summer. It really is a quick win and with this scheme even cheaper to achieve.

Sustainable Axbridge Network has joined a group called the Axevale Consortium for Energy (ACE). This is a collaboration of green groups like ourselves in the villages of Wedmore, Shipham, Winscombe & Sandford, Cheddar & Draycott. ACE has been selected by the Centre for Sustainable Energy as one of six community groups to join their pilot project for the Warm Streets scheme.

The Warm Streets scheme is sponsored by Scottish and Southern Energy and gets further financial support from all the district councils in Somerset.

The aim of the scheme is to improve the level of insulation in the houses in our area either through loft insulation or cavity wall insulation, or both in suitable buildings.

How does it work?

Step 1:

As a group we encourage as many people as possible to apply for a **free** survey of their property to assess their insulation need. This is done by a specialist surveyor who will be able to answer all your questions about the scheme and your insulation.

There are three ways to get your free survey:

- 1) Get some local help from one of our members and fill in a referral form. Please email info@sustainableaxbridge.org.uk or phone David on 01934 733762
- 2) Call the Energy Saving Trust advice centre on 0800 512012 PLEASE QUOTE THE REFERENCE 'ACE'
- 3). Email warmstreets@cse.org.uk and request a survey – again PLEASE QUOTE THE REFERENCE 'ACE'

Step 2:

The surveyor will give you a quote for the insulation cost. You will receive at least a 50% discount by using the scheme and for some people, those on benefits, a low income or over 70 years young it could well be **FREE**.

Step 3:

If you decide to go ahead with the work it will be done by a qualified installer.

The main idea is that as many properties as possible have their insulation upgraded to the maximum level. However as a group we do earn time with the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) in Bristol. So the more referrals we arrange, the more time we earn for the CSE to help all our local green groups to undertake more projects, eg a feasibility study for a car club or training on how to develop energy descent plans.

Also, if you can please pass this information on to all your friends and family wherever they may be in Somerset that would be great.