

Case Study: PECT Green Festival & Healthy Homes



Healthy Homes

Fuel bills rising? Boiler on the blink? The independent charity Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) is here to help with its new Healthy Homes project, which aims to assist residents in Peterborough and Fenland to enjoy affordable warmth.

This community-based project, funded by the British Gas Energy Trust, aims to help local residents save money and improve the energy efficiency of their homes, whilst also lowering the carbon footprint of local communities and conserving limited natural resources.

“Through a free home visit, I can advise residents on energy tariffs, the national Warm Home Discount, available grant funding and positive behaviour that saves hundreds of pounds annually,” explains Project Officer Sam Bosson. “In addition to this, everyone will receive a free home energy pack, and even home improvements for residents who meet the criteria.”

This service is available to residents throughout Peterborough and Fenland, whether or not you own your own home.

PECT Green Festival 2016

The PECT Green Festival is an annual event which brings together attractions, community groups, charities and businesses to celebrate everything ‘green’ in Peterborough. The 2016 Festival launched on 13th August in Cathedral Square, with attractions including a cycle-powered sound system, eco art installations and local food demonstrations, as well as fringe events during the following week. Read more about the 2016 event at www.pect.org.uk/GreenFest.



The results



The Healthy Homes team manned a stall in Cathedral Square on the launch day of the Green Festival, with the aim of helping as many Peterborough residents as possible to reduce their energy costs:

- 150 free energy saving packs were distributed. Each pack included guidance on cutting fuel bills as well as simple gadgets to support this, such as low energy light bulbs.
- Festival-goers had the chance to enter an energy saving quiz, with solar phone/ tablet chargers awarded to the three highest scoring entries.
- The Healthy Homes team was on hand to provide advice and book energy advice home visits, which will be carried out during autumn 2016. A home visit provides an overall review of a household's energy use, including a price comparison for a cheaper energy provider or tariff, eligibility assessment for the £140 Warm Home Discount and behaviour change tips to cut bills. Households can also be referred on to partner organisations or for home improvements such as loft insulation or boilers, if needed. On average, a household will save £295p.a. as a result of the visit.
- Healthy Homes Project Officer, Sam Bosson, said "This year's Green Festival was a fantastic event in terms of the numbers of people booking an appointment and the general interest shown in this kind of project. Over 70% of households are still on the expensive 'standard' tariff so there are huge potential savings for people that sign up."

For more information

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