**Something for the weekend....Action #34: Keep the cold out and (green) energy in**

A few weeks ago BCP announced gritters would be out across main highways due to predicted freezing temperatures. Winter is here.

If you haven't already, now would be a good time to do a quick spot check on the insulation of your home. We're not talking radical building works and window replacements; but simple, affordable steps to save wasted energy fighting cold drafts sneaking in through windows and doors.

Then check out your thermostat and programme the timer on your boiler. If you feel the need to hit the overide button, check what you're wearing - can you try adding a layer first?! According to MoneySupermarket, turning down your thermostat just one degree and putting on a jumper can cut your bills by £80 per year.

For further impartial guidance, have a quick read of this article by [Energy Saving Trust](https://www.facebook.com/EnergySavingTrust/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARAPFUPnGdcxhNcYy04GicSIxT6tB6hd25V6dq00DGGd5RYGzUvkt0LCzOqOIFiLel0zCsVItXu-4Zn_&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group):

[https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-insulation/draught-proofing](https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-insulation/draught-proofing?fbclid=IwAR0d_clzO4-L7SU3hmmSlGETiTa1466pOwyXafnM4TKLho9ol3vJOobNnjQ)

Making simple adaptations, ultimately, will use less energy to heat your home, which is an important plus for our environment.

And on the subject of energy, is your supplier investing in and using renewable energy resources, such as wind power or biofuel?

Or is it primarily drawn from fossil fuels, like coal and oil? Again, head on over to the Energy Saving Trust website for more information:

[https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/switching-utilities/buying-green-electricity](https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/switching-utilities/buying-green-electricity?fbclid=IwAR3PuifcBUw1ZAEI_QYZJgjCyGS5-mv0kDgTa7ogzZhMLID1DPCUKgSgksE)

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There are a growing number of green energy companies; so tariffs are becoming more competitive and affordable.

It is true to say many will draw from a mix of fossil fuels and renewable energy; some simply pay to offset their carbon emissions. Either way, the way green energy is produced has become much more efficient and therefore more power is being generated.

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The more we invest in such companies, by providing our custom, the greater the drive to achieving fully sustainable energy for the future. Because fossil fuels will not be there to serve us.