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Toasty flats this winter for 46 families living in Worthing

Photo opportunity:
1.30pm on Tuesday 18th August at Goring Chase, Worthing

This winter will be warmer for the families of 46 flat -dwellers who live at the Goring Chase Estate in Worthing, which is the home of the Federation Chairman Bob Smytherman who is also a member of the End fuel poverty coalition. Next week all three blocks of flats on the estate will have the cavity walls installed which will be a first for a leasehold block in Worthing.

Unlike a house or even a house converted into some flats the scale of arranging funding for all the residents is a huge and complicated task – making this quite a unique scheme. Now residents can look forward to saving about £115 a year on heating bills, cutting CO² emissions and having healthier homes.

Worthing Borough Council, the Goring Chase Residents Association, West Sussex Healthy Homes Partnership and contractors The Mark Group have worked together to get this project off the ground and work starts next week (17/8/09).

Most of the residents have contributed £99 of the £175 full cost. Further funding has been organised through the warmer home grants scheme and subsidy from the carbon emission reduction target (CERT) from power companies.

Chief Executive of the Federation of Private Residents Associations, Robert Levene said:

“This is a fantastic achievement by our Chairman setting an excellent example in his own block for others to work towards. Congratulations to Bob and all those involved, it has taken a lot of hard work to get to this point. It is very important that all of us living in leasehold properties can have the same opportunities to be as energy efficient as someone living in a house?”

Chairman of the Goring Chase Residents Association Bob Smytherman said: "On behalf of the residents of Goring Chase can I thank Rebecca Jones of the West Sussex Healthy Homes Partnership. and Joanne Ley from Worthing Borough Council for all their help and advice over the last 18 months bringing this project together."

"Despite a number of legal obstacles faced by private leaseholders Rebecca continued to work with the committee to find a solution and I would urge anyone living in a private leasehold flat to contact their managing agent to discuss the options for insulating their building."

Rebecca Jones, the county's Fuel Poverty Coordinator, working for the West Sussex Healthy Homes Partnership said:

“It’s great news that we have finally managed to help the residents achieve warmer, healthier homes. Not heating your home to a sensible level can make it harder to recover from colds and flu as well as increasing the risk to vulnerable people of respiratory problems, heart attack and stroke. Don’t suffer in silence - anyone worried about their fuel bills should call the Home Heat Helpline 0800 336699 for free help and advice or the Energy Savings Trust 0800 512 012 to find out about help to get your home insulated and draft-proofed.”

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Notes to Editors:

The Healthy Homes Partnership brings together agencies across West Sussex to work together to address and reduce the impacts of fuel poverty. Healthy Homes Partnership members include West Sussex Primary Care Trust, all West Sussex local authorities, West Sussex County Council, Age Concern West Sussex and other interested organisations. The work of the Healthy Homes Partnership has been nationally recognised and has won two regional awards through the NEA Affordable Warmth Sustainable World Award Scheme (jointly sponsored by British Gas and DECC). The Fuel Poverty Coordinator is based at Arun District Council's offices and can be contacted on 01903 737537/ 077733 125702.

Goring Chase Residents Association Ltd is responsible for the day to day management of the Goring Chase Estate and is a Not for Profit Company Limited by Shares with each of the flats being shareholders within the company and in addition are members of the **Federation of Private Residents' Associations** who are a Non-Political , not-for-profit advice, support and lobbying organisation for private residential leaseholders, tenants' and residents' associations, and residential management companies and are active members of the End Fuel Coalition of organisations that are campaigning for the eradication of fuel poverty. <http://www.fpra.org.uk>

The FPRA exists to advise and support leaseholders (flat owners) and residential management companies, to lobby for the interests of leaseholders, to be a forum for debate and to keep members informed of legal and practical developments in leasehold matters. The FPRA was set up in 1971 as a non-political, non-profit making voluntary organisation by a group of private sector residents' associations. It became a limited company in 1986. Its directors are unpaid volunteers, and have long experience in leasehold matters.

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