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Circular Dorking - HEAT and Home Energy Showcase - November 2026: PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Reducing energy bills, keeping cosy and reducing emissions is a hot topic for many home-owners and renters, especially with energy prices rising by 13% in July and a further price cap adjustment due 1st October. Fortunately, having a Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT) close at hand means residents living in and around Dorking, its surrounding villages and Surrey as a whole can get free advice on making their homes as energy efficient as possible.

In May 2025, a community consortium led by Zero Carbon Guildford with Circular Dorking, Energy Action Redhill & Reigate and Surrey Climate Commission won a two-year funding bid from the Energy Saving Trust's Energy Redress Scheme to provide local residents with home energy surveys, energy advice, infrared heat loss imagery and guidance on securing grants.

The HEAT energy surveys are completely free and totally impartial. There is no cold calling or pressure to buy expensive equipment or services. Trained community 'Energy Champions' carry out a 45 to 60 minute thermal imaging survey and provide residents with a written report with suggestions and bespoke referrals to further support if relevant.

Paul Street, co-founder of Circular Dorking, said: "We've been carrying out Home Energy Advice Team surveys for over three years and consistently receive extremely high customer feedback scores. We've helped hundreds of local residents save money and make their homes more energy efficient, including access to discounted loft insulation and free issued small measures like draught excluders and LED bulbs. We've added more trained volunteers to our Team so we can help an even greater number of local households improve their energy efficiency as we head towards the Winter and with further increases to energy costs looming."

The HEAT surveys are a great example of members of the community delivering positive action and building resilience by creating a more circular sustainable local economy. Not only do the surveys help residents reduce their energy bills and their carbon emissions, there can be health benefits too - HEAT reports include advice on making homes more comfortable during high temperatures in the Summer as well as when the weather is a lot colder. Additional benefits include reducing draughts and the risk of health impacting mould, as well as providing help and guidance on accessing grants.

Following the success of its inaugural Home Energy Showcase in March, Circular Dorking is hosting a second showcase at Pippbrook House in November. HEAT's Energy Champions will be on hand at the event (10.30am - 4pm on 14th November 2026) to offer advice and book home energy surveys. Alongside HEAT will be trusted suppliers with energy saving solutions including renewable energy sources and technologies, with local experts and energy professionals on hand to share their experiences through a programme of informative talks.

You can find out more about HEAT and information about the Home Energy Showcase at:
https://circulardorking.org.uk/projects_category/current/



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