



Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council

Thermal Imaging Camera

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What was the project?

The parish council paid for the hiring of a professional thermal imaging camera for just over a week to offer our residents a free heat loss survey to identify weak insulation spots in their home and empower them to take action to address problems. This would make their homes more energy efficient, reduce harmful emissions and save them money for the long term. We undertook this project to support our residents with the cost of living crisis and a rise in people's energy bills.

What steps did you take?

The Parish Council supported a local community group to help run the project. Henley Climate Action volunteers put in a huge amount of time in the preparation, event itself and after the event to collate reports. Myself, as a councillor, on the parish council met with Henley Climate Action to chair meetings, assign tasks and make a plan for the event itself.

Timescales, costs etc

We first pitched the idea to our residents as part of a pop up stand in June 2023. The pop up stand was conducted for the South Warwickshire Climate Engagement Programme where we put six project ideas to our residents. The heat loss survey was one of these. After the event, I met with Henley Climate Action and we began organising the project which took place in January 2024. The parish council paid roughly £500 for the camera hire (including VAT) for just over a week. One of our residents had been quoted a similar figure to hire the camera just for themselves. By the Parish Council hiring it, we allowed multiple residents to benefit from a camera survey completely free of charge.

What was the benefit?

Residents who took part in the project expressed their thanks for having the opportunity to have their homes surveyed for free. Some had mentioned they had looked into purchasing a survey themselves but stopped when faced with the cost. And by saving on not having to hire the camera, residents could spend money on fixing identified issues.

Future steps

Councillors, volunteers and the public were positive in the feedback about our project. We even received enquiries from out of the area to see if we would offer a survey. Due to this demand it is likely we will put on another similar project next winter. We have also begun discussions to see if we could obtain grants to provide insulation alongside the free heat loss survey project. That way, we can more effectively reach our residents most in need.