

## **Inclement Weather Support in Rutland – 16/03/13**

### **Information provided by Rutland County Council and collated by Voluntary Action Rutland.**

#### 1. Support Information details

There is a page on the County Council website with information and contact numbers for issues related to the cold weather

The website is [http://www.rutland.gov.uk/transport\\_and\\_streets/winter\\_weather.aspx](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/winter_weather.aspx)

#### 2. Heating repairs

There is a limited financial support fund to assist people receiving council tax benefit to repair a limited number of heating systems should they not be working, install room thermostats/controls or replace a few boilers should they be irreparable. The Council may also be able to do small insulation improvements and help people get relevant grants. Please note funding will only last till April 1.

In the first instance contact Julie Lewis at the Rutland Care and Repair Team 01780 460032.

If unavailable contact Richard Chubb, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Rutland County Council [rchubb@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:rchubb@rutland.gov.uk) or telephone 01572 722577

#### 3. Gas Checks

The Council are doing a limited number of free gas safe checks of people's gas appliances (boilers, fires etc) over the winter, possibly oil boilers and LPG boilers also.

Richard Chubb is the main contact, send details to [rchubb@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:rchubb@rutland.gov.uk), 01572 722577.

#### 4. Emergency Oil provision

Rutland county Council also have some limited funding for emergency provision of oil/lpg for those who have run out and can't afford to buy more etc.

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#### 5. Energy Action for Rutland

Energy Action for Rutland are up and running for another winter and I would strongly advise everyone struggling this winter to request a home visit. They are saving people hundreds of pounds through simple advice, tariff changes, helping people get grants, solving problems. Details to be recorded as normal at VAR and passed on to Energy Action Officers.

#### 6. Emergency Response Vehicles

Andrew Murr organises an emergency four wheel drive response team for the County Council.