

URGENT INFORMATION FROM 'AGE UK'

Don't leave park homes out in the cold!

Age UK has launched its campaign for warm park homes with an event in the House of Commons. Over 30 MPs attended and more have since pledged their support for the campaign, by signing the Early Day Motion (whereby MPs are calling for a debate on the issue) This is all very encouraging.



THE DIFFICULTIES PARK HOME OWNERS FACE

Park Homes – especially older park homes – can be less energy efficient than other types of properties. Ninety-five per cent of park homes were built before 2005, where insulation standards weren't included in the British Standards for park homes.

Many sites are not connected to the mains gas grid, meaning residents have to rely on more expensive fuels such as Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG), oil and electricity.

While some park home residents can buy their energy directly from suppliers and therefore shop around for the best deals, many have a supply agreement with the park site owners, which can restrict their access to competitive energy tariffs and additional support such as the Warm Home Discount, Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and Priority Services Register.

LACK OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Many park home residents are on fixed incomes and their only hope of financing heating and home insulation measures is by accessing one of the Governments energy efficiency schemes.

However, with the Green Deal now closed and ECO contributions from energy suppliers typically insufficient to cover the full cost of heating systems, there is little support available to them.

That's why, through the campaign for warm park homes, Age UK is calling on the Government to roll out an energy efficiently scheme specifically tailored to park home residents, which would enable them to reduce their heating costs and keep warm and well in winter.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN AGE UK'S CAMPAIGN FOR WARM PARK HOMES.

Please [sign the online petition](#). Age UK will be handing the petition in to Amber Rudd, Secretary of State for Energy and Climatic Change in February, during Cold Homes Week.

You can also access Age UK's website to [read more about the campaign and download copies of the petition](#). They can be returned via Freepost (no stamp required) to the address given on the sheets. Please circulate them to your family, friends and neighbours and encourage them to support the campaign too.

You can watch the [campaign film](#) made by Age UK to illustrate the problems older people face in cold park homes.

With your help, many more older people will be able to keep warm and well in winter.

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