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Ashford's Future helps residents make energy and water Savings At Home Save water, save energy, save money!

Kennington and Bybrook residents have the chance to receive up to £300 worth of advice and equipment as part of the new energy and water efficiency project.

Regeneration company Ashford's Future has teamed up with Kent County Council, the Environment Agency and Ashford Borough Council to deliver the Savings at Home project to help Ashford's residents save water, energy and money.

Kennington and Bybrook householders can sign up to receive a free home visit from an energy and water efficiency expert, and gain invaluable advice on new ways to improve the sustainability of their homes.

Laurienne Tibbles, Ashford's Future Sustainability Manager, said: "One of our prime motivations is to make the Ashford growth area a truly sustainable place to live and work.

"Ashford is in a water-stressed area, and the likely future increases in gas and electricity prices might also add to pressure on household budgets. Increasing water and energy efficiency will reduce carbon emissions and is a positive step towards tackling climate change.

"The Savings at Home scheme will support existing residents to do everything they can to save energy, water, and money at the same time, and we would encourage as many people as possible to participate."

The project is being delivered on the key partners' behalf by environmental agency CEN (Creative Environmental Networks)

The CEN home visitors will provide in-home assistance by installing a selection of free gadgets including energy monitors, chimney balloons, tap aerators and reflective radiator panels.

They will also advise residents on more in depth activities they can do themselves to lower bills, such as installing cavity wall insulation and improving their central heating systems. Elderly householders, and those on certain means tested benefits, could also benefit from energy saving grants, which the Savings at Home project can help identify and deliver.



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Mike Bundy, one of the CEN surveyors, said: “We have been encouraged by the response we have had so far and everyone seems to be delighted with the free gadgets we are installing.

“It is not often that we are able to give away so many free things that in combination could save householders up to £300 a year on the gas and electricity bills”.

The current phase of the Savings at Home scheme will focus on delivering 450 free home visits to households in Kennington and Bybrook over the next few months. The scheme may then be extended to other neighbourhoods.

Residents in Kennington and Bybrook interested in taking up this offer should call free phone 0800 358 6663, and CEN will make a booking for a free home visit.

Any other Ashford residents interested in this scheme are also welcome to call CEN, who will place them on a waiting list for future phases.