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Get ready for Winter now with a free Home Energy Check

If you struggle to keep your home warm in the Winter months and pay your fuel bills you could be eligible for a free Home Energy Check as part of Age UK Surrey's Winter Warmth Programme.

Our Handy Person Service will deliver the free check in your home and will include:

- A conversation about your energy usage & support to change behaviour where necessary
- Installation of energy efficient measures (for example Draft excluders, Door Brush seals, Radflex radiator foil, Hot water cylinder Jacket, Insulation foam and low energy light bulbs)
- Providing guides relating to energy efficiency and keeping warm in Winter
- Signposting you to other Services where appropriate

We have just 50 checks available to older residents in Runnymede and Spelthorne. To enquire about the Home Energy Check and our Winter Warmth Programme please get in touch with us today.

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Media Information:

Fuel Poverty in Runnymede and Spelthorne:

- Spelthorne and Runnymede are the two most deprived Boroughs within Surrey.
- 17.4% of Spelthorne's Borough is over 65 (the 4th highest within all 11 Surrey boroughs).
- 2.4% of Spelthorne's Borough is over 85 (8th lowest within all 11 Surrey Boroughs).

- Spelthorne is ranked 1st with 3.2% of people with bad or very bad health, and ranked 2nd with 6.4% of people with day to day activities limited a lot by long term illness or disability.

About Age UK Surrey:

Age UK Surrey is an independent local charity. We work across Surrey to help improve the lives of older people. Our services are designed to enable older people remain independent and informed, healthy and active and connected to their communities. We help combat loneliness and social isolation.

Numbers of people over 85 continues to grow in Surrey:

- A 25% rise since 2001;
- 32,300 people in this age group (2014).
- Nearly 214,000 people are over 65 (2014).
- Statistics show that people in Surrey generally live longer than the national average.
- In 2012 there were 15,456 people in Surrey living with dementia, predicted to rise to 19,000 by 2020.

Services include: Information and Advice, Advocacy, Counselling, Help at Home, Computer Drop-in Centre in Guildford, GO50, Tea and Chat in Tandridge, Foot Care in clinics across the County, Shopmobility in Guildford, Men in Sheds in Ash, Making Connections and Café Culture in Cranleigh.

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