

Hard to heat homes

Have you got a property that is built with solid walls, and as a consequence, find you are unable to install cavity wall insulation?

Have you got a property that is hard to heat and seems to be cold all of the time?

Are your fuel bills rocketing, or do you sit and shiver?

There are a number of solutions to this particular problem which affects hundreds of properties in the Wychavon area.

You could for example: apply external wall cladding; or dry line the inside of your house. Both of these methods will improve the thermal efficiency of your home, but can have a damaging effect on the external appearance of your property and be expensive to apply.

There is another easier way to improve the thermal efficiency of your property and that is by applying an internal insulation product called Sempatap which is recommended by the Energy Saving Trust Products Listings. This product is quite easy to apply, and is much cheaper than the external cladding or dry lining methods and helps prevent mould growth.

The picture shows the Sempatap material being applied to two properties in the village of Birlingham. The residents at this property could save £142 a year (based on 2 bed, end of terrace property and 2005 fuel prices) so it's well worth looking into.

For details about costs, thermal efficiency and mould growth resistance please visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy_saving_products or speak to Bill Lyons at Wychavon on 01386 565349 bill.lyons@wychavon.gov.uk



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Pictured: Local Painter & Decorator Tony Raymond (foreground) being given tips in applying the Sempatap insulation to internal walls by Andrew Edmunds from Mould Growth Consultants Ltd.

Thermal imaging of your property is still available at www.wychavon.gov.uk just put your postcode into My Local Area.