

Property Information Sheet



Name and Address

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Property Description

Three bed semi, built approx 1980. Bought in 1998; single glazed, uninsulated, old boiler, draughty!

What changes have you made to your home?

Biggest/costliest improvements were double glazing (about £15,000) and a new boiler (about £1,200), followed by new carpets with good underlay. Insulated cavity walls and loft. Low energy lightbulbs throughout. Lined curtains to help keep in heat. Draught excluders at front door, with letter box strip over slot too. Foil behind radiators. Energy monitor for electricity usage. Water butts. Compost bin. Solar powered security light in garden.

Why did you make these changes?

Money was tight when we bought property and I hate thought of throwing money down the drain. Lots of little improvements also made the property far more comfortable to live in.

What were the approximate costs?

A couple of days for the big jobs as used professionals, costing under £3000. The rest are just minor DIY things/weekend projects costing a few pounds.

What have been the approximate energy savings?

All I can say is that a comfortable, warm house for myself and a nine year old costs £56 per month for gas and electric combined.

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What have been the effects on your home?

Comfortable living environment; I don't feel stressed if it is a bit chilly and have the heating on for a few hours. I am very aware of the environmental costs of a lot of the projects and impact of runaway power usage, so can rest a little easier knowing that I'm doing a small part towards mitigating these, by wasting less and reusing what I can.

Who undertook the work?

British Gas for the Boiler
Mid-Wales Windows
All the little jobs were DIY/weekend projects

Would you recommend them?

Yes and yes – both were very good. Could perhaps have got a better deal on the boiler with a local company but were looking to have the work done quickly.

Wishlist?

Would love PV and solar water panels plus a wood burning stove, to move towards off-grid living.

Have you considered any measures but rejected them?

Have looked at the above, but due to size of house and that intend to move in about 18 months, I would not see a suitable return on the investment.

Do you have any further comments?