

Cost of heating Crisis! - Intelligent use of heating!

Over many years we have been able to turn on the heating and not worry too much about the cost. That has all changed now. People in very large numbers, some estimate half the Country by October 2022, will not be able to turn their heating on as they will not be able to afford to pay the bills.

It has been interesting in the last few days, when meeting with Housing Associations, that they are now more concerned about their tenants not being able to afford to pay their rent and at the same time pay for their heating. Decarbonisation is now taking second place.

The current situation has arisen in the last three months and does need to be sorted out before it is too late. Failing to take proper action will see a catastrophe developing where there will be huge debt increases in rent arrears and indeed mortgage arrears.

I was a County Court Advocate for seven years up until 2014 and in that time met many hundreds of people, who had mortgage arrears and rent arrears. When I took income and expenditure statements from them probably 90% were in hopeless debt, and not in a position to hold on to their homes. I cannot imagine what it must be like now in 2022. Based on 2014 and the energy price increases in 2022 many thousands of people will be losing their homes if nothing is done to reduce the cost of heating by a very large extent.

One way to achieve the cost reduction in heating bills is to become a lot more intelligent about the way in which heating is used. In the past I believe that we have all been guilty of just turning on the heat in every room, some of which we never use on a daily basis, wasting heat and money. In my own house for example I have a 20 square metre dining room with two radiators which we use for 20 minutes for breakfast and 30 minutes for dinner. The rest of the day the room is not used but in Winter the heating is on in that room from 6.30am to 8pm. Absolutely crazy!

Last Winter was the last Winter for that to happen. This coming Winter there will be one infrared panel on the ceiling, which will only operate for one hour a day, while the room is being used for eating. This new arrangement will save masses of energy and cost. We will do the same in every room that is used. Last year the cost of our oil was around £1000 and this year will be around £2000. That cost will disappear and the cost of heating, because of the intelligent use of infrared, should fall to around £600 a year.

Everybody out there, whether they be tenants or homeowners, can take advantage of the new situation by installing infrared panels one by one in each room they use. It can be done either that way, so that the gas/oil bill reduces pro rata. Alternatively,

the whole house/flat can have a complete infrared system installed for around £2000 for a normal 4-bed property, or less depending on size of property. That way the heating bill will reduce dramatically straightaway to around £600 or less a year.

May I suggest there is no point in delaying the decision to move from gas to infrared for two reasons. One, the cost of gas/oil is not going to come down. Two, the sooner you order our infrared heating the better, as there is a finite supply of infrared in the quantity and quality that will be required.

We are open 8am to 8pm seven days a week to take your phone calls and emails to advise you on the best way forward. To provide all the information you will require on infrared heating and the benefits it will provide. We just need to know your room sizes, email address and your phone number so that we can write to you with a Specification and discuss your requirements.

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