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**BABERGH RESIDENTS URGED TO 'GET RID OF THEIR OLD FLAMES'**

From September 22<sup>nd</sup> onwards Babergh District Council is offering grants of up to £200 for the first 100 residents who install energy efficient oil or gas condensing boilers in their homes. The Council is backing this promotion with a poster campaign urging people to get rid of their old flames!

Launched as part of the SEAL (Suffolk Energy Action Link) scheme and timed to coincide with Energy Efficiency Week, Babergh is hopeful that there will be a strong take-up amongst those people who are looking to lower their heating bills over the longer term.

"Babergh is working with two reputable manufacturers and suppliers: Aquafame for oil boilers and Vaillant for gas units, so that consumers can be sure of the quality of installation – as well as being covered by the usual guarantees" explained John Kilgannon, Babergh's Environmental Health Manager (Residential). " We are hopeful that there will be a strong demand for these energy efficient, and hence environmentally more friendly, boilers".

Babergh is promoting both the grants and the overall SEAL scheme through a poster campaign featuring a fiery scene under the heading of 'get rid of your old flame'. Babergh staff will also be running a stand at Homebase on the outskirts of Sudbury, where they will be answering questions and giving out information.

Aquafame will be present to demonstrate their oil boiler, as will the East Anglia Energy Advice Centre who will be running a free draw for anyone who completes a home energy check with the chance to win £600 worth of energy efficient appliances as prizes. They will also be issuing 2 free energy saving light bulbs to those people who are in receipt of income and disability related benefits.

Residents wanting more information should contact 0800 0288 838. ENDS

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