

Press Release  
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### Support agency's roadshows are a great success



Care & Repair Torfaen's recent roadshows successfully managed to advise nearly 300 pensioners and disabled homeowners of the services that the support agency can offer.

Over two weeks, the Care & Repair roadshows helped numerous people in Torfaen: 172 people were offered grants for prevention works, 19 people were referred to have smoke alarms fitted, five people were referred on to Social Services for major adaptation assessments, and three people were referred to the Pension service to have their benefits checked.

Joanne Davies, a Care & Repair Torfaen administrator, said: "We're here to make life easier for people. We can help people find funding, obtain quotes from approved contractors, oversee building work and inspect completed work. Many people don't know we exist, so that's why these roadshows have been so beneficial."

All those who attended Care & Repair's roadshows were entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a free food hamper. The lucky winners were Mr and Mrs Harrys from Pontnewydd who are now having a carbon monoxide detector and security light fitted courtesy of the support agency's Care & Safety at Home grant.

The Care & Repair roadshows in Torfaen were in support of the Welsh Assembly Government's Keep Well This Winter campaign and took place between January 13 and 28 2009.

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**Photo caption:** After attending one of Care & Repair Torfaen's roadshows, Mr Harrys receives a prize food hamper from Agency Technical Officer Gareth Rees

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### **Notes to editors:**

- Care & Repair Torfaen is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, Torfaen County Borough Council, Torfaen Local Health Board and Melin Homes.
- The Agency exists to enable older, vulnerable or disabled home owners or private tenants to remain in their own homes, within their own communities, living as independently as possible. This is achieved through the improvement of their housing conditions and consequent improvement in their level of comfort, health and security.
- Care and Repair Cymru is the national body for Wales which promotes, develops and supports Care & Repair Home Improvement Agency Services for older and disabled people.
- Keep Well This Winter is a national campaign aimed at helping people aged over 65.