

Press Release

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Local pensioners urge others to attend advice roadshows



Care & Repair Torfaen is supporting the national 'Keep Well This Winter' Campaign by holding a series of roadshows in Torfaen during Care and Repair week, taking place in January.

Care & Repair is a national organisation who carry out home adaptations and provide advice making it easier for pensioners and disabled homeowners to continue to live independently.

Support includes help to find funding, obtaining quotes from approved contractors, overseeing building work and inspecting completed work. The local Torfaen agency helped over 1,181 people to continue to live independently in their own homes last year.

Mr M,71 from Blaenavon recently received help to fund an external handrail for the steps and path leading to his front door. He said: "The handrail has made life so much easier and will be much safer for me during the winter months. The workmen were very polite and helpful and did a first class job. I am so grateful to Care & Repair Torfaen for fitting the handrail free of charge."

Also, Mrs G has received a welfare benefits check which resulted in her being awarded high rate Attendance Allowance and Pension Credit. She also applied for a Heating and Energy Efficiency Scheme grant that enabled her to have loft and cavity wall insulation free of charge and a free safety chain fitted by the Bobby Scheme.

She said: "I was visited at home and this was a great help as I didn't know what I was entitled to. The extra help I have received is wonderful."

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The roadshows are being held from 6th – 25th January 2010 at the following venues:

- Wednesday 6th January – Pontypool Indoor Market – 10am - 1.30pm
- Tuesday 12th January – Millennium Hall, Garndiffaith – 11am – 1.30pm
- Monday 18th January – Abersychan Health Centre – 9am - 11.30pm
- Tuesday 19th January - Woodland Road Social Club (annexe) – 2pm – 4pm
- Monday 25 January – Carreg Wen Surgery, Blaenavon – 9.30am – 11.30pm

For further details please call Care & Repair Torfaen on 08453 101180.

All homeowners or private tenants aged over 60 who attend the roashows will receive a Healthy Homes Checklist, two free energy saving light bulbs and entry into a draw for a chance to win a free food hamper.

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Photo

George and Iris, visitors to last years Care and Repair roadshows.

Note to editor

- 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. www.melinhomes.co.uk
- 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. www.careandrepair.org.uk
- Keep Well This Winter is a national campaign aimed at helping people aged over 65.

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