What’s so special about older homes?

We want to reduce our energy bills and reduce carbon emissions – preferably without going back to the pre-central heating norm of only heating one or two rooms. The most effective way to do this is to draught proof our homes and add lots of insulation – but older houses have interesting features that raise interesting questions:

- Will insulation cause damp?
- Will insulation make the bay window reveals so deep that it will make the room dark?
- Do I need to insulate the chimney breast?
- Can I get double glazing into the existing window frames?
- Would window shutters be as good as secondary glazing?
- Can I insulate the floor without pulling up all the floor boards?

This is an opportunity for you to explore the possibilities for your home with independent experts, so that you can be sure you know what to ask about when you speak to a Green Deal assessor or installer.

What grants are available?

The Green Deal is the government’s flagship initiative for energy efficiency for homes and commercial property. It includes professional advice from Green Deal assessors, certified installers, loans and grants. Here in Cambridgeshire there is an extra £5.7 million for insulation through the Green Deal Communities fund (delivered through Action on Energy). Also the government has recently announced the Green Deal Home Improvement fund with grants for

- up to 75% of the cost (max £6000) for solid wall insulation
- £1000 for any two out of 12 eligible measures including floor insulation, room in roof insulation, flat roof insulation and double or triple glazing.

These grants are only available if you get a Green Deal assessment first, the measures are recommended and you use a Green Deal installer. See [www.transitioncambridge.org/faqs/greendeal](http://www.transitioncambridge.org/faqs/greendeal) for more information.

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