NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

A year ago, our new year resolve was to overcome the bewildered feeling of wanting a home that was '*Fossil Fuel Free*! Where to begin?

Thanks to a HEAT friend who knew the scene, we contacted the firm who had installed the HEAT PUMP at our Hungerford Library. Good beginning!

We had imagined our house would have floorboards up, radiators replaced, and lose our airing cupboard.

We were soon very pleasantly surprised to find that none of this was necessary!! Nearly all radiators could be incorporated into the new scheme, the airing cupboard could be slightly re-designed, the thermostat could continue to work. WOW!

The transformation was done in 6 days, with £7.500 Gvt. Grant which covered more than half the cost. And during one of the coldest winter weeks in January 2025, the house has stayed pleasantly warm and cosy.

Next on the New Year's list. Get rid of the gas hob on the oven! Yes, an induction hob could be fitted which boils liquid in roughly 10 seconds. REALLY?

YES!! Really!

The icing on the cake is that heating costs are noticeably down -----

1st Nov to 31st Dec. 2023 – Gas + Electricty £681

Representing Electricty used 862 KWh Gas used 3650 KWh

1^{st} Nov. to 31^{st} Dec. 2024 Electricity only £421

This represents Energy Used 2125 KWh

All that now remained was for our Energy Co. to remove the Gas Metre.

If you are considering a similar 2025 NEW YEAR Resolution – <u>fear not!</u> Your home will be warm with minimum disruption and your costs will be noticeably lower.

If anyone is interested in taking a similar approach why not contact HEAT. heat_hungerford@yahoo.com

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