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Zero Carbon Harrogate's Retrofit Revolution!

I am writing to invite you to our first free Householder Retrofit event. Taking place on **Thursday 16th March** at Harrogate College, please join us to find out how your home could be refurbished to save energy. One of the speakers will be Marcus Wearmouth, the first locally qualified PAS 2035 Retrofit Coordinator, whose training was funded by the ZCH Retrofit Programme.

Our Retrofit Programme has already got off to a flying start this year, with our first ever Retrofit Networking meeting held on Wednesday 1st February in Harrogate. A packed audience of builders, architects, surveyors and planners shared case studies and best practice as they discussed how to respond to the growing demand for retrofitting. We anticipate that this will be the first of many networking events for local professionals in 2023.

With over 20% of UK carbon emissions generated from home heating, we know this is a key area where ZCH can act as a catalyst to help the local construction businesses move into retrofitting services to tackle the task of making the district's housing more efficient and as carbon neutral as possible.

BOOK YOUR PLACE!

Free Retrofit Householder Event - 16th March 2023

You can now [book your place](#) on our Retrofit Householder event which takes place on Thursday 16th March 2023 at Harrogate College, 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

We are delighted to host this in partnership with Harrogate College as part of their 'Green Month'. Open to all householders in the Harrogate district, Zero Carbon Harrogate will be sharing what house retrofit means, what it involves, how you can make your home warmer, cheaper to run and ultimately reduce your CO2 emissions.

Attendees will hear from:

- Marcus Wearmouth Chartered Surveyor and Retrofit Coordinator. Marcus will guide the audience through the retrofit process from initial assessment to final completion of works.
- Giving the builder perspective, Steve Hall (Retrofit Builder) will provide an on the ground view of what to ask, expect and look out for when engaging a builder in retrofit work.
- And to give a wider overview of retrofit activity in the Harrogate District, Vincent van der Meulen, Operations Manager, Housing and Property, at Harrogate Borough Council, will talk about the council's planned retrofit programme for social housing in the district.

John Kerr, Retrofit Programme Manager for Zero Carbon Harrogate said: "The householder event is, we hope, the first of many to help support residents in equipping them with enough information to start their retrofit journey. Over the last 8 months we have been working hard to promote funding to the local building industry for retrofit skills. This is starting to pay off, as we see the first professionals qualify and get to work".

Places can be booked via Eventbrite using the link above. Refreshments will be provided and there is free parking at the College.

For more information about ZCH's Retrofit Programme, click [here](#)



Local business prepares for Retrofit Revolution

Homeowners in the Harrogate district who want to make their homes more energy efficient through retrofit will now be able to call on retrofit professionals.

Using funding secured through Ofgem's Energy Redress scheme, ZCH is excited to announce that local Chartered Building Engineer, Marcus Wearmouth from Progress Consulting, Harrogate, is the first to qualify as a PAS 2035 Retrofit Coordinator. The training, provided by the Retrofit Academy, will help homeowners to retrofit their homes and is available to building professionals in our area.

Marcus Wearmouth said: "This is our first step on the road towards zero carbon and we are delighted to lead the way in retrofit of existing buildings. As building pathologists, it is our role in retrofit to ensure there is an optimal balance between insulation and ventilation. This is an exciting time to be in our industry and Harrogate could become a template for other towns to follow over the next decade."

A Retrofit Coordinator is one of the key building service professionals needed to carry out a PAS 2035 building retrofit - a framework that specifies measures and procedures to achieve efficient homes. The retrofit process starts with a whole house assessment, looking at the actual fabric of the building and its construction, as well as the requirements of the occupants. This assessment is then passed to a Retrofit Coordinator, who starts the process of specifying what measures can be applied to make the home as heat efficient and low carbon as possible.

Zero Carbon Harrogate has facilitated training for three Retrofit Assessors, three Retrofit Coordinators and over ten installers of air source heat pumps. If you would like to find out more about our training programme, please call 07927 145712 or [email](#)".



Green Homes Grant

Eligible homeowners can access free government funding to improve their home by installing energy-saving products – such as wall insulation, solar panels and air source heat pumps. These help to reduce energy bills whilst making your home more energy efficient. For more information and to check your eligibility, visit [E.ON Green Homes Grant website](#)





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