**WARMER WESTBURY HOMES FAIR**

**SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**9.30AM to 3.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Keeping Warm.** “Winter is coming,” as they say in *Game of Thrones*, and thoughts come about keeping warm and reducing heating bills. Like last year, [SusWoT](https://suswot.org.uk/) (Sustainable Westbury-on-Trym) in association with [Retrofit West](https://www.retrofitwest.co.uk/) is holding the Warmer Westbury Homes Fair. The aim of the event is to feature practical steps that householders can take to make their homes warmer and reduce bills.

It is a free drop-in event and there will be something for everyone: from simple, low-cost DIY to hi-tech solutions. Maybe you do not know where to start? There will be plenty of experts and other local householders to ask for advice.

**I Did It!** Popular last year was a section where local residents produced displays about the improvements they had made. This ranged from simple home-made draft excluders and increasing the amount of loft insulation to graphs of the money saved each month from solar panels. Do you have a story to tell? We would love to feature it.

**Advice.** Retrofit West was set up by the West of England Combined Authority and is funding this fair. Their representatives can point you to sources of help, grants and discounts. They can help you arrange to have a survey of your home so that you can prioritise improvements to fit your budget. You can also chat to independent experts from the [Bristol Energy Network](https://www.bristolenergynetwork.org.uk/) about the pros and cons of possible changes to your home.

**Suppliers.** Like last year, there will be stalls by local companies (approved by Retrofit West). Companies such as [Ecocetera](https://www.ecocetera.com/) and [Go Renewable Energy](https://go-renewable-energy.co.uk/) have installed many solar panels, house batteries and heat pumps in Westbury-on-Trym. There will also be insulation installers and energy surveyors. Last year, they brought many interesting samples, even a heat pump!

**Getting Started.** It can be daunting knowing where to start to make your home warmer. You do not have to do everything at once. Come along to the fair and speak to experts and other local householders, and see what you can do to stay warm.

Refreshments will be available to entice you to stay and chat longer!

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