

## NORTH WEST COMPANY HELPS HOUSEHOLDERS WITH BOILERS READY FOR THE SCRAP-YARD

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North West boiler manufacturer Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers has welcomed the Government's new £50m boiler scrappage scheme, saying it is a three way win - for British manufacturers, local heating installers and the consumer.

Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers is a manufacturer based in Prescot, just outside Liverpool and is part of the international Glen Dimplex group. Following the announcement last week about the boiler scrappage scheme and to help householders qualify for the discount of hundreds of pounds off a new boiler, the company has set up a helpline where Liverpool householders can call to obtain the details of a qualified installer local to them, as well as a quote for one of the company's energy efficient Dimplex or Halstead boilers.

The boiler scrappage scheme was first announced in the pre budget report in December and is a Government initiative that will give up to 125,000 households in England £400 off the purchase and installation cost of a new, more energy-efficient boiler, which will help households cut their energy bills by an estimated £235 per year, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and support thousands of jobs in the area.

To qualify householders need to have a working G-rated boiler. It is likely to be G-rated if it has a permanent pilot light, if it is gas fired and more than 15 years old or is oil fired and over twenty five years old. If the boiler qualifies for a replacement the householder must arrange a quote for a new one from a qualified installer. The boiler details and this quote need to be sent to the Energy Saving Trust by emailing the company via a link on their website. If everything meets the criteria a £400 voucher will be issued (after 18 January) and once the boiler has been installed the householder can claim back the £400 from the Government.

Colin Gardner, Managing Director at Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers said: “We see this as a really positive move for installers, manufacturers and consumers in the North West, as we can all benefit from this Government scheme. A new boiler can potentially save householders in excess of £200 a year off their energy bills, as well as saving hundreds of thousands of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the country, so we are delighted the Government has taken this first step.

“However, despite it being a positive move we would be keen to see it extended further, as currently only the first 125,000 households to qualify will benefit and yet the Energy Saving Trust estimates there are four-and-a-half million G-band boilers across the UK. Additionally, the scheme announced by the Government doesn’t cover households in the devolved administrations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and we would be keen for their assemblies to adopt the same scheme soon, so that every household in the UK can benefit from energy efficient heating.”

Burnley based Blazes, a fires and central heating company, with a national network of branches who work closely with Glen Dimplex, knows there is already a great deal of interest in the scheme, as Managing Director Michael Eyres explains: “Since the boiler scrappage scheme was announced on Wednesday the calls to our enquiry line have tripled. Many householders want more information on how to qualify and to obtain a quote from one of our engineers. We are very aware though that with only the first 125,000 householders able to obtain a voucher, there will be many boilers outside this offer that need upgrading to an energy efficient heating system. This is why we will also personally offer an allowance to anyone who isn’t successful in obtaining a voucher from the Energy Saving Trust.”

Local installer Graham Hickey of Warmelec Ltd. is also backing the boiler scrappage scheme but has a word of warning about those installers who sound too good to be true: “I think consumers need to realise how important accredited, qualified installers will be in ensuring householders taking up the scheme benefit from the right information and a high quality job. Anyone who wants to take advantage of the Government scheme

should only use a reputable engineer that is Gas Safe Registered and Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers are able to assist in locating and contacting suitably approved installers.”

For more information about the scheme and for details of qualified, accredited installers in the Liverpool area contact the Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers’ hotline on 0844 371 1111, email them on [info@hgdheating.co.uk](mailto:info@hgdheating.co.uk) or visit [www.halsteadglendimplex.co.uk](http://www.halsteadglendimplex.co.uk). To contact the EST for more information about the scrappage scheme or to apply for the voucher please visit their website at [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) or call them on their ACT ON CO<sub>2</sub> advice line on 0800 512 012.

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**Notes to Editors:** Glen Dimplex Halstead Boilers, part of the multi-national Glen Dimplex Group that includes household brand names like Belling cookers, Morphy Richards appliances and Dimplex heaters is based in Prescot near Liverpool and has a strong heritage dating back decades in manufacturing heating and domestic appliance products. The boiler manufacturing business was acquired by the Glen Dimplex Group in November 2004 and has developed an extensive network of service engineers managed by the award winning Glen Dimplex Customer Care Team.

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