

A £1.45M upgrade to homes is changing family lives for the better

When Michael Nottle and his family recently received a new hot water cylinder at their St. Dennis home, the benefit to family life proved to be incredible. The improvement work from Ocean Housing now means that both his children can bath on the same day rather than having to wait for another day due to a lack of hot water.

Mr Nottle said: "It has made a huge difference to our lives. My two children both have autism and would both want a bath on a Sunday evening before returning to school and college on Monday. However, this was not possible and would mean one would need to have a bath on Sunday and another on Monday. This new cylinder has meant that there is enough hot water for both children to have a bath on Sunday. The works have been great, with all of those involved being considerate throughout the whole process."

Costing around £1.45M, the works are being paid for by Ocean Housing with support funding from the Government Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1. More than fifty properties in the Cornish village of St Dennis are set to benefit from wide ranging upgrades to their homes. The work includes a combination of new roofs, windows, doors, loft and wall insulation, low energy lighting, ventilation upgrades as well as new heating and hot water systems from social housing organisation, Ocean Housing.

Mark Gardner, Group Chief Executive of Ocean Housing said: "In the face of increasing energy prices and more generally the cost of living, we are more aware than ever of the impact this is having on our tenants. Ocean Housing is committed to improving the energy efficiency of all of our homes to Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C by 2030. The works being completed at St Dennis are a significant step in helping us achieve that target and we are pleased that it is having such a positive impact on the families in that area."

The project commenced in April 2022 with expected completion by April 2023. 25 homes have already benefitted from the works. A further bid for Wave 2 funding has been made by Ocean Housing to extend the project and improve the energy efficiency of even more homes until March 2025.

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Photos:

Attached to this email and include the following:

Mr Nottle with his son Mitchell outside their recently renovated home in St Dennis.

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