



Greening Bishop's Waltham

A warmer home this winter



That's an annoying draught!

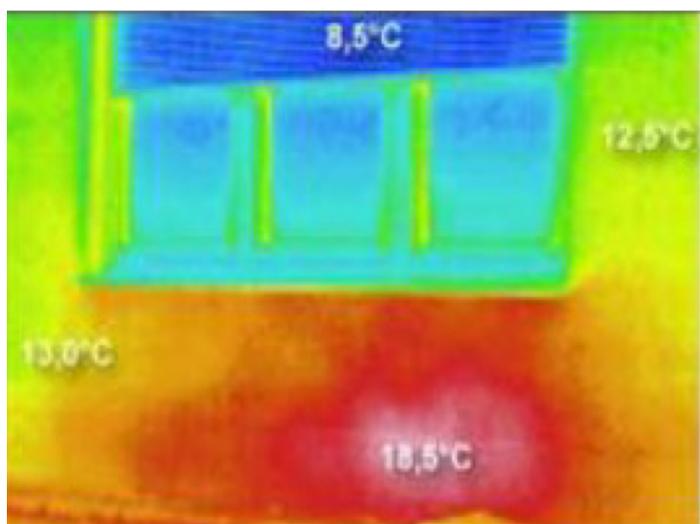
And why does this room always seem cold?

So here's a thought for your first New Year's resolution: investigate what you could do simply and cheaply to have a warmer home this winter.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Greening Bishop's Waltham Team, have acquired thermal imaging cameras to enable residents to do an assessment of where the heat is leaking from their homes. A professional thermal survey costs about £300, but provided you are happy to do some leg-work yourself, you can probably identify some of the issues yourself.

You'll get guided through the use of the camera and then have 24 hours to use it both inside and outside your property. We'll offer advice on interpreting your images, and next steps for help with fixing any cold spots you discover.

Here are some examples:



The heat from this radiator is visible through the outside wall! A simple and cheap solution would be to put a reflective heat roll behind the radiator.

The door is double glazed, but shown in dark blue there's a draught coming in around the edges! Looks like the brushes need replacing inside the door frame – cost about £10 on-line.

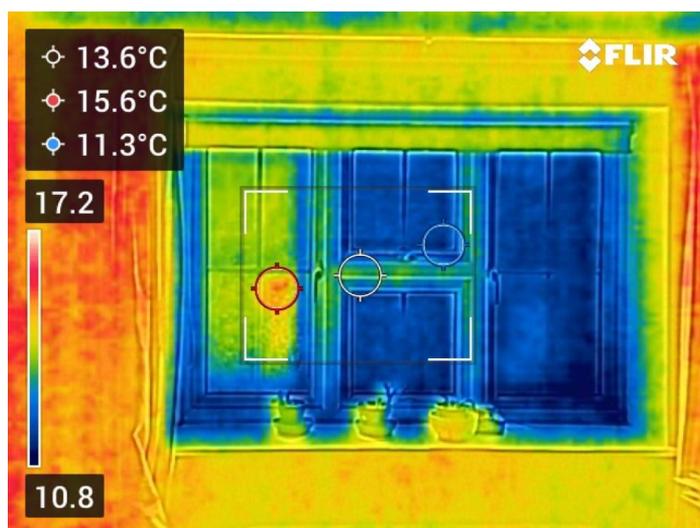


To book your thermal imaging camera slot, email admin@bishops-waltham-pc.gov.uk

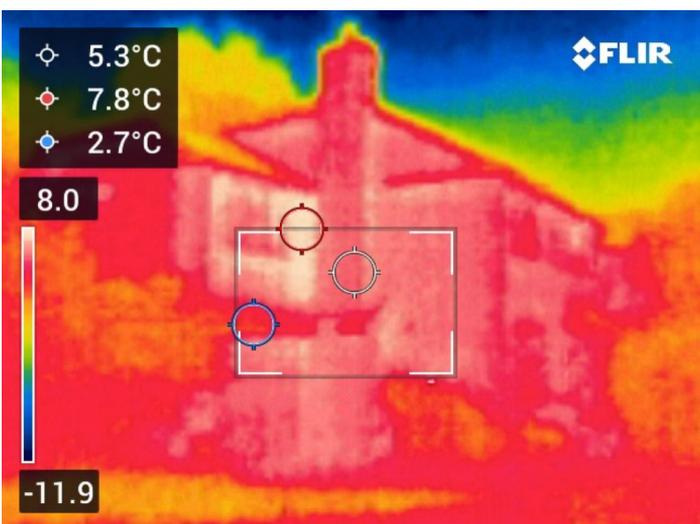
One of our volunteers will contact you to make the arrangements.

For more information about the Greening Campaign in Bishop's Waltham and to get involved, visit our website: www.greeningbishops-waltham.uk

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Some double glazed windows are better than others... The replacement left-hand one that is yellow / green is argon-filled and clearly more insulating (this is viewed from inside the house – so dark blue shows cold air coming in through the older windows). A thermal blind and lined curtain closed at dusk each night helps to cut this draught significantly.



Here it seems that there's heat loss from the joint between the house and the extension. This might need the cavity wall insulation topping up.