

## **Savings on Communal Heating Systems**

One of our members' members, Tim Wynn-Jones, lives at 10 Johnstone Street. He works for a carbon reduction company called Sustain ([www.sustain.co.uk](http://www.sustain.co.uk)), and they run an entirely funded programme to insulate communal heating systems for residential property. In communal boiler rooms, they can insulate the valves, flanges and pipework at no cost whatsoever to the freeholders, leaseholders or the residents. The resultant carbon savings are apparently substantial, but crucially there are also substantial financial savings on fuel bills. See [www.sustain.co.uk/smartheat.aspx](http://www.sustain.co.uk/smartheat.aspx) .

This is a unique Ofgem-regulated carbon saving programme which they manage fully. They have insulated over 7,300 boiler rooms so far all over England, Scotland and Wales which have benefitted from this service free of charge. The funding comes from EDF Energy in order to comply with the Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets (CERT) legislation. There is no requirement for EDF to be the current supplier, and there is no requirement to switch to EDF as a result of this insulation work.

They say the process is simple – they survey the communal boiler rooms to identify energy wastage, and then send a report outlining energy savings and resultant financial savings on the fuel bill for that block of flats. That information is not shared with any other party. If the contact is happy for them to proceed, they will then manufacture custom made insulation jackets and lagging materials, and return to fit them, all at no cost.

If any member of FoBRA is interested, please visit the website quoted above.