

# **Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle - Green Doctors**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle (GSTN) is part of The Federation of Groundwork Trusts, a national regeneration organisation working to improve the quality of the local environment and the lives of local people. It specialises in neighbourhood renewal, engaging young people, environmental education, health improvement, employment programmes and renewable energy.

#### SOLUTION

Green Doctors are independent, impartial domestic energy experts who can help families to make their homes warmer, cut fuel and water bills and reduce their carbon footprint

The project targeted the East Shields area of South Tyneside; a similar programme being delivered by another third sector organisation in the area was coming to an end, having engaged 800 individuals over 18 months – showing there was a high demand for energy support in South Tyneside.

### **OUTCOMES**

Thanks to the funding, 17 households have been visited and received advice on behavioural change and schemes such as the Warm Homes Discount. The Green Doctors also helped around the house with small-scale energy saving measures, such as draught excluders, energy efficient light bulbs, draught tape for windows and water saving devices. A community event was also held, with some residents receiving help and advice on small-scale energy saving measures.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To help families to make their homes warmer, cut fuel and water bills and reduce their carbon footprint, via the Green Doctors programme.

## MORE DETAILS BOX OUT

**Project title:** Green Doctors

**Group name:** Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle

**Theme:** Reducing energy

Area of benefit: South Tyneside

**Duration:** 12 months