



## Warm Homes Healthy People Fund

### 'Warmer Together Project'

The Council has recently received funding from the Department of Health for a project we are currently running in conjunction with North Yorkshire, which runs to the end of March 2013. We are contacting as many community groups as we can to get the information to the residents of Ryedale and would be grateful for your help. Either in disseminating the information or referring people you are aware of in your parishes that are vulnerable and elderly.

The 'Warmer Together' partnership supports a range of projects covering information and advice; practical support; and volunteer schemes. The main areas are:

#### **Hotspots scheme**

Hotspots is a referral scheme that works by identifying people at risk, via the staff of agencies that are in touch with vulnerable people. Referrals could also come from people themselves, or their friends and families.

People at risk can be referred for support and advice to the Yorkshire Energy Partnership via a freepost Hotspots referral card. People can also self-refer by telephone the Yorkshire Energy Partnership, quoting 'hotspots' on 01904 545 020 or e-mailing [advice@energypartnership.org.uk](mailto:advice@energypartnership.org.uk).

The Hotspots referral will set in motion:

Benefits entitlement checks;

A home safety check from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service;

- Energy efficiency advice; and
- Assessment for eligibility for home improvement and insulation schemes.

#### **Practical support**

Access to practical support is via referral to the White Rose Home Improvement Agency, on 01723 383635/232531. The help available includes keep warm packs, emergency heaters, boiler servicing, small home repairs and basic draught proofing.

#### **Outreach activities**

Each district will be carrying out a number of activities aimed at vulnerable people, such as additional lunch clubs or coffee mornings with advice about keeping warm.