

SOCIAL FUND COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS: 2012/13 END OF YEAR REPORT

- Cold Weather Payments provide help to people in meeting their additional heating costs during periods of extreme cold and each year the cold Weather Payment scheme runs from the 1st November to 31st March.
- Payments are made to those most vulnerable to the cold, i.e. older people in receipt of Pension Credit, disabled adults and children, and families with children under 5 who are in receipt of one of the working age income related benefits.
- There is no requirement to claim Cold Weather payments.
- Payment is made automatically when the average temperature at the weather station linked to an eligible customer's postcode has been recorded as, or is forecast to be, 0 degrees Celsius or below over seven consecutive days. There are 92 weather stations used in the Cold Weather Payment scheme for 2012-13
- The rate of payment is £25 for each seven day period of very cold weather.
- All figures in this report come from Departmental records and cover Great Britain, unless stated otherwise.

Table 1: Cold Weather Payments 2012/13 summary statistics

Total estimated number of payments authorised	5,845,000
Total estimated expenditure authorised	£146,125,000
Estimated Percentage of those eligible who will benefit	81.4%
Actual number of weather stations triggered (out of 92 used in the scheme)	62
The Percentage of those eligible who have received 2 or more payments	43.4%
The Percentage of those eligible who have received 1 payment	37.9%
Total triggers	173
Total estimated number of payments authorised in 2012/13 to those who are in receipt of Pension Credit	3,458,000
Total estimated expenditure to those who are in receipt of Pension Credit	£86,450,000
The Percentage of those who have received at least one payment who are in receipt of Pension Credit	58%

Table 2: Cold Weather Payment statistics by Met Office weather station, 2012/13

Weather station	Number eligible for a payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure £m	Number eligible for a payment who are in receipt of Pension Credit	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit £m
Aberporth	4,500	0	-	-	3,100	-	-
Aboyne	7,100	6	42,600	£1.07m	4,900	29,400	£0.74m
Albemarle	140,400	2	280,800	£7.02m	85,700	171,400	£4.29m
Andrewsfield	42,900	2	85,800	£2.15m	26,700	53,400	£1.34m
Auchincruive	35,600	0	-	-	21,200	-	-
Aultbea Saws	300	0	-	-	200	-	-
Aviemore	800	9	7,200	£0.18m	600	5,400	£0.14m
Bainbridge	4,300	5	21,500	£0.54m	3,200	16,000	£0.40m
Bedford Saws	66,000	3	198,000	£4.95m	38,300	114,900	£2.87m
Bingley	106,800	5	534,000	£13.35m	60,800	304,000	£7.60m
Bishopton	153,300	0	-	-	87,100	-	-
Boscombe Down	12,900	1	12,900	£0.32m	8,400	8,400	£0.21m
Boulmer	12,900	0	-	-	7,600	-	-
Braemar	1,100	10	11,000	£0.28m	800	8,000	£0.20m
Brize Norton	18,500	1	18,500	£0.46m	10,600	10,600	£0.27m
Capel Curig	700	2	1,400	£0.04m	500	1,000	£0.03m
Cardinham (Bodmin)	14,200	0	-	-	9,100	-	-
Carlisle	9,600	0	-	-	5,800	-	-
Cassley	300	2	600	£0.02m	200	400	£0.01m
Charlwood	44,800	2	89,600	£2.24m	27,700	55,400	£1.39m
Charterhall	5,900	2	11,800	£0.30m	4,100	8,200	£0.21m
Chivenor	9,100	0	-	-	6,100	-	-
Coleshill	302,600	2	605,200	£15.13m	181,300	362,600	£9.07m

Weather station	Number eligible for a payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure £m	Number eligible for a payment who are in receipt of Pension Credit	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit £m
Crosby	177,900	0	-	-	102,300	-	-
Culdrose	22,300	0	-	-	15,000	-	-
Dunkeswell	18,000	1	18,000	£0.45m	12,100	12,100	£0.30m
Dunstaffnage	1,400	0	-	-	1,000	-	-
Dyce	16,700	0	-	-	9,700	-	-
Edinburgh Gogarbank	73,100	1	73,100	£1.83m	40,300	40,300	£1.01m
Eskdalemuir	4,900	6	29,400	£0.74m	3,400	20,400	£0.51m
Filton	57,900	1	57,900	£1.45m	32,800	32,800	£0.82m
Fylingdales	3,300	6	19,800	£0.50m	2,500	15,000	£0.38m
Gravesend	115,200	1	115,200	£2.88m	64,400	64,400	£1.61m
Hawarden A/P	26,300	1	26,300	£0.66m	16,200	16,200	£0.41m
Heathrow Airport	510,600	1	510,600	£12.77m	263,100	263,100	£6.58m
Hereford-Credenhill	54,800	1	54,800	£1.37m	34,800	34,800	£0.87m
Herstmonceux	27,200	1	27,200	£0.68m	16,700	16,700	£0.42m
High Wycombe	15,900	3	47,700	£1.19m	9,900	29,700	£0.74m
Hurn	38,000	0	-	-	25,100	-	-
Isle Of Portland	5,200	0	-	-	3,000	-	-
Keele	45,300	2	90,600	£2.27m	27,000	54,000	£1.35m
Kinloss	13,300	1	13,300	£0.33m	8,300	8,300	£0.21m
Kirkwall	1,100	0	-	-	800	-	-
Lake Vyrnwy	5,300	5	26,500	£0.66m	3,800	19,000	£0.48m
Leconfield	51,800	1	51,800	£1.30m	32,100	32,100	£0.80m

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Leek	10,700	4	42,800	£1.07m	7,100	28,400	£0.71m
Lerwick	1,000	0	-	-	700	-	-
Leuchars	37,900	0	-	-	21,800	-	-
Linton On Ouse	81,500	1	81,500	£2.04m	48,600	48,600	£1.22m
Liscombe	4,100	3	12,300	£0.31m	2,900	8,700	£0.22m
Little Rissington	6,900	3	20,700	£0.52m	4,700	14,100	£0.35m
Loch Glascarnoch	900	9	8,100	£0.20m	600	5,400	£0.14m
Loftus	53,300	2	106,600	£2.67m	29,800	59,600	£1.49m
Lusa	1,100	0	-	-	800	-	-
Lyneham	37,300	2	74,600	£1.87m	23,000	46,000	£1.15m
Machrihanish	1,400	0	-	-	1,100	-	-
Manston	52,200	1	52,200	£1.31m	31,100	31,100	£0.78m
Marham	25,700	2	51,400	£1.29m	17,100	34,200	£0.86m
Mona	12,900	1	12,900	£0.32m	8,700	8,700	£0.22m
North Wyke	29,000	1	29,000	£0.73m	19,500	19,500	£0.49m
Norwich Airport	50,000	2	100,000	£2.50m	32,200	64,400	£1.61m
Nottingham	171,400	2	342,800	£8.57m	99,800	199,600	£4.99m
Pembrey Sands	41,800	0	-	-	25,200	-	-
Plymouth	22,600	0	-	-	12,600	-	-
Redesdale	4,300	5	21,500	£0.54m	2,900	14,500	£0.36m
Rhyl	16,800	0	-	-	10,700	-	-
Rostherne	252,600	1	252,600	£6.32m	140,000	140,000	£3.50m

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Rothamsted	55,100	2	110,200	£2.76m	31,500	63,000	£1.58m
Salsburgh	19,400	6	116,400	£2.91m	11,800	70,800	£1.77m
Scilly St Marys	100	0	-	-	0	-	-
Sennybridge	4,800	5	24,000	£0.60m	3,300	16,500	£0.41m
Shap	4,800	7	33,600	£0.84m	3,400	23,800	£0.60m
Shawbury	25,000	2	50,000	£1.25m	15,700	31,400	£0.79m
Sheffield	174,200	2	348,400	£8.71m	101,000	202,000	£5.05m
South Farnborough	62,900	2	125,800	£3.15m	37,600	75,200	£1.88m
St Athan	70,000	0	-	-	38,100	-	-
St.Bees Head	8,800	0	-	-	5,100	-	-
Stonyhurst	24,200	2	48,400	£1.21m	13,500	27,000	£0.68m
Stornoway	2,400	0	-	-	2,000	-	-
Strathallan	9,500	2	19,000	£0.48m	5,900	11,800	£0.30m
Thorney Island	116,800	1	116,800	£2.92m	70,300	70,300	£1.76m
Threave	6,300	1	6,300	£0.16m	4,100	4,100	£0.10m
Tiree	100	0	-	-	100	-	-
Trawsgoed	3,200	1	3,200	£0.08m	2,200	2,200	£0.06m
Tredegar	58,900	4	235,600	£5.89m	33,100	132,400	£3.31m
Tulloch Bridge	1,800	5	9,000	£0.23m	1,300	6,500	£0.16m
Waddington	68,300	2	136,600	£3.42m	42,900	85,800	£2.15m
Walney Island	16,700	0	-	-	10,100	-	-
Wattisham	55,100	2	110,200	£2.76m	35,300	70,600	£1.77m
Wick	2,500	0	-	-	1,600	-	-
Wittering	29,700	2	59,400	£1.49m	16,900	33,800	£0.85m
Yeovilton	27,900	0	-	-	18,200	-	-
Total	4,044,000	173	5,845,000	£146.1m	2,364,200	3,458,000	£86.5m

NOTES

1. The data above is based on the estimated number of benefit units linked to each weather station who are eligible for Cold Weather Payments. A benefit unit can be a single person or couple and can include children.
2. The data provided is Management Information. Our preference is to provide Official/National Statistics but in this case we only have Management Information available. It is not quality assured to the same extent as Official/National Statistics and there are some issues with the data, for example, figures given are estimates not actuals and may be revised later.
3. The total number of payments and expenditure authorised are estimates based on eligibility on 31st October 2012 and do not include payments made clerically.
4. The numbers of those eligible and payments authorised are rounded to the nearest 100.
5. Total expenditure is rounded to the nearest £100.
6. Figures may not sum due to rounding.