

"We were really surprised it was cooler in summer too," - David Gordon, Brunswick



Positive Charge Helping Households: Draught proofing and Insulation

David Gordon and his partner were keen to reduce their power bills and improve their environmental impact.

Installing solar was high on their list of priority actions but they also understood that finding ways to keep their electricity usage down was going to improve the impact of their solar.

With this in mind, David requested a draught proofing and insulation audit from Positive Charge's partner EcoMad. He knew this could improve the thermal comfort of the home, as well as keep heating and cooling costs down. The audit identified many areas for improvement. The insulation was deemed to be sufficient, so draught proofing offered more immediate results for a smaller outlay. David decided to employ EcoMad to install the draught proofing, as he thought the cost was fair and this was the most convenient way to implement the recommendations.

"We did the DIY draught

proofing on a lot of the doors and windows before but that doesn't last – after a year it condenses down or peels off." David told us.

The house is a one hundred year old semi-detached weatherboard house. The installer was sensitive to the aesthetics of the home when recommending retrofit products.

EcoMad installed draught proofing around the front door, the window above the front door, all sash windows in the three bedrooms, the door separating an extension from the original part of the home, a toilet and the original wall vents in rooms on external walls.

David and his partner have noticed that the home is much warmer in winter and cooler in summer. The house used to feel quite breezy, which is no longer the case. They've even noticed that the house is now quieter at night.

"Another unexpected benefit is that the windows no longer rattle in storms," says David.

David said the whole process was almost seamless, with the

Positive Charge team offering great advice over the phone and then EcoMad responding quickly and professionally.

David was so happy with the result that he has already recommended it to other people, including his Mum! By going through Positive Charge customers get a discount.

"I'm thrilled we got it done. The installer gave great tips to ensure the works were safe – such as not sealing a room with a gas heater. They also made it look great. We were concerned they would block the ornamental vents but instead they filled them with transparent filler to retain the look, which was important to us."

To find out the best ways to make your home more energy efficient or to book a draught proofing and insulation audit, contact the energy experts at Positive Charge on

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