

## E.ON | Trailblazer

With support from the Healthy Ageing Challenge, energy provider E.ON is leading a project to offer home solutions to help create safer, more aspirational homes for people as they age.

Renewable electricity provider E.ON<sup>1</sup> is helping to create safer homes that allow an ageing population to stay in control of their own lives.

E.ON's 'Homes for Living' Trailblazer programme emerged out of its current Energy Company Obligation activity which has helped them to engage with vulnerable people and ensure they have energy efficient homes and are less likely to fall into fuel poverty.

By building on these energy efficient services and joining up existing and new innovations, a whole-house-solution can be created with inclusivity, dignity and independence in mind, allowing people to stay in control of their own lives as they get older.

Chris Lovatt, Chief Operating Officer for Energy Infrastructure Services at E.ON, said: "We've been supporting vulnerable customers for a number of years

through initiatives such as our Warm Homes Discount and Energy Company Obligation programmes, helping to improve the energy efficiency of their properties and helping to ensure people stay warm and healthy at home."

"Through this activity, we've also realised that there are a number of homes, where simple modifications could support people to feel safer, encourage mobility and help people to live independently for longer in their own homes."

Through funding provided by the Government funded UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Healthy Ageing Challenge, E.ON has been working in collaboration with Newcastle University and Invisible Creations to offer a range of innovative homes solutions. These are initially focused where most accidents occur: the property entrance, the kitchen, and bathrooms.

Initial innovations are diverse, from plant holders and shower risers that double up as grab rails to induction hobs that power off when left unattended. Importantly, many of these solutions provide inconspicuous support that moves away from the standard 'functional' appearance to one which is stylish and aspirational.

1. Electricity backed by 100% renewable sources. All our customers' homes get 100% renewable electricity, at no extra cost. Electricity sourced from E.ON's renewable generation assets, supply agreements with independent UK wind generators and the purchase of renewable electricity certificates. The electricity supplied to homes comes from the National Grid and DNOs. [eonenergy.com/renewable](http://eonenergy.com/renewable)

"We want people to feel proud of any adaptations and we want them to look good. Through our research, people commented that at the moment things like handrails are very functional looking and they remind people of being in hospital. The solutions we offer include stylish, dual-purpose home adaptations which are designed to fit seamlessly into people's homes.

"We hope with this programme, alongside our energy efficiency schemes, will help to ensure people can live a warm, healthy and happy life in the comfort of their own home for as long as possible."

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