

Home Improvement Agency - Handy person Scheme

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Do you know any people who might need some help with small repairs in their home?

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the invaluable work and support the **Home Improvement Agency (HIA)** currently provides. Our team is dedicated to helping older and vulnerable people live safely and independently in their own homes by providing advice, assistance and grants for home adaptations, repairs, heating, dementia and safety within the home.

Small Repairs Service

We offer a handy person's scheme that will carry out small works within the home at a subsidised rate of £20 per hour if they are eligible. The service is offered to vulnerable home owners who live within South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse districts. Vulnerable tenants may also use the service for jobs that are not the responsibility of the landlords.

The handy person scheme is available to persons:

- Age 55 or over; or
- Have a disability or severe health problem that prevents them from carrying out the repair themselves

What we can do?

- Home safety and falls prevention
- Home security
- Keysafe Installations
- General household repairs
- Minor plumbing

Dementia Assistance

Working closely with Dementia Oxfordshire we have created a referral pathway that improves home support and quality of life within their home. Memory aids like calendars, clocks, whiteboards and safety measures such as locks, key safes, gas checks and signage can be requested immediately then delivered and installed FREE to the client.

We are planning to add your details onto our Home Improvement Agency newsletter which tells you about on-going services and new grants or support we can offer, if you don't want to be added to this please let us know and we will remove you.

Please contact us at hia-sv@oxford.gov.uk or call us on 0300 373 5663 if you would like further information / leaflets to share or have time to talk, I feel it would be hugely beneficial if we could meet the team and explain our services further.

Thank you.

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