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■ The launch of the Surviving Winter campaign, run by the Suffolk Community Foundation

It is never too late to donate as Suffolk's Surviving winter campaign hits £80,000

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It has been just seven weeks since the launch of Suffolk's Surviving Winter campaign, but the community has already donated more than £80,000 to the cause.

It means that Suffolk is now two thirds of the way towards meeting its £120,000 target - to help heat the homes of 600 older residents across the county this winter, who may otherwise struggle to afford to do so.

The Surviving Winter campaign, run by the Suffolk Community Foundation, is now in its fifth year, and encourages people to donate their Winter Fuel Payment if they can afford to.

The Winter Fuel Payment is a non-means-tested grant given by the Government to everyone aged 62 and above.

And demand for help via the campaign is growing. In just three years the campaign has gone from raising £60,000 and supporting 300 homes, to raising £110,000 and supporting 500 homes last year.

The campaign has now passed the £80,000 mark, and more than 200



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Tim Holder, pictured left

grants had been distributed to older people in need across Suffolk before Christmas.

But there are still several weeks until the end of winter, and Tim Holder, development director of the Suffolk Community Foundation, is urging people to continue to make donations if they can.

“It's really good news that we have got this far, but it's not a time to rest on our laurels,” he said.

“It's really easy to get caught up in Christmas and I'd like to ask everyone who is able to do their bit not to forget those who are not in such a

fortunate position to enjoy themselves.

“If you are in receipt of a Winter Fuel Payment and you don't need it, please spare a few moments this Christmas and donate all or part of it to someone who really does.”

“It's a unique campaign and we are asking the people of Suffolk to help people in Suffolk.”

“In recent years our Surviving Winter appeal has almost doubled in size, but older people can be fiercely independent.

“Surviving Winter is a really practical way of asking people who

How to apply for a Surviving Winter grant

The Surviving Winter helpline is manned by the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

It's offices are closed over the Christmas period until January 3, when the hotline will reopen.

In addition, Warm Homes Healthy People will be available to offer advice on energy saving and improving home energy efficiency.

To apply for a grant of up to £200 via the Surviving Winter campaign, call the Citizen's Advice on 01473 219770 or email: Survivingwinter@ipswichcab.org.uk

■ For more information about Surviving Winter while the CAB office is closed, visit www.suffolkcf.org.uk/give/survivingwinterappeal/

receive the Winter Fuel Payment to consider whether they could take the opportunity to help their neighbour and give to the campaign.”

The campaign has so far this year already drawn in the support of well-known public faces, including journalist and presenter Bill Turnbull, broadcaster and newsreader Etholle George, psychotherapist and author Christine Webber and this paper's very own journalist Lynne Mortimer.

Last month, a private donor pledged to match fund £15,000 for the appeal.

The Surviving Winter campaign is run with support from the *East Anglian Daily Times* and *Ipswich Star*, East of England Co-operative Society and Ipswich Building Society, and the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Warm Homes Healthy People project.

■ To donate your Winter Fuel Payment, or to make a personal donation, visit www.suffolkcf.org.uk, call (01473) 602602, visit your local branch of Ipswich Building Society or fill in the form published on this page.



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Christine Webber, Lynne Mortimer and Etholle George are the public faces for this year's Surviving Winter campaign...



...and left, from left, Lynne, Christine and Etholle show their support
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www.suffolkcf.org.uk or by calling 01473 602602

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