# SOCIAL FUND COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS: 2011/12 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 2011 to 31st March 2012.

- 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 2010-11.

- 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 otherwise stated.

**Table 1: Cold Weather Payments 2011/12 summary statistics**

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| **Total estimated number of payments authorised** | 5,166,900 |
| **Total estimated expenditure authorised** | £129,172,500 |
| **Estimated Percentage of those eligible who will benefit** | 74.7% |
| **Actual number of weather stations triggered (out of 92 used in the scheme)** | 58 |
| **The Percentage of those eligible who have received 2 or more payments** | 46.8% |
| **The Percentage of those eligible who have received 1 payment** | 27.9% |
| **Total triggers** | 105 |

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, and do not include payments made clerically.
4. The number of payments authorised is rounded to the nearest 100.
5. Total expenditure is rounded to the nearest £100.

**Table 2: Cold Weather Payment statistics by Met Office weather station, 2011/12**

| Weather station | Number eligible for a payment | Triggers | Number of payments | Expenditure £m |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberporth | 4,700 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Aboyne | 7,500 | 3 | 22,500 | 0.56 |
| Albemarle | 147,400 | 1 | 147,400 | 3.69 |
| Andrewsfield | 44,900 | 2 | 89,800 | 2.25 |
| Auchincruive | 37,300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Aultbea | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Aviemore | 800 | 3 | 2,400 | 0.06 |
| Bainbridge | 4,500 | 2 | 9,000 | 0.23 |
| Bedford | 68,300 | 2 | 136,600 | 3.42 |
| Bingley | 114,300 | 2 | 228,600 | 5.72 |
| Bishopton | 162,800 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Boscombe Down | 13,400 | 2 | 26,800 | 0.67 |
| Boulmer | 13,400 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Braemar | 1,200 | 4 | 4,800 | 0.12 |
| Brize Norton | 19,500 | 2 | 39,000 | 0.98 |
| Capel Curig | 700 | 1 | 700 | 0.02 |
| Cardinham (Bodmin) | 14,700 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Carlisle | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Cassley | 300 | 1 | 300 | 0.01 |
| Charlwood | 46,500 | 2 | 93,000 | 2.33 |
| Charterhall | 6,300 | 1 | 6,300 | 0.16 |
| Chivenor | 9,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Coleshill | 318,900 | 2 | 637,800 | 15.95 |
| Crosby | 187,200 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Culdrose | 23,100 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Dunkeswell Aerodrome | 18,900 | 2 | 37,800 | 0.95 |
| Dunstaffnage | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Dyce | 17,900 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Edinburgh Gogarbank | 77,400 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Eskdalemuir | 5,200 | 2 | 10,400 | 0.26 |
| Filton | 60,800 | 1 | 60,800 | 1.52 |
| Fylingdales | 3,400 | 2 | 6,800 | 0.17 |
| Gravesend | 120,400 | 1 | 120,400 | 3.01 |
| Hawarden Airport | 27,700 | 1 | 27,700 | 0.69 |
| Heathrow | 535,000 | 1 | 535,000 | 13.38 |
| Hereford-Credenhill | 57,300 | 2 | 114,600 | 2.87 |
| Herstmonceux West End | 28,100 | 2 | 56,200 | 1.41 |
| High Wycombe | 16,800 | 2 | 33,600 | 0.84 |

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| Hurn (Bournemouth Airport) | 39,800 | 1 | 39,800 | 1.00 |
| Isle of Portland | 5,400 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Keele | 47,900 | 2 | 95,800 | 2.40 |
| Kinloss | 14,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Kirkwall | 1,200 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Leconfield | 54,300 | 2 | 108,600 | 2.72 |
| Leek | 9,100 | 2 | 18,200 | 0.46 |
| Lerwick | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Leuchars | 40,300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Linton on Ouse | 85,000 | 2 | 170,000 | 4.25 |
| Liscombe | 4,300 | 2 | 8,600 | 0.22 |
| Little Rissington | 7,200 | 2 | 14,400 | 0.36 |
| Loch Glascarnoch | 900 | 4 | 3,600 | 0.09 |
| Loftus | 56,100 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Lusa | 1,200 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Lyneham | 38,700 | 2 | 77,400 | 1.94 |
| Machrihanish | 1,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Manston | 53,900 | 2 | 107,800 | 2.70 |
| Marham | 26,800 | 2 | 53,600 | 1.34 |
| Mona | 13,400 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| North Wyke | 30,000 | 1 | 30,000 | 0.75 |
| Norwich Airport | 52,100 | 2 | 104,200 | 2.61 |
| Nottingham Watnall | 178,800 | 2 | 357,600 | 8.94 |
| Pembrey Sands | 43,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Plymouth | 23,800 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Redesdale | 4,500 | 2 | 9,000 | 0.23 |
| Rhyl | 17,300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Rothamsted | 57,500 | 2 | 115,000 | 2.88 |
| Salsburgh | 20,400 | 1 | 20,400 | 0.51 |
| Scilly St Marys | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Sennybridge | 4,900 | 2 | 9,800 | 0.25 |
| Shap | 5,000 | 2 | 10,000 | 0.25 |
| Shawbury | 26,200 | 2 | 52,400 | 1.31 |
| Sheffield | 183,300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| South Farnborough | 65,300 | 2 | 130,600 | 3.27 |
| St. Athan | 72,900 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| St. Bees Head | 9,200 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Stonyhurst | 25,400 | 1 | 25,400 | 0.64 |
| Stornoway Airport | 2,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Strathallan | 10,000 | 1 | 10,000 | 0.25 |
| Thorney Island | 122,700 | 1 | 122,700 | 3.07 |
| Threave | 6,600 | 1 | 6,600 | 0.17 |
| Tiree | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

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| Trawsgoed | 3,400 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Tredegar | 61,700 | 2 | 123,400 | 3.09 |
| Tulloch Bridge | 1,900 | 1 | 1,900 | 0.05 |
| Lake Vyrnwy | 5,500 | 2 | 11,000 | 0.28 |
| Waddington | 71,000 | 2 | 142,000 | 3.55 |
| Walney Island | 17,700 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Wattisham | 57,500 | 2 | 115,000 | 2.88 |
| Wick Airport | 2,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Wittering | 30,400 | 2 | 60,800 | 1.52 |
| Woodford | 267,000 | 2 | 534,000 | 13.35 |
| Yeovilton | 29,000 | 1 | 29,000 | 0.73 |
| **Great Britain** | **4,240,200** | **105** | **5,166,900** | **129.2** |

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6. Figures may not sum due to rounding.