

## **Saved from the cold at Christmas – Bristol family in need receives free boiler from Viessmann**

*The Bennetts of Bradley Stoke spent a warm Christmas following a chance social media appeal*

**Bradley Stoke, UK** – When their old boiler went bang and they were refused finance on a new model, the Bennett family from Bradley Stoke in Bristol was resigned to spending Christmas without heating or hot water. On benefits and with children with autism and Asperger syndrome, the Bennetts could not afford a new boiler and were facing a freezing festive period and beyond.

That was when heating systems manufacturer Viessmann and installers STL Heating & Energy, with some help from the Linked In business social networking website, came to the rescue. The result was the installation just two days before Christmas of a brand new Viessmann Vitodens 100-W boiler.

Viessmann managing director, Graham Russell, explains, “A plea went out on Linked In from the company that had been unable to finance a new boiler for the family. They were concerned about the plight of the family, which struggles at the best of times, not least with the demands of two children with special needs. In the run-up to Christmas, when it was minus

several degrees outside, we were concerned about the exceptional circumstances facing the Bennetts and decided we should help with this one-off donation. Staying warm will no longer be a worry now they have a top German-engineered Viessmann boiler.”

“We were pretty elated to hear that we were getting any kind of help and to find out the boiler was to be given to us for free was a real bonus,” said Martyn Stratford, partner to mum of three, Melaney Bennett.

## Images



The Bennett/Stratford family of Bradley Stoke at home with their new Viessmann boiler.



Christmas cheer! A new Viessmann boiler arrives in time for Christmas. L-R: Alex Vangeen of Viessmann, Martyn Stratford, John Hood of STL Heating & Energy and Melaney Bennett

## About Viessmann Ltd.

Viessmann Limited is part of the Viessmann Group of Companies which is one of the leading international manufacturers of heating, industrial and refrigeration systems. Founded in 1917, the family business is overseen by CEO and President of the Supervisory Board, Prof. Martin Viessmann. The Group has annual turnover of EUR 2.2 billion and employs a staff of approximately 11,600.

Viessmann's comprehensive product range encompasses all fuel types and applications, allowing it to deliver high quality, efficient and fully integrated solutions. With an output range of 1.5 to 120,000 kW, Viessmann offers oil and gas-fired boilers, solar thermal and photovoltaics, combined heat and power modules (CHP), ground, air and water sourced heat pumps and biomass boilers.

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