

National Statistics: Household Energy Efficiency National Statistics, headline release September 2018

his release includes measures installed under the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and the Green Deal schemes. It also includes further analysis and geographical breakdowns of ECO measures, ECO delivery costs, estimated carbon and energy savings from measures installed and the supply chain. These statistics are provisional and are subject to future revisions.

News story: RWM at New Scientist Live

Over the next four days (20-23 September) at [New Scientist Live \(NSL\)](#) in London, scientists and engineers from Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) will be explaining how leading-edge science and technology is making the safe and secure disposal of radioactive waste possible.

RWM works to ensure that radioactive waste is safely managed and packaged today ready for permanent disposal in the future. [Geological disposal](#), endorsed by scientists worldwide, involves placing radioactive waste in highly-engineered vaults and tunnels deep underground.

RWM will host a stand at NSL, catering to an expected audience of around 40,000+ visitors keen to learn about the latest science and technology across a variety of sectors. Visitors to RWM's stand can take a glimpse into the future with a virtual reality journey deep underground into a highly-engineered facility in which the UK's radioactive waste will be disposed, keeping future generations and the environment safe from harm.



Our stand at the New Scientist Live Exhibition

RWM will bring to life the often controversial subject of radioactive waste, and how to deal with it, by showcasing robotics, models, and most importantly, providing access to the scientists and engineers whose mission it is to deliver geological disposal for the UK.

Mohammed Sammur, RWM's Technical Director said:

NSL provides a great opportunity to bring to life the plans for the long-term safe and secure management and disposal of radioactive waste – one of the greatest challenges facing this generation. The event will also provide us with an opportunity to engage with an important segment of our community and listen to their views and questions on this subject.

[Guidance: Managing ash in woodlands in light of ash dieback: operations note](#)

Nine page summary of how to manage ash in woodlands including:

- context
- background
- practical advice
- breeding H. fraxineus-tolerant ash
- chemical control methods
- increasing resilience of woodlands

Notice: Seasonal workers pilot: request for information

Updated: Added the clarification document which answers the questions parties were invited to send to Defra by 28 September 2018.

We're requesting information from any organisation interested in operating a Seasonal Workers Pilot for 2019 and 2020 by Tuesday 17 October 2018. Defra will select 2 organisations from the responses to provide final proposals to the Home Office.

This document lays out the details of the pilot, our expectations for pilot operators, and sets out how we will consider responses.

The Seasonal Workers Pilot will allow recruitment of a limited number of temporary migrants for specific seasonal roles in the horticultural sector. The pilot will be managed by the Home Office under the Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Seasonal Worker category.

The clarification questions and answers document sets out the answers to queries received by 28 September 2018.

Press release: Boaters reminded – register your vessel or pay the price

- All were prosecuted for keeping their unregistered boats on the River

Great Ouse

- They've been ordered to pay more than £6,500
- It brings the total of avoided registration charges recovered by the Agency to £129,000

Register your boat or face thousands of pounds in penalties – that's the message from the Environment Agency for boat owners flouting the law.

The warning comes as 7 boaters have been forced to forfeit more than £6,500 between them for failing to register their vessels for use on the River Great Ouse.

Boat owners are legally required to register any vessel they keep, use, or let for hire on Environment Agency waterways, and to clearly display a valid registration plate. Not doing so can result in penalties including fines and a criminal record.

Lee Eastwood, residing on the Lowena Dew moored at Downham Market, Paul Dale of Tunstall Terrace in Darlington, Darren Beacroft of Mason Gardens in Kings Lynn, Paul Danahar of Ramsey Road in St Ives, Trevor Hewitt of Railway Road in Downham Market, Terry Whitnall of Pitmansfield in Harlow, and Jessica Ibbotson of Spencer Road in Bedford have each been given 28 days to pay up.

The cases were proved at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on 23 August, except for Mr Eastwood's case which was proved at Kings Lynn on the same day, and Ms Ibbotson's case which was proved at Luton Magistrates' Court on 28 August.

Mr Eastwood was ordered to pay £608.79, Mr Dale £878.71, Mr Beacroft £472.49, Mr Danahar £978.98, Mr Whitnall £1,079.99, Ms Ibbotson £535.50, and Mr Hewitt – who owned 2 of the unregistered vessels – had to pay £1,990.99.

So far this year, the Environment Agency has recovered £129,000 in avoided registration charges – funds which are reinvested into maintaining, improving and protecting waterways.

Nathan Arnold, Waterways team leader at the Environment Agency, said:

Our waterways are part of our nation's rich heritage and beauty, and they contribute to our environment, our health and wellbeing, and our economy.

But boaters who break the law by not registering their boats are putting the future of these historic and precious waterways at risk – so we won't hesitate to take action against them.

As well as not contributing their fair share towards the upkeep of waterways, unregistered boats can be unsafe, hazardous to other river users and a pollution risk to the local environment and wildlife.

The Environment Agency looks after 353 miles of navigable waterways in the Anglian network, which includes the Ancholme, Black Sluice, Glen, Welland,

Nene, Great Ouse and Stour, as well as associated locks and navigation facilities like moorings, showers and toilets.

More information about boating and waterways, including registering vessels, is available from the [Environment Agency](#). If you suspect a boat is illegal, please contact the EA on 03708 506 506 or email waterways.enforcementanglian@environment-agency.gov.uk.