

Eco-friendly lightbulbs

Residents in some of Westlea's newer homes will know that we now fit special three-way bayonet lamp fittings as one way to make the property more energy efficient. Although the 'BC3 eco bulbs' needed for these lamp fittings are more expensive than ordinary lightbulbs, using them in a 'standard' house could save the resident around £100 each year because they use less electricity than ordinary lightbulbs.

Some residents have told us they have had difficulty buying the three-pin eco bulbs locally, but we're pleased to report that the following outlets are able to

supply them from £6.35 upwards. This may seem a lot, but the life of the bulb is about 8000 hours or 3-6 years depending on use (and prices are certain to fall – when the two-pin eco bulbs first appeared they cost £18 and now cost around £3). You should phone the shop before visiting to be sure stock is available as they may need to order the bulbs for you. Try the following:

- E&S Electrical, The High Street, Corsham. Tel 01249 713445
- Trotmans, The Pippin, Calne. Tel 01249 812218
- 2a Electrical, Park Lane, Chippenham. Tel 01249 444442

Those with internet access can buy the eco bulbs (prices online) at www.ethicalproductsdirect.com.

Westlea will also be contacting major retailers (eg. Homebase, B&Q, Focus) to try to improve availability and pricing of these new lightbulbs but, in the meantime, would like to know of any problems you have buying them. Contact Martyn Matthews at Westlea on 01249 466090, email martyn.matthews@westlea.co.uk

