

# An Open Chimney is like an Open Window!

**W**ith energy prices sky rocketing to the highest levels ever, we are all being forced to look into how we can make our homes more energy efficient.

Historic and listed properties have all the character and style that we admire and love but they were built in a time where heating a property was considerably cheaper and would generally only be heated using a fireplace.

The difficulty in making changes to the structure and fabric of old properties has long been a contentious issue and has left lots of listed property owners suffering with huge heating bills or enduring long cold winters.

It is only natural in the current energy crisis to consider the latest energy efficient products being promoted by the government and the energy companies. Products such as air or ground source heat pumps, new boilers, solar panels, wind power or triple glazing. Most of these will need a huge upfront investment and will in time make your home more efficient and lower the cost of heating.

Unfortunately, these solutions will be hugely inefficient if you still have several great big holes in your roof!

Your chimney is like an open window. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week your chimney is drawing warm air out of your home. Some fireplaces alone can draw out over 500 cubic metres of air per hour - warm air that you have just paid to heat. Also, as your chimney sucks out the warm air it also pulls in cold damp air from outside, through the windows, doors, cat flaps, under the floor boards and from down other chimneys.

Chimneys can be blocked off by using an easy to fit Chimney Umbrella which can be the cheapest and quickest way to improve your home's energy efficiency. We wouldn't leave our windows open every day so why leave our chimneys open?

The belief that you need to 'leave your chimney open for ventilation' has been taken to the extreme and promoted by companies that want to see you purchase more expensive solutions. So, while you do need airflow in your chimney, you only need a small volume of air to pass through it. Chimney Umbrella uses its unique canopy shape to turn the air around within the chimney to prevent damp and keep the warm air in the house.



When the chimneys are blocked with a Chimney Umbrella the air pressure in the house can increase by up to 45% which then reduces the flow of air coming into the home from all the other leaky areas.

The Chimney Umbrella has been designed to fit and be removed from your fireplace in only a few seconds and will fit all shapes and sizes of chimneys. Its huge flexibility in adapting its shape also means that it collects fallen debris too.

Working as a whole house solution for improving energy efficiency the Chimney Umbrella has been part of OFGEMs ECO 3 innovation trials and with sponsorship by Eon it has proven to be one of the most cost-effective ways of reducing your energy bills.

With difficult times ahead, keeping your home warm and lowering your bills does not need to be a big financial and planning decision. Just close off your chimney draughts with a Chimney Umbrella in a few seconds and you will feel the differences immediately. 🌧️

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