

# Cheaper Oil in Avonwick, North Huish and Diptford

The scheme was started in 2007, when Avonwick/North Huish and Diptford decided to work together to try and get cheaper oil for residents. Steve Hill and Maggie Luscombe felt that combining our efforts would give us better bargaining power and we have come up with a scheme which hopefully will provide us with cheaper oil.

*Five years later we now have over 100 members purchasing in excess of 200,000 litres per year.*

**How does it work?** After looking at various providers and schemes, we decided that Watson's (01803 862950) have the simplest and cheapest scheme at the moment. They have bulk purchase agreements with large commercial companies & have offered us a reduction per litre that would be equivalent to ordering 2,000 litres at one time plus a **further SPECIAL DISCOUNT**.

**When will deliveries be?** This will be on a 2 monthly scheduled top up scheme. They will come around on a regular basis and fill up your tank. They will drop a note through your door telling you how much oil you have had and the price. Due to lack of demand, there is no longer a major delivery in July, but if you need oil then please let me know.

**Does this mean that they will top up when the price of oil is high?** No. They will come and fill the tank on an agreed regular basis depending on how much oil you use. We will ask you to fill in a form to indicate your current preference for top-up. If you are worried about the oil prices you can ask them to phone you up when they are delivering and check the price of oil on that day.

**Does my tank have to be topped up every time?** During summer months or if you are away for a while you may not need a top up. On the membership form there is an opportunity to say how often you wish your tank to be filled. If you prefer a fixed quantity per delivery then please indicate this on the form. You can change this at any time by simply phoning Watsons and ask for a delivery to be postponed, cancelled or altered.

*Please also keep us informed so we can monitor the system.*

**How can I pay?** All financial arrangements are strictly between you & Watsons. They are your supplier & you are their customer. The consortium is in place simply as a vehicle for co-ordinated deliveries & group savings. When you join the scheme you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. This information will be consolidated & passed to Watson's who will contact you to set up an account, if necessary. You will be a group member, but an individual customer. *Watsons have a range of payment options – Please contact them to ensure the best solution for your needs.*

**Can I have my boiler serviced from them?** We all know how important it is to have the boiler serviced yearly to prevent Carbon Monoxide poisoning and to ensure your boiler is working efficiently. Watson's will provide this as well if you wish, but it is not a requirement of this scheme. We are advised by members that they are very happy with the Watson's mechanic Kevin & that the cost is competitive with other service options. Most boilers including Rayburns can be serviced but you will need to contact Watson's to check on this.

**How do I join?** Simply complete a membership form & pass it to Maggie or Steve. We will monitor & manage the consortium account on the member's behalf to continually ensure we are getting the best deal available.

If you would like to join or wish to find out more then please contact;  
Maggie Luscombe 01364-72713 or Steve Hill 01548-821272 **07944 098174**

**OIL SUPPLY IS NOW WITH HELTOR – Sept 22**

# Avonwick, North Huish & Diptford Oil Consortium

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	Address for deliveries (if different):

**Telephone:**

**email:**

Tank Capacity litres	
<i>Comments:</i>	

We are currently planning deliveries to be at 2-month intervals over the year. You can choose to either have a top-up each time or at selected times. Please indicate your current preference below:

January	March	June
September	ALL TOP-UPS	November

*Note: You can change this at any time by notifying Steve  
[mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk) (07944 098174)*

I wish to be listed a member of the Avonwick, North Huish & Diptford oil consortium. I authorise the organisers of this group scheme to include the volume of my purchases of domestic fuel oil into the scheme for the purposes of group purchasing. I understand that initial agreements will be put in place with Watson's to supply the total heating oil requirements of the consortium & that they may contact me to set up an account. The supply agreement will be checked & monitored as far as practicable to continue to provide savings to its members, whilst maintaining a reliable oil delivery service. I accept that it may be decided necessary from time to time to change any bulk purchase arrangements or oil supplier & that every effort will be made to advise members of any such changes in advance.

It is fully understood that any oil supply agreement & financial arrangement is solely between the individual member & the oil supplier. The consortium is not responsible in any respect for any acts or issues pertaining between these parties.

I can cancel my membership of the consortium at any time simply by confirmed written request.

Signed:..... Date: .....