









#### Who We Are

We are an independent home improvement agency with charitable status. We were established in 1993 to support older, disabled and vulnerable people in the Preston area. Over the last 25 years we have grown to cover Preston, South Ribble, Chorley, West Lancashire, Fylde and Pendle.

We deliver a wide range of services to help older, disabled and vulnerable people stay safe, secure, warm and independent in their own homes.



#### Vision

Our vision is safe, secure, warm homes for all enabling independent living and improving health and well being.

We will achieve this by listening and responding to our clients, working with our partners and engaging with local communities to develop and deliver high quality services.



### **Our Services**

We help with home repairs, adaptations and maintenance and other aspects of being safe, secure, warm and independent. Our services are tailored to meet individual needs, but broadly fall into

the following areas of work:

Handyperson Service

- Minor Works Service
- Minor Adaptations Service
- Larger Adaptations & Repairs
- Advice & Support
- Healthy Homes Assessments



Our services are for people over 60; or registered disabled; or over 18 with a long term health condition that affects their mobility in the home, or any other vulnerable person.



### **Challenges of COVID-19**

- Safe Working Practises
- Staffing
- Defining what work could be carried out
- Limited Referral Information
- Customer Confidence
- Materials Supplies
- PPE Supplies

# Case Study -**Dangerous Floor**

- We received referral from Occupational Therapist to install second stair rail under Minor Adaptations Contract for a 78 year old Lady
- On arrival to carry we noticed floor at stairs base had movement under foot.
- Timbers were rotten, failing and urgent remedial work required
- How we helped
- How works were funded





## **Outcomes During COVID**



Keeping people safe, secure, warm & independent in their own home since 1993

March - 31st December 2020



We have received 4222

enquiries regarding repairs, adaptations and general property advice



We have completed 2557

Falls prevention repairs and adaptations in peoples homes



We have assisted 3012

people with advice and practical support regarding their home



We have supported 2067

people being discharged from hospital requiring adaptations in their home



We have carried out

essential repairs and adaptations to enable people stay safe in their own home



With funding from Gas Safe we have funded

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Gas Safety Measures. This includes Boiler, Gas Fire & Cooker services, repairs or replacements



### **Customer Satisfaction 2019 - 20**

