

Within the Smoke Control Area, residents are prohibited from burning smokey fuels such as wood and coal that is not smokeless in a non-approved stove. Where residents wish to burn wood and coal, they need to use an DEFRA approved stove and only burn smokeless fuels.

The Environment Act 2021 has widened the smoke control provisions to potentially include moored vessels within the area. This would mean that moored vessels within the Smoke Control Area would also need to comply with the Smoke Control Area requirements. The boating community are encouraged to consider what they are burning to produce less smoke.

If you find you are foraging for the wood - Please contact Julian house to look at a referral for winter funding for support to use healthier fuel.

Financial Assistance

You may be entitled to financial assistance.

The following resources have information:

Julian House Gypsy, Showpeople, Roma, Boater and Traveller communities service
07946 200 271
grtb@julianhouse.org.uk

Moneyhelper
www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en

Help for households
helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-your-bills

Information on approved appliances

We encourage everyone to engage with the advice contained within the 'Boat Safety Scheme'.

Plenty of excellent information on their website

www.boatsafetyscheme.org/stay-safe-advice/solid-fuel-stoves

Keep well, keep warm this winter

Information for boat dwellers in Bath area

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

Improving People's Lives

Wood burning and your health

Burning wood or other solid fuels within your boat emits dangerous pollution both inside your boat cabin and outside, known as fine particulate matter (PM2.5). Fine particulate matter is known to cause serious illnesses, such as asthma, lung cancer, COPD and stroke.

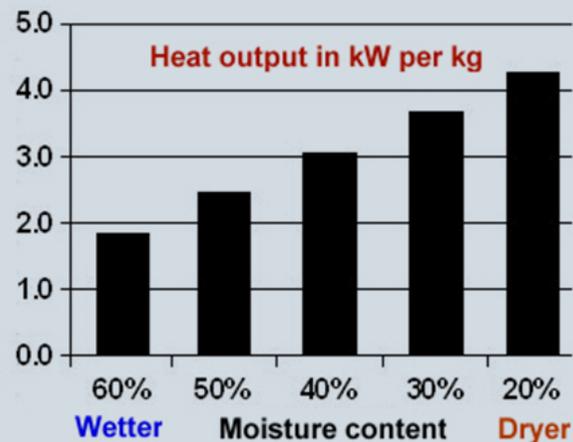
Domestic solid fuel accounts for 38% of primary particulate matter emissions in the UK - the largest source of fine particulate matter and is three times higher than from road transport.

It is in everyone's interest to reduce wood burning where possible, the purpose of this leaflet is to give you information on how you can do this.

Moisture content and Heat efficiency

When wood is cut down its cells are full of water, typically about 60% of the wood weight is water. A 1kg log of fresh wood will contain about a tea mug's worth of water. Such wet or 'green' wood does not burn well, but worse, it wastes most of the heat it produces in simply making steam. Worse still, the steam dissolves-out flammable, acidic tars which will cling to, block up, and can very rapidly damage, a stove and chimney.

Almost all problems associated with burning wood are caused by damp fuel. To burn effectively, wood needs to be dried out, 'seasoned', to a maximum of 15 to 20% water.



Smoke and the law:

Bath and North East Somerset Council are considering options of introducing Smoke Control Area for moored vessels within the City Centre on the Kennet & Avon Canal and the River Avon. The City of Bath is a currently designated Smoke Control Area, the area in Red in map below is the Smoke Control Area.

The map contains both the river and canal between Newbridge in the west and Lambridge to the east.

