



Chorley Borough Council is delighted to announce the formation of a new partnership with Preston Care and Repair to provide a handy person service to vulnerable people across the borough.

The Council is committed to ensuring that residents in need of a little extra help with the repair and maintenance of their homes receive a prompt, reliable and value for money service.

Preston Care and Repair is a local voluntary sector agency that has been providing this type of service since 1993, and has won a national award for excellence in delivering handy person services. They will strive to bring the same sort of extra care practical help to homeowners in Chorley.

The handy person technicians will tackle any job that can be considered within the definition of "DIY" – from changing light bulbs to joinery, cutting back shrubs or power washing drives. Gas and electrical work is not included in their remit, and jobs should normally not take more than two hours to complete.

Clients pay only a £10 per hour contribution, plus the cost of any materials needed, and they are advised on any costs before the work commences.

The service is available to older and/or disabled homeowners or private tenants in the borough. They can get in touch personally or ask a relative, friend, social or health care worker to do so on their behalf.

The Council anticipates that this service will help those most in need of a little extra help to remain independent in their own homes for as long as they want to do so. It is also expected that the availability of the handyperson service should result in a reduction in the numbers of people having accidents in the home, with clients should feel safer, more comfortable and more secure.

To find out more about the service and to book a handyperson appointment customers should contact:

Preston Care and Repair – 01772 204096

Customers can also contact the following useful numbers:

Chorley Council – 01257 515 151

Help Direct - 0303 333 1111

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