

THE GOOD THE BAD & THE UGLY

Registered Gas Engineer needs your pictures – whether you’ve come across some horrors or instances of really good work. And there’s a prize for the best one: so go on, get writing and email your stories and pictures to editorial@registeredgasengineer.co.uk

Photographs 1 & 2

George Fraser of GL Heating noticed this gas hotplate connected with garden hose and jubilee clips while visiting friends in a rented flat. George contacted the landlord and the appliance was disconnected and the supply capped.



Photograph 3

Anthony Sandford of Pride Plumbing Services was called to a house where the fire had not been serviced for eight years.

On checking the catchment area, he was amazed at the level of twigs and debris that had mounted up behind the appliance: it filled three black bin liners. The chimney was then re-tested and the fire re-connected. He explained to the customer that this is why gas appliances should be serviced every year.



Photographs 4, 5, 6 & 7

Mark Williams removed a gas fire during the course of a landlords gas safety inspection to find a flue liner connected directly to the spigot of the gas fire.

On further investigation, the flue liner (which had a lot of debris in it) was found not to line a masonry chimney but to exit directly to the outside, where it terminated with a wall-adjacent terminal above a flat roof. Needless to say, the appliance was disconnected and made safe.



DON'T FORGET
 Remember we want to showcase good work too. Perhaps you came across a nightmare and put things right in a particularly professional way: if so, then please do send your 'after' photos as well as your 'befores'.

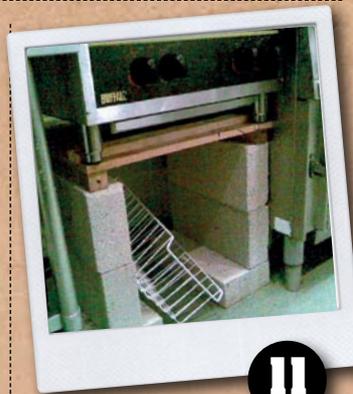
Photographs 8 & 9

Geoff Beck was called out in response to a smell of gas. The balanced flue terminal had been removed many years ago to allow more room on a path at the side of house. The other picture shows a G-clamp holding open the appliance gas valve. It has now been replaced with a new condensing boiler.



Photograph 10

Mick Andrews of Reading shows us why steel pipework should be protected against corrosion. The customer had noticed a smell of gas outside their property and the gas escape was traced to this badly corroded steel pipe. It was replaced with new copper pipe.



Photograph 11

Simon Tranter came across this gas hob unit when attending a call-out to a dishwasher.

Looking around the kitchen, he noticed this alarming DIY stand for a recently installed four-burner gas hob unit. The appliance was made safe until a permanent mounting could be made.



Photograph 12

Adrian Smith saw this combi boiler, fitted outside an address in Birmingham. Note the attempted waterproofing measures taken by the customer – ie, a sheet of polythene was draped over the unit.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

There's a prize for the best photos sent in (in our opinion). Please remember to set your camera to take pictures at a high resolution and email them to editorial@registeredgasengineer.co.uk.

This month Anton are giving away a CPA1 probe kit plus a pressure relief valve, which is designed to simplify let by and tightness testing. It enables you get the desired gas pressure on your U gauge/pressure meter without having to keep pulling off the hose and making repeated adjustments.

This month's winner is Adrian Smith from Birmingham.



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