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REMOTE HEATING CONTROL: HOUSEHOLDERS TAKE THE LEAD

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Remote control culture is spreading from the TV to home heating, using Honeywell's wireless CM60RF programmable thermostat. Electrical specialist Alan Gregory, who sub-contracts for several heating installers in Cornwall, reports: "Many households have found it more convenient to leave the CM60RF unit on the coffee table, so it is handy if the room temperature gets too hot or cold, than to keep it on its wall mounting bracket as Honeywell intended."

"We can adjust the heating from anywhere in the house," said Liskeard householder Angela Pedlar, whose heating system was installed by Liskeard's Stove Shop, with electrics by Alan Gregory. "As I work shifts, I even take our Honeywell programmer to bed with me during the day – it's a great convenience," she said.

Honeywell developed its wireless CM60RF so there is no wiring back to the boiler. Observed Alan Gregory: "It's easier and less costly to install – and there's no damage to home decorations. CM60RF signals travel easily between rooms, unlike TV remote controls which use 'line of sight' infra-red signals."

The CM60 provides comfort while saving energy by adjusting temperatures precisely and automatically to the household's needs at different times of the day, so there should be no need to adjust the temperature in most cases. "But many householders like to feel they have some manual control," said Gregory. "As the CM60 is simple to use, they find it easy to alter the set temperature to suit their needs. But I warn that they will not be able to adjust the temperature in rooms fitted with radiator thermostats – the temperature of the house may change, but the local conditions won't!"

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Gregory stated he has never had a problem with RF reception, even in large properties such as barn conversions and stone cottages with extremely thick walls. “Honeywell quotes a maximum range of 30 metres, but doesn’t guarantee it will work from everywhere in a home, as reception depends on building layout and the proximity of earthed metalwork such as conduits and appliances. However, it’s worked well in every one of my installations and it suits the trend to armchair control of all a home’s entertainment and comfort systems.”

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