

City boiler firm's free gas safety checks for Baberton residents

The Edinburgh Boiler Company (EBC) will conduct free gas safety checks for residents in the Baberton area of the city following the explosion which occurred last weekend.

Initial findings of the Health and Safety Executive's investigation into the tragedy, following which two people were taken to hospital, state that the fatal blast was caused by an installation inside the property and not the gas network which supplies the area.

Aware of the concern in the neighbourhood following the incident, EBC reached out to locals to offer the complimentary service to help give them peace of mind in the run-up to Christmas, with many keen to accept. The firm is also offering free or replacement carbon monoxide alarms for those in need.

"The dreadful events at Baberton Mains Avenue affected the whole community," said Dougie Bell, Edinburgh Boiler Company's operations director (pictured), "and the thoughts of all our staff are with the family of the gentleman who tragically lost his life in the explosion.

"At the Edinburgh Boiler Company, we take pride in our commitment to gas safety and want to do what we can to give people in the area reassurances that their homes are safe places to live in and that all the gas appliances within their

properties meet the required safety standards.

“We found a few defects which have been resolved free of charge and people have been very appreciative.

“We’re also going to install carbon monoxide alarms where required without charge.

“This additional measure is designed to offer an extra layer of comfort, ensuring that every aspect of the property related to gas is not only up to standard but ultimately safe for them and their loved ones.”

Mark Glasgow, managing director of EBC, added: “What happened last week was a tragedy and my thoughts are with everyone affected.

“People’s safety and wellbeing are of the utmost importance to us at EBC, and we believe that by offering these services, we will contribute to a safer and more secure community. Hopefully by doing so we have helped provide people with peace of mind as we approach Christmas.”

