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ABOVE A classic range cooker will generate a desirable level of heat. Kitchens from £25,000, the Bath Kitchen Company
MIDDLE Consider placing radiators against interior walls so heat is not lost through an exterior wall. Cast iron radiator, £435.46, The Radiator Centre
BOTTOM Combine protection with traditional appeal. Opening bronze window, £535, 50cm x 105cm; glass with applied lead, £90, Architectural Bronze Casements

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physiological effects of an open fire, but you get more heat output from a stove than you would an open fire. As a rule, if you look at the manufacturer's stated heat output from a stove it is probably going to be double that of an open fire." Burning wood, whether on a fire or in a stove gives a quick response, whereas solid fuel will burn for much longer periods of time, hence multifuel stoves are popular because they offer the chance to choose the type and speed of heat required.

Creating warmth inside is of little use if it escapes through the window, so the right glazing is key. "Triple glazing comes at high cost and is not necessarily justified when comparing comfort with financial savings," managing director of Mumford & Wood, Frank Buckley, says. "Consider using a double-glazed system with an upgrade in the glass specification." For older properties consult a specialist timber-window manufacturer, "even replacing an old, poorly fitting single-glazed window with a modern single-glazed alternative immediately reduce draughts and rattles."

At the heart of a home, range cookers offer a traditional heating option. Mark Blewitt of Esse explains, "The cooker and boiler on our central-heating models each have their own burner, so they can be controlled entirely independently of each other. You can choose to have a cooker on without the heating or vice versa. [If selecting a gas model] consider a flueless model because there is no flue from which to lose heat unnecessarily." ■

