

# Cost of Living: Let's Work Together



Everybody will be facing a change in their circumstances this Winter as the cost of living is set to increase.

Through this leaflet we wanted to provide the contact details of organisations & agencies across Bromsgrove & Redditch, who can offer expert advice & support & signpost you to the correct help which you may need. Whether you receive benefits or not, there is support & advice from trusted services available to you.

## Take action ASAP

- If you're experiencing financial difficulties, it's always better to deal with them straight away. Acting quickly could make a big difference to you.
- Let your relevant agency or creditors know you are struggling. You may be able to agree with them a temporary reduction on your payments. It is always better to pay something than nothing.
- Help is available, it's best to face things head on & get in touch with the relevant agency as soon as possible.
- Prioritise essential household bills like rent, mortgage, Council Tax, gas & electricity above credit cards & loans - let creditors know you are struggling.
- If you can't keep on top of gas & electricity payments, please continue to pay what you can & talk to your supplier.

**Work Together**  
Please share information with neighbours, friends & colleagues.  
**Let's Work Together.**

- Make sure the advice you are given is from a trusted & official source.



**Bromsgrove  
District Council**  
[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk)



# We're here when you need us

## Act On Energy

Energy advice - including energy efficiency tips; billing issues; grants & funding for energy efficiency measures & grants for broken heating systems & help with fuel bills & energy debt.

Freephone 0800 988 2881

[www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk)

## Age UK Bromsgrove, Redditch & Wyre Forest

Free & confidential advice for people over 50.

01527 570490

[enquiries@ageukbrwf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbrwf.org.uk)

[www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf)

## bdht

bdht can support its residents with budgeting, employment & generic support. Contact us if you are struggling financially or worried about paying your rent.

0800 0850 160

[contactus@bdht.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bdht.co.uk)

## Bromsgrove and Redditch Network (BARN)

Signposts to a variety of voluntary sector services & helps find the right service if you need help to access food, furniture, school uniform, money advice, support when facing homelessness, disability advice & more.

01527 60282

[office@barn.org.uk](mailto:office@barn.org.uk)

## Libraries

Free PC access, WiFi & activities.

01905 822722

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Citizens Advice Bromsgrove & Redditch

General information & advice & specialist debt support.

0808 278 7890

[www.cabr.org.uk](http://www.cabr.org.uk)

## Bromsgrove District Council

We are here to support you so please keep in touch.

01527 881213

[benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk)

[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/benefits)

## Redditch Borough Council

We are here to support you so please keep in touch.

01527 534050

[hbenefits@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:hbenefits@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/benefits)

It is very important that you continue to pay your rent, so please get in touch.

01527 587000 Option 1

[housingrevenue](mailto:housingrevenue@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving)

[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/costofliving)

Here2Help Worcestershire

01905 768053

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)

Need this information in another language/format? Call 01527

548284 or email [equalities@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)