

List of Money Saving Ideas / Tips / Support / Companies / Websites

Benefits:

If you need a benefit check - you can contact Turn2us for a benefit check over the telephone on - 0808 802 2000 or an online calculator: <https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>

If you need help with an ESA50 or UC50 form – you should contact the Health Assessment Advisory Service on: 0800 288 8777 who will help you to complete your form over the telephone.

If you need help with a PIP / AA / DLA form - there is guidance on how to complete these forms: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/.../sick-or-disabled..>

Universal Credit (UC):

The Citizens Advice Universal Credit 'Help To Claim' service is available: 08000 241 220

Debt:

If you need help with debt, you can contact any of the other free debt advice organisations who can give advice by phone or online:

Step Change - 0800 138 1111. They also have a live chat facility on their website: <https://www.stepchange.org/contact-us.aspx>

National Debtline - 0808 808 4000. They also have a webchat facility on their website: <https://www.nationaldebtline.org/#>

Employment:

visit the ACAS website here: <https://www.acas.org.uk/advice>

Consumer:

For information about any consumer issues here: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/>
0808 223 1133

Housing:

Please contact Shelter Cymru's helpline on - 08000 495 495

Caia Park Advice Service Sessions:

Advice is available via our telephone service as follows: 01978 290614

Martin Lewis Facebook Page and Websites

Struggling to pay energy bills, but not in council tax bands A-D, so not due the £150 payment - Councils got £144m discretionary fund, to give up to £150 to people in this situation.

WARNING! Many are talking about cancelling energy Direct Debits to 'keep in control' and just pay when billed. Yet be aware that it's usually charged at a HIGHER RATE.

Price cap (for someone with typical use) paying by

Monthly DD £1,971

Prepay meter £2,017

Quarterly bills £2,100

Skills for Adults - Coleg Cambria

If you are concerned about rising energy prices and not sure how to manage your bills or finding cheaper providers then maybe we can help? A free course run in conjunction with Warm Wales to try to help you manage your utility bills better. We'll look at what the words on a bill mean, common mistakes to watch out for, how to budget for your energy bills and how to read and submit meter readings. We'll also look at how to search for better deals and switching providers as well as tips for speaking to energy companies on the phone.

If you would like to find out more or enrol on the course, please call 01978 267369 or email skillsforadults@cambria.ac.uk.

Winter Fuel Support Scheme in Wales.

This is for a one off payment of £100 for people who are on certain benefits due to the fuel prices going up. It's via the council. You will automatically be contacted if you qualify but you can also apply via the council website. It's completely different from the warm home discount scheme [.https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/ser.../winter-fuel-support-scheme](https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/ser.../winter-fuel-support-scheme).

Warm Home Discount Scheme Overview

You could get £140 off your electricity bill for winter under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. The money is not paid to you - it's a one-off discount on your electricity bill, between October and March. You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill instead if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity. Contact your supplier to find out. The discount will not affect your Cold Weather Payment or Winter Fuel Payment.

Eligibility

There are 2 ways to qualify for the Warm Home Discount Scheme:

You get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit - known as the 'core group'

You're on a low income and meet your energy supplier's criteria for the scheme - known as the 'broader group'

How you apply for the Warm Home Discount Scheme depends on how you qualify for the discount.

Pre-pay or pay-as-you-go meters

You can still qualify for the discount if you use a pre-pay or pay-as-you-go electricity meter.

Your electricity supplier can tell you how you'll get the discount if you're eligible, for example a voucher you can use to top up your meter.

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