



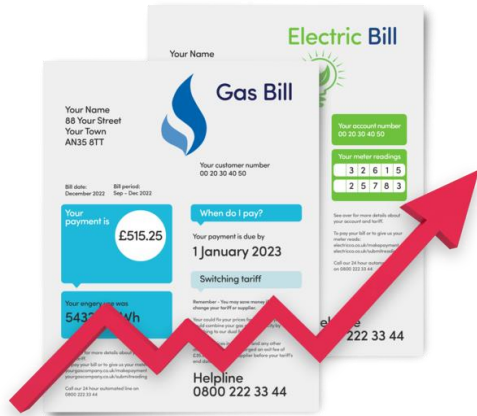
# Welfare Benefits

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# The cost of living crisis



The cost of living crisis has been caused by the **price of things going up**, but the amount of money people are getting hasn't gone up as much.



The money people have doesn't go as far and buying things gets harder.

# How is the government helping this winter - Cost of Living Payments



- a £650 one-off payment for **households on means tested benefits**
- a £300 one-off payment for **pensioner households** to be paid alongside the Winter Fuel Payment
- a £150 one-off **Disability payment** for people across the UK who receive certain disability benefits
- a £500 million increase to the **Household Support Fund** available to councils to support certain households with the cost of essentials such as food, utilities and clothing



# Cost of Living Payments



One payment was already made in July to people on certain benefits.



The next payment for people getting certain benefits is due between the 8 November 2022 and the 23 November 2022

# Cost of Living Payments

| September |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| October |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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In September or October you may have received a lump sum payment of £150 if you're getting any of the following:

- Attendance Allowance
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance for adults
- Disability Living Allowance for children
- Personal Independence Payment



# Energy Bills Support Scheme



The Energy Bills Support Scheme provides a £400 discount to eligible households



This is to help with energy bills over winter 2022 to 2023. This does not have to be paid back

# Winter Fuel Payment



If you're entitled to a Winter Fuel Payment for winter 2022 to 2023, you will get an extra £300 for your household.

This will be paid with your normal payment from November 2022.



This is **on top of** any Cost of Living Payment you get with your benefit or tax credits.





We know this is a really difficult time as many of us are facing rising living costs.



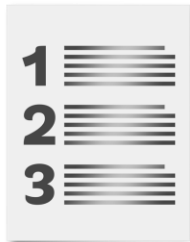
Help is available if you are struggling to afford the essentials, or need support of any kind.



Camden Council's Cost of Living Crisis Fund is for residents and families facing severe **money problems** and who cannot afford essentials - like food, energy bills, water, electricity and housing.



# Warm Welcome spaces



- Each 'Warm Welcome' space will be a little different but wherever you visit, you will be met with warmth and kindness
- There will be Warm Welcome spaces for everyone – from children to older residents and for individuals, families and friends.
- How you use the space is up to you – to work, to relax, to meet others, or to find out how to get support or advice if you need it.
- List to be published soon

# Food Banks



To access a food bank you may need food bank vouchers.



You can get referrals to access these from Council Officers, social workers, children's centres, GP surgeries and advice charities.

# More information and where to go for help

- **The government website:** [Browse: Benefits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- **Carers UK website:** [Benefits | Finances | Pensions - Carers UK](#)
- **Citizens Advice Camden** provide an Universal Credit Help to Claim Service: [Universal Credit Help - Citizens Advice Camden \(camdencabservice.org.uk\)](http://camdencabservice.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice Camden** for all benefits - Freephone: 0808 278 7835 [http://www.camdencabservice.org.uk/](http://www.camdencabservice.org.uk)
- **Age UK Camden** - Tel: 020 7837 3777 Email: [duty@ageukcamden.org.uk](mailto:duty@ageukcamden.org.uk)
- Website: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/camden/our-services/information-advice/>
- **London Irish Centre** - Opening times: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
- Tel: 020 7916 2222 Email: [info@londonirishcentre.org](mailto:info@londonirishcentre.org)
- **Mary Ward Legal Centre** – Tel: 020 7831 7079
- **Camden Disability Action** - Tel: 020 3833 1125
- 07543 572 793 SMS/TEXT ONLY. [advice@camdendisabilityaction.org.uk](mailto:advice@camdendisabilityaction.org.uk)
- **Camden Community Law Centre** - Tel: 020 7284 6510
- **Camden People First** – [info@camdenpeoplefirst.co.uk](mailto:info@camdenpeoplefirst.co.uk) Tel: 020 7388 2007