

# Get Help in tough times

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## We all want to live our lives without worry and stress

but the current tough times are putting a strain on us all.

That's why people across your area are getting help with the cost of living including help with managing your money.

If you are struggling with the cost of living you may be able to get extra help. You don't need to be on benefits.

There's immediate help for pensioners, those of working age and for families which can help with the cost of food and fuel.

- Extra financial help may be available to help towards your **rent and Council Tax**
- The **Household Support Fund** can provide one-off payments for food, fuel, repairs, school uniforms and clothing and other essential provisions
- If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to help through **NHS Healthy Start**
- We can provide **food and fuel vouchers** as well as emergency food parcels
- A confidential **benefits checker** to make sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to
- For further information on advice and services check out **The Bury Directory**

For immediate financial help from Bury Council  
visit: [bury.gov.uk/hardshiphelp](https://bury.gov.uk/hardshiphelp)



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# Let's help you to manage tough times

## **Further advice and support is available through the Community Hubs:**

Community Hubs are available to support residents and help with essential supplies or for any worries or concerns you may have about money or your general wellbeing.

Contact your local Community Hub by calling 0161 253 5400 or email:

**North Community Hub** - Elton, North Manor, Tottington and Ramsbottom  
[Northcommunityhub@bury.gov.uk](mailto:Northcommunityhub@bury.gov.uk)

## **Local food banks**

### **Brandlesholme Community Centre & Foodbank**

375B Brandlesholme Road, Bury, BL8 1HS. Tel: 0161 797 7366.

Email: [Joanne@brandlesholme.net](mailto:Joanne@brandlesholme.net)

### **Ramsbottom Pantry**

Tel: 07710 461761, [Email: ramsbottompantry@gmail.com](mailto:ramsbottompantry@gmail.com)

## **Debt advice**

### **Calico drop-in sessions, Brandlesholme Community Centre & Foodbank**

375B Brandlesholme Road, Bury, BL8 1HS. Tel: 0161 797 7366.

Email: [Joanne@brandlesholme.net](mailto:Joanne@brandlesholme.net)

**Christians Against Poverty** offer a free debt counselling service to residents within the postcode areas of BL8, BL9, M25 and M45 for people of all faiths and none. Tel: 0800 328 0006.

**Bury and Bolton Citizens Advice Bureau** provide tailored advice to your individual needs with support including debt advice and how to deal with priority payments. Freephone Adviceline: 0808 278 7804 available Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm and bookable face-to-face appointments available. Video drop-in service available: [cabb.org.uk/ video-advice/](http://cabb.org.uk/video-advice/)

For further information on benefits, tax credits and Universal Credit which you may be entitled to, a free online calculator is available at: [entitledto.co.uk](http://entitledto.co.uk)

## **Support is available to help with your mental wellbeing:**

A confidential helpline is available for anyone experiencing difficulties with their mental wellbeing, including those struggling because of financial hardship. The **Getting Help Helpline** is available Monday to Saturday 8am-8pm and offers non-clinical support from experienced call-handlers, call 0161 464 3679. You can also contact trained crisis volunteers, supported by clinical supervisors, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by texting **GMBury** to 85258.