

## Cost of Living Support for Street Residents - January 2023

**We are all feeling the impact of the rising cost of living, especially the cost of heating and food. There are a number of sources of help and advice available to you in Street.**

If you have money worries or you are struggling to pay your household bills, free expert advice is available from the **Citizens Advice** team

Telephone: 0808 278 7842

Website: [www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk)

For practical and confidential advice on where you can find help in your own community, ring the Community Council for Somerset and they will put you in touch with your local **Village Agent**

Telephone: 01823 331222

The Village Agent can help you access the **Household Support Fund**, which is a Government Fund distributed through Somerset County Council offering financial support. If you have access to the internet you can find out more at

[www.somerset.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

If you are not able to provide adequate food for yourself and your family, please call the **Salvation Army** on 07511 313339 to discuss the best way they can help and explain the referral system.

There is a **CAP debt centre** at Street Baptist Church in Glaston Road to help those in financial difficulties. The Baptist Church also run a weekly community lunch. Telephone: 01458 897 337

There is a **Community Fridge in Glastonbury**, next to the Town Hall where surplus food is available free of charge.

If you have concerns about **Housing** contact Mendip District Council.

Telephone: 0300 303 8588

Details of the Homefinder Somerset service can be found here, please be aware that there is huge demand for housing and too few homes in the Street & Glastonbury area  
[www.mendip.gov.uk/applyforhousing](http://www.mendip.gov.uk/applyforhousing)

Mendip District Council has a **Council Tax Reduction Scheme** and also a separate discretionary hardship fund for Council Tax. Ask for advice on whether you are receiving all the help you are entitled to.

Telephone: 0300 303 8588

Website:

[www.mendip.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport](http://www.mendip.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport)

If you are struggling to pay your heating bills, or heat your home, the Centre for Sustainable Energy is running a **Safe & Warm Somerset** scheme

Telephone: 0800 082 2234

Email: [Home.energy@cse.org.uk](mailto:Home.energy@cse.org.uk)

Website:

[www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1367](http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1367)

There are many places in Street that are **Warm Spaces**, offering a safe and comfortable place to spend time.

Warm Spaces include the Community Centre at Crispin Hall, the Salvation Army in Goswell Road, Street Library, Strode Theatre and many more.

Website:

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

If you are of state pension age, there is a free, confidential advice service offered by **Age UK Somerset**.

Telephone: 01823 345 613

Email:

[infoandadvice@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:infoandadvice@ageuksomerset.org.uk)

If you need support for your **mental health**, there is a 24hour service via Mindline Somerset.

Telephone: 01823 276892

Or Freephone 0800 138 1692

The Community Centre at Crispin Hall has a **volunteer driver scheme**, if you are not able to get about in Street.

The Community Centre also offers many daytime activities and a warm space.

Telephone: 01458 447248