

## Empty homes assistance

This assistance will be provided to assist us in encouraging the re-occupation of empty properties. Eligibility for this is:

- Owners and landlords who can demonstrate that alternative funding options are not viable and have savings less than £16,000

A qualifying criteria also applies:

- The property is permanent and legal residence.
- Must prove the property has been empty for over 6 months.
- Assistance available for essential works as deemed appropriate by us.
- Will not consider applications in respect to premises built or converted less than 10 years from date of application.

For further information get in touch on 01386 565610

## Home move assistance

To enable people to move to more suitable accommodation to meet their needs and where it is considered to be more beneficial than a DFG, total cost awarded £3,000 (once only) Eligible applicants will be:

- Any disabled person, as described by Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.
- Applicants can be owner occupiers or tenants.
- Be a permanent and legal residence in the property.
- Eligible costs—legal and ancillary fees, estate agent fees, removal costs, carpets and curtains

For further information telephone

Care & Repair  
Worcestershire  
01684 579456  
or email  
crw@fortisliving.com



## Hospital discharge assistance

This assistance will prevent admission to and aid discharge from hospital. All eligible applicants must be recognised as disabled persons as described by Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 (as amended) and in receipt of one or more of the following means tested benefits:

- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Housing / Council tax Support (not included single person or disabled person discount)
- Pension Guarantee Credit (NOT pension saving credit)
- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) (income based only)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) (income related)
- Universal Credit

To also qualify the applicant must:

- The property is permanent and legal residence
- Urgent minor adaptations that qualify under the Housing Grants, construction and Regeneration Act 1996

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## Dementia dwelling grant

This assistance is non means tested, but will be based on the assessment of the individuals needs. The grant of up to £750 is to help eligible people with dementia to adapt their home so they can better manage their surroundings and maintain their independence.

The grant is open to anyone living and paying council tax in Worcestershire who has a clinically proven diagnosis of dementia and still living in their own home.

Applications will be processed by Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

For further information telephone  
Age UK Worcestershire 01905 740950  
or email [dementiaadvice@ageukhw.org.uk](mailto:dementiaadvice@ageukhw.org.uk)

Search online for full information at:  
[www.malvern hills.gov.uk](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk)  
and [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk)

# HOUSING Assistance

Help for you to live in a good standard,  
safe, warm and healthy home



## What is housing assistance?

The key aims are to assist vulnerable people who live in homes which are decent, suitable and affordable in Wychavon and Malvern Hills to:

- Increase the number of vulnerable people who are able to live independently at home.
- Reduce the number of people living in homes that have category 1 and serious category 2 hazards.
- Reduce the number of unfit homes occupied by vulnerable people.
- Increase the number of empty properties that are brought back into use.

## Mandatory disabled facilities grants (DFG)

These grants are awarded to enable applicants to have access to and around their homes or to use essential facilities in their home to enable them to live independently.

The maximum amount of the mandatory DFG is £30,000.

If works are considered unreasonable given the age and condition of the property alternatives including the following will normally be considered:

- Referral to social services for consideration of providing additional resources
- Alternative schemes of work
- Assistance to move to alternative accommodation. With funding for adaptations to the new accommodation.

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## Discretionary standard adaptations assistance

Works under taken under £10,000 can now be delivered through a shorter process. This is discretionary assistance and subject to available resources.

There is no means test associated with this assistance, however, in the event the council or Care & Repair Worcestershire become aware that the applicant has sufficient funds to make a contribution at the pre-approval stage then the application will be processed as a mandatory DFG and the means test required with this will be applied. Eligibility and qualifying criteria remain the same as DFG.

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## Discretionary assistance

This will only be considered when all other financial assistance has been exhausted; it is also subject to availability of funding.

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## Home repair assistance

The aim of this is to ensure that vulnerable people remain safe, warm and healthy in their homes. It is available for households that do not have the financial resources to pay for works to their home. Owner occupiers and private tenants with a repairing responsibility and having savings less than £16,000 and in receipt one of the following means tested benefits to be eligible:

- Income Support
- Working Tax credit
- Housing / Council Tax Support
- Pension Guarantee Credit (NOT pension saving credit)
- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) (income based only)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) (income related)
- Universal Credit

The qualifying criteria for this assistance is:

- A permanent and legal residence
- Property determined to have Category 1 Hazard or significant Category 2 Hazard
- The council will not consider an application in respect to premises built or converted
- Less than 10 years from the date of application

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## Warm and healthy homes assistance

The aim of providing this discretionary assistance is to ensure that vulnerable residents remain warm and healthy in their homes. It is available for households that do not have the financial resources to access or pay for necessary energy works to their home by any other means.

The assistance available includes to replace low efficiency boilers (F or G rated), heating system insulation, draught proofing, replace boilers broken beyond economic repair and repairs to efficient boilers.

This assistance is subject to available resources and the eligibility is for owner-occupiers or private tenants with a repairing responsibility having savings of less than £16,010 and in receipt of a means tested benefit or the household income is below the threshold after tax, depending on household compositions, as per below table:\*

	Number of children				
	0	1	2	3	4 or more
Single Adult	£13,200	£17,400	£21,600	£25,800	£30,000
Two Adults or more	£19,800	£24,000	£28,200	£32,400	£36,600

\*These figures were amended February 2017.

**For further information please telephone Act on Energy  
0800 988 2881 or email [advice@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:advice@actonenergy.org.uk)**

## Discretionary top ups

Top ups for a mandatory DFG's are capped at £10,000. Where the DFG exceeds the £30,000 limit and funding from other sources are unavailable. We will use our powers to place a lifetime charge against the property as a condition of any top up.

Top ups for minor adaptations or handyperson services will be considered by us in providing a top up through the Age UK handyman service for homeowners and private tenants. Any work exceeding £1,000 will be topped up to a maximum cost of £2,000.

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