

The Joint Team brings partnership working in Shropshire with Shropshire Council Benefits Service and Welfare Advice, The Pension Service, Citizens Advice Shropshire and A4U Action • Advice • Advocacy (disability advice). Age Concern Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin also work in association with the Joint Team.

We are here to help you get extra money from benefits such as Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit. These benefits can help pay towards your rent or council tax, general living costs and care and mobility needs. You can claim even if you have other people living in your home.

Many people just don't think they will be eligible or don't realise how easy it is to find out about their potential entitlement.

You can get information and advice about benefits, and if you wish can even have a visit to your home for help in completing the forms.

Don't Miss Out On What Is Rightfully Yours

- you could be surprised at what you can get
- call to find out today



- Do you think benefits don't apply to you?
- Have you thought about claiming but given up because of the forms and information required?
- Are you just about managing to pay your bills – such as council tax, rent, gas and electricity?
- Do you rely on someone else to help you out at home?

If you, or a friend or relative you know, answer YES to any of these questions

**CALL
0345 678 9030**

or contact any of us in the Shropshire Joint Team Benefits Partnership



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Missing out?

Should YOU be getting MORE?



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Find out what YOU may be entitled to

Attendance Allowance
Disability Living Allowance
Carers Allowance

Pension Credit
Housing Benefit
Council Tax Benefit



Examples of recent benefit awards in Shropshire

Gordon is 66 and lives on his own in a rented flat. His state pension is £105 a week and he gets a works pension of £210 per month. He has been getting Disability Living Allowance since he was 61 because he has mobility problems. He was unaware that he might also qualify for Pension Credit and Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit until he saw a leaflet about benefits and made some enquiries. He is now better off by £87 per week and also received a lump sum of more than £1000 in backdated benefit.

Michael and Sheila are in their late 60's and own their own home. They have a Council Tax charge of £1200 a year. Their state pensions total £840 per month and they also have 2 works pensions totalling £132 per month and savings of just over £15000. They had no idea they could claim Council Tax Benefit until they saw a Joint Team representative at an information day in their local town. To their surprise they found out they were entitled to £15.58 a week, reducing their annual Council Tax bill to £390, and also Pension Credit of £2.23 a week.

Mr D saw a leaflet about benefits and made enquiries on behalf of his elderly mother. He did not think she would be eligible for any help as she had savings of £30000 from an inheritance. She was having to draw on this to supplement her pension of £87 per week and to pay her rent and council tax. Mr D helped his mother to make a claim for Pension Credit and she was awarded £18.40 a week and also received a backdated amount for 3 months

Barbara is 66 and moved to Shropshire 4 years ago into a rented house, paying £280 a month rent and £830 a year Council Tax. Her state pension is £95.25 per week and she receives a private pension of £498 a month. She was using her small amount of savings to pay her rent and Council Tax each month. She has now claimed Housing and Council Tax Benefit and is getting £25.60 a week towards her rent, and £206 off her Council Tax charge, and these awards were backdated for 3 months



Mary lives in a rented house with her adult daughter. They are both employed, with Mary's daughter earning a gross wage of less than £228.00 per week. Mary is not entitled to Council Tax Benefit as her earnings are too high, but because her daughter is on a low wage she can claim 'alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit rebate' which reduces her Council Tax bill by 7.5%.

Simon is 63 and has retired early from work, he lives alone in his own home. He has a small private pension of £40.00 per week and £20000 in savings. He finds out that he can apply for Pension Credit and he will get an extra £62.00 each week, and also be eligible for 100% Council Tax Benefit.

David and Maureen have 2 young children. David is working and earns £787 a month. They claim Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and this gives them an extra £147 a week. They have to pay rent of £90 a week and Council Tax is £1365 a year. They did not realise they could claim benefit to reduce the amount of rent and council tax they were paying. They now get Housing Benefit of £22 a week and Council Tax Benefit of £270 a year. Claiming these benefits has made David and Maureen better off by £28 a week

Mrs F spent some time in hospital and later moved in with her daughter because she needed some care. She was unaware that she could claim Attendance Allowance and her daughter could claim Carers Allowance for looking after her. They have now been helped to make the claims and Mrs F receives £47.10 a week Attendance Allowance and her daughter gets £53.10 a week Carer's Allowance

It's your money—claim it. You won't know until you try