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# Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

**Help for residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of support.**

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## How can the Local Welfare Scheme help?

The discretionary scheme provides:

- Emergency support towards food, energy or other essentials as vouchers, food parcels from local/community food banks or with credit for energy.
- Help to people whose needs are more long-term, who are vulnerable through an ongoing set of circumstances, including:
  - care leavers
  - victims of domestic abuse
  - former armed forces personnel
  - those resettling in a community after a custodial term

This help may take the form of furnishing accommodation with basic furniture and appliances.

- Signposting to other agencies and organisations who can offer further support.



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## Who is eligible?

Applicants need to be:

- a legal resident in the UK
- aged 16 or over
- have no other access to funds or enough resources to pay for food or energy
- experiencing a situation which poses a serious health or safety risk to themselves and their family
- a resident of Warwickshire
- a member of the armed forces who can demonstrate a strong connection to Warwickshire

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## How to apply?

Call the Local Welfare Scheme on **0800 4081448** or **01926 359182** for a confidential discussion with a friendly advisor.

In order to assess needs, advisors will require certain information. To make an application to the scheme, applicants will need to be prepared to share information, such as:

- National Insurance number
- Household details
- Financial circumstances
- Access to other forms of financial support
- Circumstances and reasons for the claim
- Preventative measures taken by the applicant or partner

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## Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday    9am to 5pm  
Friday                      9am to 4.30pm

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