**Financial Support**

If you would like help to apply for any of these funds, please contact the Westbury Listening Line (ring or text 07851 227855) and someone will get back to you. We will treat any enquires in the strictest confidence.

**Council Tax Support:**
Mendip District Council have a discretionary fund to help pay council tax, for those already in receipt of Housing Benefit, the Housing Costs element of Universal Credit or Council Tax Support. See <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/cthp> or call 0300 303 8588.

**Food Banks:**Those wishing to access food banks need to have a voucher in order to do so. Westbury-Sub-Mendip Parish Council can help with referrals.

Cheddar Valley Food Bank: <https://cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk/>

Wells Storehouse Foodbank: <http://www.wellsvineyard.com/index.php/compassion>

**Water Bills**:
Bristol Water’s Assist scheme offers up to 88% discount for very low income households. 0345 600 3600 <https://www.bristolwater.co.uk/struggling-to-pay/>

**Electricity and Gas Bills**:
The British Gas Energy Trust offers grants to clear gas and electricity debts – you don’t have to be a British Gas customer in order to apply. <https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/>

Many other energy companies also offer grants specifically for their customers, including npower, Scottish Power, Ovo, E.on, EDF and SSE.
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

**Universal Credit:**
This is the Government benefit scheme for people on low incomes or out of work, and includes payments for rent. Apply online at: <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

**Mortgage support:**You can have your mortgage payments suspended for up to three months. Contact your lender in order to arrange this.

**Citizens Advice Mendip:** Although the office is currently closed, the advice line remains open. <https://www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk/> 03444 889 623

**Mindline Somerset:**

Coronavirus emotional support helpline - 01823 276 892
Monday to Friday – 9am-11pm
Saturday & Sunday – 8pm-11pm