# Struggling to pay your bills? There is help available

We are supporting working age residents with a more generous localised council tax support scheme from April 2023. Our calculator at <u>https://hbcalc.scambs.gov.uk/</u> <u>HBCalculatorPaged/launch</u> will give you some indication if you would qualify and the amount you may receive. Scan this QR code to access our calculator or call 01954 713000.

Below are some real-life examples of people who qualify for support towards their council tax.



### Family 1

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A couple and two children, with one member of the couple being disabled.

The couple's earnings are £505 a week. They receive child benefit, and personal independence payments for living component and mobility.

Their total income is £650.66 per week.

Their council tax is a band  $D = \pm 2167.89$  a year.

This family is entitled to a 70% discount on their council tax, saving them £1,517.52 a year.

# Family 2

A working lone parent with two children.

The total earnings are £383.58 a week. They receive child benefit and universal credit.

Their total income is £456.29.

Their council tax is a band B = £1257.65 per year with a single person's discount.

This family is entitled to a 25% discount on their council tax, saving them £314.41 a year.

#### Don't miss out on getting the help you're entitled to - apply online today!

## www.scambs.gov.uk

Email: duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk Call: 01954 713000



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# If you are not eligible for localised council tax support, other help is available.

If you are struggling to pay your Council Tax, you may be able to get a reduction under the Council's discretionary council tax support scheme. For more information visit our webpage www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/reductions-and-discounts/ council-tax-discretionary-reduction-scheme or scan the following QR code or call 01954 713000.





We may be able to help with your energy bills. The **Household Support Fund** is available to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food and/or household energy bills. This provides one-off financial support. You can apply by contacting duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk. There may be further help available for people on prepayment meters. To access this support please email duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk.

Foodbanks provide food to those struggling with rising costs during the costof-living crisis. A list of foodbanks in South Cambridgeshire can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/foodbanks-and-food-hubs/.

If a foodbank requires a voucher, please contact duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk and we will provide you with one. Additionally, if you cannot travel to your nearest foodbank, please include this in your email as we may be able to provide support with this.

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