

Are you affected by the credit crunch?

More and more people are being affected by the credit crunch and are struggling to pay their bills, but don't realise that they are entitled to a variety of benefits and other financial support.

In Essex millions of pounds worth of benefits go unclaimed every year including Pension Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Council Tax Benefit and Tax Credits. We are committed to making sure that as many Essex residents as possible get the benefits they are entitled to, which is why we've created essex.gov.uk/seethebenefits.

For more information about benefits and other financial support, visit

[**essex.gov.uk/seethebenefits**](http://essex.gov.uk/seethebenefits)

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If you are in any of the categories below then you could be entitled to benefits and/or financial support:

people on low incomes, people with an illness or a disability, carers, people with children, people in low paid work, unemployed or thinking of returning to work, single people, older people, young people.

Other sources of advice and guidance include:

- Citizens Advice Bureau - a number will be in the telephone book or visit adviceguide.org.uk
- Benefits Enquiry Line - **0800 88 22 00** or visit direct.gov.uk
- Age Concern - **0800 00 99 66** or visit ageconcern.org.uk
- The Pension Service - **0845 60 60 265** or visit thepensionservice.gov.uk
- Your local district or borough council (for Housing and Council Tax Benefit)

