



Wyre Forest
District Council



Priority is given to applicants with the most pressing need for repairs.

This leaflet is only intended to give a brief outline of Home Repair Assistance.

For more information and to find out if you are eligible, please contact Wyre Forest District Council. Our details are on the back page.

Home Repair Assistance is a discretionary Financial assistance and subject to available resources.



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Home Repair Assistance

Are you a homeowner?

Does your property require essential repairs or improvements?

We can help you



Home Repair Assistance

Home Repair Assistance is available to help homeowners or private tenants with a repairing responsibility, carry out essential repairs or improvements to their property.

It is a way for the Council to pay for works required on your home, allowing you to remain there.

In return, Wyre Forest District Council asks for the repayment of the cost of works — with no interest charged at all. A local land charge will be placed on the property but there is no pressure or timescale to pay the money back until the property has a change of ownership.

What can the Home Repair Assistance be used for?

Essential repairs or improvements that will have a potential impact on your health.

Once approval has been given, the applicant has until 12 months from the date of approval to complete the works.

Examples of essential repairs or Improvements.

- Roof repairs to leaking roofs.
- Serious rising damp.
- Renewal of lead water supply piping.
- Electrics over 25 years old.
- Boilers beyond economical repair.
- Uneven entrance paving.
- Double glazing - where single glazing is in serious disrepair.
- Insulation.

Am I eligible?

Owner-occupiers or private tenants with a repair responsibility having savings of less than £16,000 and are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support/guaranteed pension credit.
- Working tax credit (subject to an income limit).
- Council Tax credit.
- Jobseekers allowance (income based).
- Employment Support Allowance (income based).

We may be able to help if you are not in receipt of a means tested benefit, but are on a low income and would struggle to obtain a bank loan to carry out the works.

IMPORTANT

The Council will include in any housing assistance provided, an agency fee payable to the Home Improvement Agency (Care and Repair, Worcestershire) who can assist eligible persons with their applications etc. Care and Repair Worcestershire are a non profit making organisation. Hundreds of Worcestershire residents are assisted by their services.

Applicants can apply through Care and Repair Worcestershire, or directly submit a formal application along with a priced schedule to the Council.

Owner –occupiers or private tenants with a repairing responsibility must have lived at the property for at least 12 months.

Please do not undertake any works until you have the application approved.

Please note— works will not be approved that are covered by insurance.

Only one application for assistance will be considered up to a maximum value of £10,000 within any 5 year period.