

# Worried about your fuel bills this coming winter?

## Do you know someone who could do with energy-saving advice?

Hampshire Libraries has teamed up with the Household Support Fund in Hampshire (funded by the Department for Work and Pensions and administered by Children's Services) to deliver a series of local drop-in events for people wanting to find out how to save money on energy bills and the cost of living this winter.

No appointment is needed, just turn up at your local library and speak to local organisations who can provide help and advice.

#### Warm & Welcome Events

- Hythe Library
   Wednesday 8 October 2025, 10.00 am 1.00 pm
- Petersfield Library
   Wednesday 8 October 2025, 10.00 am 1.30 pm
- Eastleigh Library
   Thursday 9 October 2025, 11.00 am 1.00 pm
- Leigh Park Library
   Friday 10 October 2025, 10.00 am 1.30 pm
- Fareham Library
   Monday 13 October 2025, 10.00 am 12.00 pm
- Chandlers Ford Library
   Thursday 16 October 2025, 11.00 am 1.00 pm
- Winchester Library, The Arc
   Thursday 23 October 2025, 1.00 pm 4.00 pm
- Fleet Library
   Monday 27 October 2025, 10.00 am 12.00 pm
- Aldershot Library
   Wednesday 29 October 2025, 10.00 am 12.00 pm
- Stubbington Library
  Tuesday 4 November 2025, 9.30 am 12.30 pm
- Farnborough Library
   Friday 21 November 2025, 10.00 am 12.00 pm
- Basingstoke Discovery Centre
   Thursday 4 December 2025, 10.00 am 12.00 pm
- Romsey Library
   Friday 16 January 2026, 1.00 pm 4.00 pm
- Havant Library
   Friday 23 January 2026, 10.00 am 1.30 pm

While you're there, why not check out some of the other **cost-of-living support** available at your local library? As well as providing a cosy space to socialise and relax, our libraries offer a wealth of services to help residents during challenging times, including:

#### Food and Essentials

- Community fridges and pantries: Access to surplus food and basic supplies.
- Free period products: Available at selected libraries.
- Free school meals: Information and support for eligible families.
- Free books and magazines: Available to borrow or read in-library.

#### **Home and Accessibility**

- **Home Library Service**: Delivers books to those unable to visit due to health or caring responsibilities.
- Online access for all: Free Wi-Fi and computer use in libraries.
- Cosy spaces: Warm, welcoming areas to relax, socialise, or study.

### **Learning and Development**

- Learn a new skill: Courses, workshops, and digital learning resources for adults.
- **Study spaces and resources**: Quiet areas and materials for learners of all ages.

Visit <u>Learning in Libraries – Hampshire County Council Shop</u> for the courses and Hampshire Support Funded Workshops available for adults in libraries this winter.

### Information & Advice

- **Signposting to support**: Guidance on financial, health, and wellbeing services.
- **Drop-in sessions**: Some libraries host advice events with organisations like Citizens Advice and MIND.

#### **Community and Events**

- **Warm and welcome events**: Social activities to connect with others and reduce isolation.
- What's on at your library: Local events, clubs, and activities for all ages.

You can explore more, or find your nearest participating library on the <u>Hampshire</u> Libraries Cost of Living Page.

