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Residents urged to claim a discount on their energy bills

Thousands of people across Lichfield District on low household incomes could benefit from a £140 rebate by claiming their Warm Home Discount.

The Warm Home Discount scheme offers a £140 energy bill discount to low income households across the UK.

Provided by energy suppliers, many schemes are now open and operate on a first-come-first served basis.

The discount is available to people on a low income, who receive certain means-tested benefits. However, as in previous years, the qualifying criteria varies slightly between energy suppliers.

Local residents are now being urged to contact Lichfield District Council's Warmer Homes, Greener District advice line on **0800 677 1543** for more information and help to apply.

Councillor Angela Lax, Cabinet Member responsible for Housing, said: "With all the financial strain the coronavirus outbreak has put many households under, it's really important that eligible households claim their discount to help with their heating bills over the winter.

"Our Warmer Homes, Greener District advisors can discuss qualifying criteria and make applications on behalf of our eligible residents over the phone. So, if you think you might be entitled to a Warm Home Discount please contact our advice line without delay."

The council is especially encouraging households with particular health conditions that need extra heat at home, or where fixed low incomes mean affording bills in the colder months can be a real struggle, to apply for their discount.

"Once suppliers reach their target number of applications, they often close schemes abruptly. It really does pay off to apply as soon as you can," added Cllr Lax.

If you think you may be eligible or for more information, please contact Warmer Homes, Greener District for free on **0800 677 1543**.

The Warm Home Discount is separate from, and will not affect, any Cold Weather Payments or Winter Fuel Payments.

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