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PENSIONERS' FAIR IN BISHOP AUCKLAND

BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN HALL, FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 10AM TO 2PM



Helen Goodman MP is organising a free event in conjunction with Eaga (www.eaga.com) to help pensioners reduce the cost of utility bills and claim the benefits they are entitled to.

Age Concern, BT, Durham County Council, the Energy Savings Trust, eaga and a range of voluntary groups will all have stalls at the Fair, with advisors on hand to offer confidential, expert help. **There will also be refreshments and a prize draw.**

The event is **free to attend** and you do not need to RSVP.

For more information visit:

www.helengoodman.co.uk/pensioners-fair-in-Bishop-Auckland

STAY WARM THIS WINTER

In our constituency, 20,000 pensioners benefit from winter fuel payments. This winter, **pensioners aged 60-79 will receive up to £250**, and people **aged 80 and over will get up to £400**.

You may also qualify for the Government's Warm Front scheme, which provides grants for homeowners to improve their heating, insulation and energy efficiency. Warm Front grants have already paid for **more than £3 million of improvements** to homes across the constituency, and can really help reduce heating bills.

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Helen meets some of the 5,000 constituents to have benefited from a Warm Front grant



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ARE YOU CLAIMING WHAT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO?

In the last decade, **600,000 pensioner households have been taken out of poverty**, but the biggest single reason that some pensioners are still living in poverty is that they do not know, or do not claim, the benefits they are entitled to.

Through Pension Credit, the Government guarantees a minimum weekly income of £130 for single pensioners and £190 for couples.

Pension Credit helps over 7,000 pensioners in the constituency, and typically benefits pensioners by **£48 per week**.

Pension Credit is not, however, the only benefit you may be eligible for. Depending on your circumstances, you may be able to receive a range of support such as Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Attendance Allowance or Carers Allowance.



You can find out more about your benefit entitlement at a free event at **Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Friday 6th November 10am to 2pm**, but below is a list of useful contact details.

USEFUL CONTACTS

- **Pension Credit**
Freephone **0800 99 1234**
www.thepensionservice.gov.uk/pensioncredit
- **Warm Front**
Freephone **0800 316 2805**
www.warmfront.co.uk
- **Durham County Council**
0300 123 7070
www.durham.gov.uk
- **Citizens Advice Bureau**
01388 606661 (Bishop Auckland)
0844 499 412 (Spennymoor)
01833 631 486 (Barnard Castle)
- **Age Concern**
01388 450828
www.ageconcern.org.uk
- **Energy Saving Trust**
Freephone **0800 512 012**
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk