

Referrals to housing related support agencies

If you would benefit from housing related support a referral will be made to the appropriate agency who will be able to help you to manage your home and comply with the conditions of your tenancy.

Referrals to CAB for debt counselling

A referral may be made to the CAB for you to receive specialist debt advice. CAB can help you maximise your income by prioritising your debts and ensuring you are claiming the right benefits.

Access to a Sanctuary Scheme

If you want to remain in your home but are unable to do so due to domestic abuse, help may be available in the form of additional security measures that allow you to remain safely at home.

Don't delay in contacting BDHT for advice

In all cases BDHT will try to prevent you from becoming homeless and will assist you to plan your move if this is not possible. The earlier you contact BDHT the more options are likely to be available to you.

CONTACT DETAILS

Bromsgrove District Housing Trust

Buntsford Court, Buntsford Gate, Bromsgrove B60 3DJ.

Tel: **01527 557557**

Emergency out of hours Tel: **0800 0304254**

8.30am-5.30pm Monday-Thursday

8.30am-4.00pm Friday

Citizens Advice Bureau

50-52 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0DD.

Tel: **01527 557397**

Appointments: Monday-Thursday 9.30am and 11.00am

Drop-In: Monday 1.00pm-3.30pm

Tuesday-Thursday 1.00pm-3.00pm

Telephone Service also available Monday-Friday

This leaflet can be provided in large print, braille, CD, audio tape and computer disc.

If you require interpretation and translation services please phone
01527 881288



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Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT) are now able to offer an earlier opportunity to seek housing advice. If you have any housing issues and would like to know what options are available, BDHT can assist you.

Advice is tailored to meet your individual needs and can include the following options:

Access to mediation services

Young people will be encouraged to make use of a mediation service, which can include family members, to help them to consider ways in which they can remain at home longer.

Access to private renting

Opportunities to access privately rented accommodation through the Step up Private Tenancy Scheme for over 25's or the Basement Private Tenancy Scheme for under 25's

Help and support in finding accommodation to privately rent should it be appropriate for you to do so.

Negotiating with landlords to help you to remain in the property

The Housing Needs Officers are able to contact your landlord and find out whether there is any possibility of you continuing in your tenancy.

Referrals to supported accommodation

A referral to more specialist accommodation may be made if it is appropriate for your needs for example: Fry Housing who specialise in providing support to ex offenders or those at risk of offending or YMCA Redditch which provides supported accommodation for single men and women.

Home visits

The Housing Needs Officer may visit you at home in order to identify opportunities to prevent your homelessness and negotiate with family members.

Accessing social housing through the housing waiting list by completing a housing application form

You will be encouraged to apply for social housing by completing a housing application form.

You need to be aware that the demand for social housing is very high and you may have to wait a long time depending on your housing need and areas of choice.

Referrals to CAB to prevent mortgage repossessions

A referral may be made to the CAB for you to receive expert advice and help you to prioritise your debts.

