



Factsheet 8: In your pocket

Helping you make the most of your money

If you are worried about being able to afford to pay your rent, manage all your bills and buy new furniture, there are services available through Great Places that can help you.

Great Places has been working with suppliers to get the best deal and best price for our residents on a whole range of services.

By knowing your options and the best deals around you can save lots of money every year.

Borrowing

If you only want to borrow a few hundred pounds, the options can be expensive, however if you know where to go you can save hundreds of pounds in interest payments.

A typical £500 loan from a doorstep collector will cost you at least £340 in interest over one year, whereas the same loan from a local credit union or Moneyline will cost you around £60.

To find your nearest credit union call the Association of British Credit Unions on 0161 832 3694, or if you live in Salford, Oldham, Rochdale or Trafford you can apply for a Great Places loan through Greater

Manchester Moneyline on 0161 736 6500.

Contents insurance

As your landlord, we insure the building you live in, but not the contents of your home. This means things like televisions, carpets and DVD players are not insured by us. So if you are burgled, or there is a fire or a flood at your home and you do not have contents insurance, you will have to find the money yourself to replace them.

Great Places home contents insurance costs less than £2 per week and covers you for all of the goods in your property, not just one item and there's no excess to pay if you make a claim – ask your local office for an application form.

Gas and electricity

You can save yourself pounds by switching to a cheaper supplier, for information on rates and how to switch call 0845 872 6364 or log onto the My Great Place section of the Great Places website to switch on-line www.greatplaces.org.uk

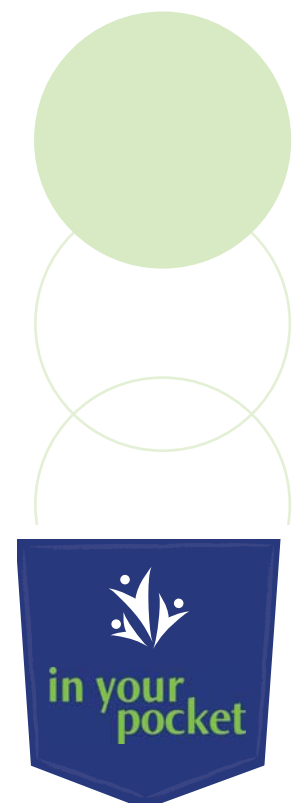
Benefits: What are you entitled to?

If you've recently had a change of circumstances or feel that you are not claiming everything you are

entitled to then Great Places can offer you a free benefit health check – just ask your neighbourhood co-ordinator.

Furniture and white goods

High quality re-cycled furniture and white goods like fridges and freezers, can save you lots of money. For more information contact your neighbourhood co-ordinator.





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