

# COVID Emergency Provisions 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Those who are able please go to [www.kindnessmidlothian.co.uk](http://www.kindnessmidlothian.co.uk) for local contacts and online request forms.

<b>Money</b>	<p><b>Scottish Welfare Fund for Scottish Welfare fund Crisis or Welfare Grant 0131 270 5600 or online</b>  <a href="https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/18/the_scottish_welfare_fund_application_forms">https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/18/the_scottish_welfare_fund_application_forms</a>            The Scottish Welfare Fund offer two types of grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Grants &amp; Community Care Grant - Advice available from Telephone: 0131 271 3201 or Email <a href="mailto:revenues.enquiries@midlothian.gov.uk">revenues.enquiries@midlothian.gov.uk</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Universal Credit –</b> <a href="https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/employment-and-benefits-support/making-a-new-claim/">https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/employment-and-benefits-support/making-a-new-claim/</a>  <b>New applicants can get an immediate advance on their benefits</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/get-an-advance-first-payment">https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/get-an-advance-first-payment</a></p>
<b>Fuel</b>	<p><b>Fuel - Information and hardship advice</b>  <b>Coronavirus</b> - if you can't afford to top up because you're using more energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone your supplier ( number on your bill) if you can't afford to pay for any extra energy because you're having to stay at home. .</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact Home Energy Scotland on</b> <a href="https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/home-energy-scotland">https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/home-energy-scotland</a> call 0808 808 2282 8am – 8pm  <b>Money Matters</b> provide grants to pay off energy debts or for essential top-ups, call 0141 445 5221 or email <a href="mailto:energyteam@money mattersweb.co.uk">energyteam@money mattersweb.co.uk</a> to find out more. More details and a referral form can also be found on their <a href="#">website</a>  <b>Coronavirus Emergency Energy Fund</b> - One off payment of £50 to <u>single parent families</u> in Scotland who need help with their gas and electricity. Referrals must be made by Social Work, Housing officer, Welfare Rights Officer, CAB, Foodbank, etc.  <a href="https://opfs.org.uk/coronavirus-emergency-energy-fund/">https://opfs.org.uk/coronavirus-emergency-energy-fund/</a></p>
<b>Local Help</b>	<p><b>Many areas / communities and Community Council are trying to help vulnerable / self –isolating people – please contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midlothian Voluntary Action for advice and information. 4-6 White Hart St, Dalkeith EH22 1AE 0131 663 9471</li> <li>• Or check your local Community council Facebook pages</li> <li>• Contact Midlothian Co-ordination on <a href="mailto:CLL@midlothian.gov.uk">CLL@midlothian.gov.uk</a> who are collating a list of local helpers across the authority.</li> <li>• <b>Penicuik Ambassadors</b> – led by June Horne of Sweet Dignity Charity in Penicuik now has a number of vetted ambassadors supporting areas across Penicuik. They aim to support the isolated and those in need with help with food, prescriptions and anything else required. <b>Contact numbers are 07990 117700 or 07990117699</b></li> <li>• <b>Loanhead Church Supports</b> <a href="mailto:loanheadcommunity@gmail.com">loanheadcommunity@gmail.com</a> Or by phone 07541 048869</li> </ul>
<b>Kinship supports</b>	<p>Kinship Care Advice Service for Scotland (KCASS) 0808 800 0006 – will mainly focus on financial and legal information and advice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kinship Care Alliance - 07490720123 - will mainly focus on local group signposting, practical and emotional support</li> <li>• Big Hearts – 0131 603 4927 – focus on reducing loneliness, support &amp; strategies, peer social support and referrals to local services</li> <li>• Nurture Scotland – 07547525674 or 07505855341– supporting educational strategies / removing stress about school work for carers.</li> </ul>
<b>Young Carers</b>	<p>Shared Care Scotland have pulled together a Short Breaks for Strange Times Resource. There is lots of different ideas and resources that I am sure you will find really useful. <a href="https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/resources/short-breaks-for-strange-times/">https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/resources/short-breaks-for-strange-times/</a>  <b>Young Scot Young Carers</b> Visit <a href="https://young.scot/campaigns/national/young-carers">https://young.scot/campaigns/national/young-carers</a> for further information and support, including mental health during the coronavirus outbreak. Or call 0808 801 0338</p>

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Food	AREA	PROVIDER	Contact	
	<b>Dalkeith Area</b>	<b>Dalkeith Storehouse</b> including Danderhall, Woodburn & Pathhead.	<b>Contact Children &amp; Families for Advice on how to refer. 0131 271 3414</b> Children & Families - Midlothian Council Children & Families Centre 7 Eskdail Court, Dalkeith, EH22 1AG	<b>Will deliver</b> same day or within 24 hours Please note when calling, any specifics e.g. washing powder / nappies etc Will not provide food during school holiday periods e.g Easter <b>Families with children only</b>
	<b>Newbattle Area</b> Including: Mayfield Easthouses, Kippelaw, Newbattle and Newtongrange	Newbattle Storehouse	<b>Contact Children &amp; Families for Advice on how to refer. 0131 271 3414</b>	<b>Will deliver</b> same day or within 24 hours Please note when calling, any specifics e.g. washing powder / nappies etc <b>Families with children only</b>
	<b>Penicuik – Area:</b> Including Roslin / Roswell/ Auchindinny/ Bilston etc.	FoodStore@ PNK Penicuik North Kirk, 95 John Street, Penicuik,	<b>Contact Children &amp; Families for Advice on how to refer. 0131 271 3414</b>	<b>C&amp;F or other referrer staff collection</b> at Penicuik North Kirk at 2pm on Thursdays at Church hall (they do not deliver) Please note when calling, any specifics e.g. washing powder / nappies etc <b>Families with children only</b>
	<b>All areas</b> <b>Trussel Trust Gorebridge Church</b> for all clients	Gorebridge Church Hunterfield Road, Gorebridge.	<b>Phone mobile - 07789 173 276 (Janice) or 07597 359 910</b> A referral must be made by an agency and no-one can self-refer.	<b>Client collects:</b> from Gorebridge Parish Church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10-2 <b>All population</b>
	<b>Food Fact Friends</b>	Penicuik & Woodburn	Penicuik - St Mungo's Church Hall Monday & Friday 10.30 till 1pm and Woodburn - MARC building on Woodburn Road Monday 3.30-5pm & Thursday 11am – 2pm	Referrals only no walk in service. Families can take the referral form with them or it can be sent to <a href="mailto:foodfactsfriends@gmail.com">foodfactsfriends@gmail.com</a> <b>07507 697109 - All population</b>
	<b>Rosewell Community Cares</b> All clients		Rosewell foodbank Opening times Monday & Thursday's - 17.30-19.30 Food parcels can be dropped off at people homes if self-isolating. VENUE- ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL	Facebook link only Facebook.com/rosewellcoronavirus/ phone or text 07565 431672

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	<b>Bonnyrigg</b> All clients		Bonnyrigg Community Trust Shop High Street Bonnyrigg is now open as a foodbank Details on Bonnyrigg & Sherwood Community Trust web pages.	0131 663 2555 Facebook.com/BonnyriggTrust Contact for referral forms, must be returned to <a href="mailto:bonnyriggtrust@gmail.com">bonnyriggtrust@gmail.com</a> before going to shop.
			Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club 'Groceries to Go' which is delivering food parcels to individuals and families who cannot afford shopping during this crisis.	Referrals for Poltonhall and Hopefield area Contact: trish@bonnyriggrose.org.uk or 07786 667399
	<b>Penicuik Ambassadors</b> All clients Food & other items	They are linking with various other agencies	Led by June Horne of Sweet Dignity Charity in Penicuik now has a number of vetted ambassadors supporting areas across Penicuik. They aim to support the isolated and those in need with help with food, prescriptions and anything else required.	07990 117700 or 07990117699
	<b>Gorebridge</b> Resilience / Cares / Beacon	Gorebridge area but working with MAEDT / Mayfield groups	Joint group involving Gorebridge Cares/ Community Council & Beacon for necessary items including the supply of redirected food from other sources and cooking and providing ready meals. For all other supports including shopping / prescriptions etc. please contact Hazel Thomson 07747 792382 or Cath McGill 07535 991332	Daily provisions Contact Dawn Barclay <a href="mailto:dawn@gorebridge.org.uk">dawn@gorebridge.org.uk</a> 07858 285299 (Beacon) 01875 816320
	<b>Loanhead</b>	Loanhead area	Loanhead & District Community Council Offering support to those in the Loanhead Community.	<a href="mailto:landdcc@gmail.com">landdcc@gmail.com</a> 07942 600 106 Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Emergency Support

### If all other options have been exhausted

For families with children in difficulties please contact Children & Families on 0131 271 3414  
For any other of the population please call 270 7500