# **Everyday finances webinar**

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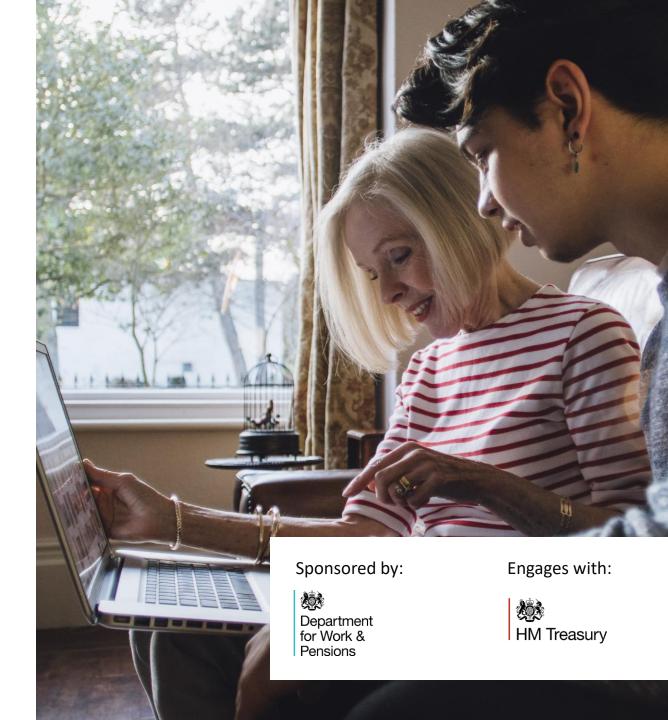


# How can MaPS assist?

MaPS help people access the guidance and information they need to make effective financial decisions over their lifetime.

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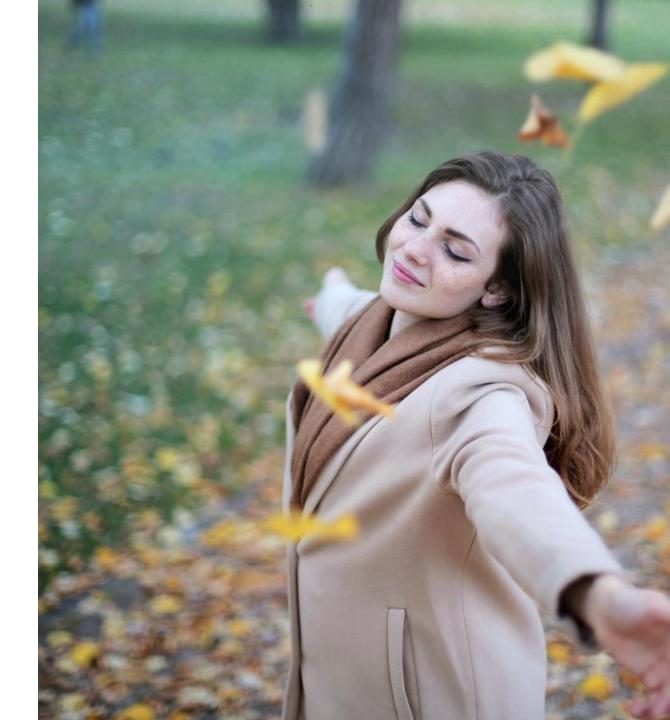
Our consumer service MoneyHelper is an easy way to get clear, free, impartial money and pensions guidance that's backed by government.



# **Financial wellbeing**

.... is about feeling secure and in control. It is knowing that you can pay the bills today, can deal with the unexpected, and are on track for a healthy financial future.

In summary – confident, secure and empowered



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# **MoneyHelper website - introduction**



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# **MoneyHelper sections – Everyday money**



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**Everyday money** Family & care **Benefits** Money troubles Pensions & retirement Savings Work Homes X Close Tools Banking **Insurance** Insurance for cars, health, travel, and help How to choose, use and manage bank Tool with insurance accounts Compare bank accounts > Budgeting > Types of credit Tool Store cards, credit cards, overdrafts, payday How to budget, find the best deals and > **Budget Planner** loans and illegal lending switch to save money Talk to Calculator us live Buying and running a car > Everyday money Credit card calculator > How to buy and finance a car, deal with All Everyday money guidance problems with car finance, and cut running ALL TOOLS costs Credit and purchases Credit basics, applying for credit, credit **HM** Government ratings and problems with credit

# **Tool example - Budget planner**



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### **Tips**

- Don't forget to budget for annual bills and things like holidays and gifting occasions
- ✓ Use your bank statements to help check for regular bill payments
- If you use cash a lot, try to record what you spend it on

Invest in me: I will use 30 minutes of my time this week to do my household budget .... ©

### **Free Debt Advice**



### Where to get free debt advice

If you're worried about debt, you don't need to struggle alone. Speaking to a trained and experienced debt adviser about your situation can help you see what the best decision for you might be.

A debt adviser can:

- give you advice on better ways of managing your money
- check to see if there are any benefits or entitlements you might be able to claim
- tell you about the ways of dealing with debts that are open to you
- get you out of debt faster
- · keep everything you tell them confidential.

Find a free debt adviser near you, online or on the phone

### P) Tip

- Don't let your wellbeing suffer, most people who have received debt advice tell us they feel less stressed or anxious and more in control of their life again.
- ✓ Seek advice sooner rather than later.



# **Tools & calculators**



### Money Navigator Tool

Know what to do next



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#### Know what to do next

The coronavirus restrictions have affected millions of people and things are taking a while to recover. What this means for your finances will be very personal to you.

So if you're looking for money guidance but don't know where to start, you're not alone.

#### Who we can help

- Your income is down and you're worried about your future finances
- You've been furloughed and need help to get back on track, including after a payment holiday
- You're facing redundancy or have lost your job
- You're self-employed and work has dried up
- You want to make the most of money you've saved during lockdown

#### Instant help

Our Money Navigator tool gives you action plans based on your own situation.

Know in 30 seconds:

- The money issues you need to tackle first
- $\cdot$   $\,$  How to stay on top of bills and payments
- What extra help and support you're entitled to
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Where you can get free advice for debt, housing or redundancy

#### https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/money-troubles/coronavirus/money-navigator-tool

# Rising costs – 'Find your way forward'



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### Help if you're struggling with bills and payments

It can be difficult to manage all the different bills and payments in our lives. The consequences of not paying off some debts before others can be more serious – these are known as priority debts. Our Bill prioritiser can help you sort your bills and payments in the right order and tell you what you need to if you're struggling to pay.



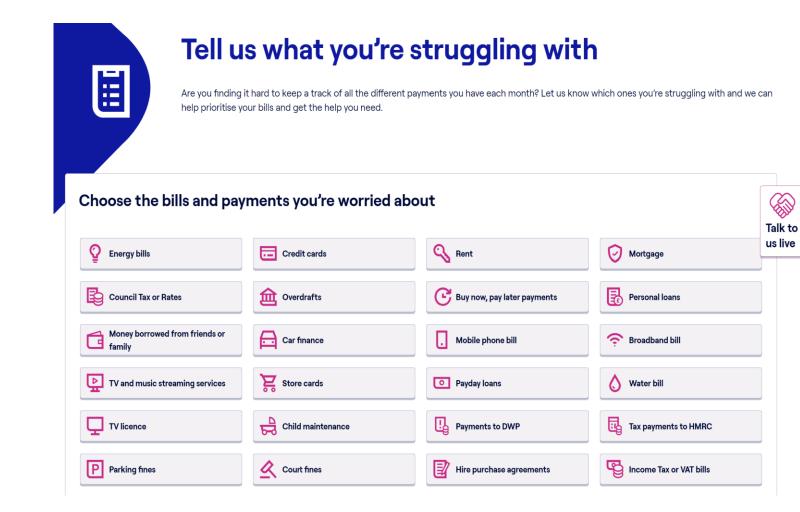
 People are being impacted by rising costs due to the current financial and economic climate. This may include increased fuel, heating, energy and food bills.

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- The Russian invasion of Ukraine has created uncertainty with the prospect that some of these rising costs may continue for a considerable period of time.
- So, we have developed new content and assets to help with these pressures under the theme of 'Find your way forward'.

# **Tool to help prioritise bills**





- People might be finding it hard to keep a close track of all the different payments they have each month.
- After selecting which costs and bills they are struggling with the priorisiter can help people get the assistance they need.
- > The link to this tool is below:
- <u>https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/money-</u> <u>troubles/way-forward</u>

# **Getting on the housing ladder**



 Buying a home can be complicated so we've information to help you consider these costs available via the link below: <u>https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/homes/buying-a-home/estimate-your-overall-buying-and-moving-costs</u>

There are key upfront items and fees to think about which may include:

- **Deposit.** Generally, the bigger the deposit you can pay, the more likely you are to be given a mortgage (subject to an affordability assessment), and the lower your interest rate is likely to be. This is the amount you put towards the cost of the property when you buy your home. On average, you need at least 5% to 20% of the purchase price (for example: £10k to £40k when buying a £200k home).
- **<u>Stamp Duty.</u>** Stamp Duty costs can be significant and increase with the purchase price of the property.
- Legal fees. You'll normally need a solicitor or licensed conveyor to carry out the legal work when buying a home. Legal fees are typically £850-£1,500. They'll also do local searches, which will cost you £250-£300, to check if there are local plans or problems.

You can use our <u>Stamp Duty calculator</u> to see how much these costs might be in the future.

There is also our Mortgage Affordability calculator to see how much you can afford to borrow to buy a home.

## Talk Money Week – 7 to 11 November 2022

- Talk Money Week helps guide people to MaPS free, independent resources, content and tools including online YouTube hosted videos about topics like how to deal with utility bills, mortgage payments or rent arrears, etc. In 2022 Talk Money Week is 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- It also provides a positive culture in which people can talk about their money concerns and take positive actions - for example by setting up a 'rainy day' savings fund for unexpected bills.
- Delivers updates and insights from high profile supporters such as Martin Lewis from Money Saving Expert who will discuss topics during Talk Money Week both on TV and radio.
- The campaign encourages **#TalkMoney** conversations on LinkedIn, twitter, Facebook and other media to share information with colleagues, family and friends.







## **Summary plus contact information**



- > MaPS provide free, impartial money guidance to help people make informed choices.
- > There are **diagnostic tools and calculators** to help keep track and plan ahead.
- Support is **available over the phone and online** on the range of topics below:

Debt & Borrowing | Homes & Mortgages | Budgeting & Saving | Work & Benefits | Pensions & Retirement | Family & Care | Cars & Travel | Insurance

- Website: <u>www.moneyhelper.org.uk</u>
- WhatsApp: +447701342744
- Telephone Helpline: 0800 138 7777

# Thanks for listening

Please contact the MaPS Partnerships Team via - <u>contact@maps.org.uk</u>

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