

SUPPORTING CHANGE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

The Housing Associations within West Dunbartonshire were awarded Lottery Funding for 15 months to support tenants who may have difficulties with debt or may require money advice. The project is working in partnership with the Credit Unions who are bringing in a new type of bank account that will provide an affordable alternative to a High Street Bank Account.

SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO HELP?

The first part of the project is the introduction of a new bank account. The Credit Union providing the service for the Clydebank area will use the credEcard. This is like a current account where you get all your benefits or wages paid directly into the account. You can then set up standing orders (such as rent, gas/ electric) this will pay the provider directly (for example the Housing Association or Scottish Gas). You can get the rest of the money at the cash machine or you can use it in most shops. If you use it in places such as Asda, B & Q, BHS, Halfords and a lots of other shops you can also get cashback rewards. The Credit Union can be contacted directly on: 0141 880 7888.

The second part of the project is to provide advice for tenants relating to debt and information on changes to benefits and how it will affect them. This advice service will be supplied by Clydebank Information Resource Centre.

If you need to make an appointment you just need to contact your Housing Association or alternatively the advice agency directly. For Clydebank Independent Resource Centre the number is 0141 951 4040.

The following surgeries are available:

Monday	Knowes Housing Association Tel: 01389 877752	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	Clydebank Housing Association Tel: 0141 941 1044 Faifley Housing Association Tel: 01389 877924	2pm – 4pm
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Thursday	Clydebank Housing Association Tel: 0141 941 1044 Faifley Housing Association Tel: 01389 877924	10am – 1pm