



How much will my new home cost me?

Thank you for applying for a home with Ashfield Homes. If you already have a place of your own you will be aware of the costs involved in addition to the rent and council tax. If you are applying for your own home for the first time however, this guide aims to give you an idea of how much it may cost you each week in addition to the rent. You need to ensure that you can afford these costs before you accept any offer we may make you.

Below, you will find some guidelines on how much various essential items may cost you such as gas, electric, water, etc. These figures are taken from various government sources and may vary from person to person, depending on individual circumstances, but it is important not to underestimate the cost of these items.

Use the personal planner on the back of this leaflet to give you an idea how much you will need to budget based on your own circumstances, if you get your own home.

The following figures are estimated weekly costs, based on you living in a 1 bedroom property on your own (**excluding rent**).

Council tax	£14	Electricity	£5
Gas	£7	Water rates	£6
Television Licence	£4	House Keeping (food, cleaning products, etc.)	£25

TOTAL £61 + RENT

Independent living isn't cheap!



Below are some ways to reduce your carbon footprint

- Sign up to a green energy supplier, who will supply your household with energy via a renewable source.
- Switch off appliances when not in use e.g. switch your TV, DVD, Computer etc, off at the switch.
- Turn down central heating by 1 to 2 degrees
- Ensure that washing machines and dishwashers are full before they are switched on.
- Only fill the kettle with as much water as is needed - do not overfill.
- Unplug mobile phones as soon as they finish charging.
- Defrost fridges and freezers regularly.
- Hang washing on a washing line instead of using the tumble dryer.
- Fit energy saving light bulbs.

For further information please contact your local Property Shop on the numbers below:

Sutton in Ashfield - 01623 608950

Kirkby in Ashfield - 01623 608932

Hucknall - 0115 956 8713



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Personal Planner

Use the planner below to work out your outgoings should you wish to accept the offer of a property.

Essential Items	Weekly Amount	Comment
Rent		
Council Tax		
Gas		
Electric		
Water		
Food/Housekeeping		
Clothes		
TV Licence		
House Insurance		Ashfield District Council provides low cost house insurance for our tenants. Please contact us for a quote.
Sub Total		
Other Items		
Landline/Mobile Phone		
Cable/Satellite Television		
Loans		
Petrol/Bus Fares		
Catalogues		
Other regular outgoings		
Sub Total		
Grand Total		