

Organisation	Scheme	Criteria	Service offered and Frequency	Cost
CCDC	Grass Cutting	<p>(a) Are secure or introductory tenants of Cannock Chase Council.</p> <p>(b) Are either:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aged 70 (or over) or; 2. Live in a property with disabled adaptations and are in need of those adaptations or; 3. Receive one or more of the following benefits:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Attendance Allowance -Disability Living Allowance -Severe Disablement Allowance -War Disablement Pension -Employment Support Allowance (support component) -Long-term Incapacity Benefit (note long-term only) 	The Contractor will provide a basic grass cutting service for front and rear lawns which will be cut and edged up to 16 times a year, in accordance with the growing season (between March and October), this may be reduced as a result of changes in weather conditions.	Free
CCDC	Decoration	As above	<p>Tenants who qualify will have two rooms (as chosen by the tenant) decorated once every three years. Decoration of internal walls, ceiling and timberwork will be undertaken in accordance with the tenants' choice of wall coverings and the full commercial range of colours with odourless paints being used where required.</p> <p>Properties are chosen in strict date order basis. If your property was decorated as a void property within the last 3 years, you will not become eligible for decoration until at least 3 years have passed.</p>	Free
Tamworth	Gardening Assistance Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenants aged over 75 and unable to maintain their garden due to a registered disability or a medical condition, • No able bodied persons over the age of 18 living 	Run a free 'Gardening Assistance Scheme' for older or disabled council tenants who cannot carry out their own gardening. This includes lawn and hedge cutting between April and	Free

		in the property able to maintain the garden.	October. Those that do not meet this criteria would need to seek assistance from family or a private gardening contractor. However in exceptional circumstances may use our discretion for tenants under the age of 75.	
Wolverhampton Homes	Tidy Garden Scheme	Open to everyone, but there is a charge - £400 per annum.	The Tidy Garden Scheme is a gardening service for any tenants or leaseholders who would like help looking after their garden. The service includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawn mowing - fortnightly from April to September. • Shrub pruning and weeding - monthly from October to March. • Hedge trimming - twice a year. Also offer extra services, which can be quoted for separately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off garden projects – to bring your garden back to an easy to maintain condition. • Tree works – pruning, reduction and felling. 	£400 which can be spread over 52 weekly payments by Direct Debit.
Dudley MBC	Social Decorations Scheme	To be eligible for assistance tenants must be over 65 years of age and or disabled and have no other household member who is able to decorate for them.	We currently operate a limited social decorations programme where we provide assistance with internal decorations to tenants who are elderly or disabled. Eligible tenants can apply for up to 2 rooms to be decorated if they have not applied within the last 2 years.	Free
Derby Homes	Garden Maintenance Scheme	Open to Derby Homes tenants who have reached state retirement age or who are disabled and have no other able bodied person over the age of 18 living in the property.	Due to the popularity of the scheme, you may be placed on a waiting list. We'll let you know as soon as you've been accepted. At this point, we'll change your tenancy conditions to show, "Derby Homes accepts the responsibility for garden maintenance, and	There's a small charge for the Garden Maintenance Scheme,

			<p>you will be charged for the service.”</p> <p>What work we do The scheme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •grass cutting •border maintenance •hedge cutting •rose pruning •weed killing <p>We will do this work between April and October.</p>	which is added to your rent.
Sandwell MBC	Gardening service for council tenants	<p>If you are: Aged 60 or over, disabled (in receipt of a disability benefit) and with no-one living with you*</p> <p>*If you do not meet these requirements, costs will be based on the extent of the work carried out and will be agreed prior to any work being started.</p>	<p>This is a one-off service to help tenants to maintain their garden in the future once the work has been done.</p> <p>We can help council tenants with: pruning shrubs and bushes; cutting grass, nettles and brambles; cutting back trees or bushes that are causing a problem.</p>	Free, unless don't meet criteria.
Welwyn Hatfield	Assisted decorations scheme	<p>There are two groups of tenants who may be eligible for the scheme:</p> <p>Group 1: Tenants who have reached the state pension age and do not have anyone to help them, such as another household member, a relative or a friend.</p> <p>Group 2: Tenants who are not able to carry out the work themselves because of a disability or vulnerability. We will ask for supporting documentation to support an application.</p> <p>Tenants will only be eligible to join the scheme when we are satisfied they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •are not able to carry out the work themselves 	<p>Tenants who can join this scheme will be entitled to one of the following two options:</p> <p>Option 1: The tenant can opt to receive a pre-paid card once every two years, that can be used at a national retailer.</p> <p>An inspection will be carried out at the property to ensure that the vouchers have been used for decoration.</p> <p>Option 2: A room of the tenants choice can be decorated by us once every three years.</p>	Free

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •do not have anyone to help them •cannot afford to pay for the work to be carried out. <p>Tenants in Group 2 will be included on the scheme at the discretion of our Senior Officer Panel.</p> <p>As this is a discretionary scheme, there is no right of appeal against a decision made regarding eligibility.</p>	<p>The interior decorative works we can carry out are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preparations of surfaces before decorating •Moving furniture when a tenant is unable to arrange this themselves •Wood work painting •Metal work painting •Wall painting •Wall papering - we will do this when a wall is not in a good enough condition to be painted. 	
Uttlesford District Council, Essex.	Welfare Garden Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be an Uttlesford District Council tenant • Not have any relatives or friends living nearby or household members, who are capable of maintaining the garden •Be in receipt of a health or disability related benefit (if you do not receive this type of benefit but have health problems or a disability that makes it difficult for you to maintain your garden, you may still be considered for this scheme.) 	One off clearance, large clearance and grass cutting as per prices.	<p>One-off clearance - £20</p> <p>One-off large clearance - £45</p> <p>Grass cutting throughout the growing season and up to two hedge cuts a year - £3 per week</p>
Uttlesford District Council, Essex.	Welfare Redecoration Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Be an Uttlesford District Council tenant in designated elderly persons accommodation •Be in receipt of a health or disability related benefit (if you do not receive this type of benefit but have health problems or a disability that makes decorating your property difficult, you may still be considered for this scheme.) •Not have any relatives or friends living nearby or household members who are capable of 	The Council will decorate one room every two years. Rooms will be decorated using standard paints - If you would like specific paint to be used or wish to have a room wall-papered then you must provide the paint and paper.	Free, if meet criteria.

		decorating your home •Have a room that is in need of redecoration		
Exeter City Council	Garden Assistance Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •People over the age of 70. You must have no other person living in the property between 16 and 70 years of age and must have a clear rent account •Disabled people. You must have no other person living in the property between 16 and 70 years of age, you must be in receipt of full housing benefit and you will need to have a clear rent account. You will also need to provide proof of your disability •If only one of you is registered disabled and the other person is below 70 years of age, help can be given by way of a material or equipment allowance. You must still ensure you have a clear rent account 	<p>The garden assistance scheme is designed to help with the maintenance of grass areas, shrubs, bushes and hedges.</p> <p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •cut all grass areas regularly (the time of year and the weather can affect how regularly this takes place) •trim all shrubs/bushes regularly to the appropriate size for your garden •trim all hedges twice a year (this is normally July and October so we don't disturb nesting birds) •clear up and remove all clippings and grass cuttings after work has finished •inspect gardens regularly to ensure the work is being carried out to a high standard 	Free
Exeter City Council	Decoration assistance scheme	As above	<p>The decoration assistance scheme is designed to help you with internal decorations. Due to the demand for this scheme; only one room can be decorated at a time.</p> <p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •only use water-based acrylic paints (for health and safety reasons we do not use oil based paints). •move empty heavy pieces of furniture so you don't have to. •take all reasonable precautions to ensure no damage occurs to furniture, walls or floor surfaces. Dust sheets will be used as necessary. •remove all old wallpaper, paint tins etc. from your home and arrange for their 	Free

			disposal.	
Three Rivers DC, Watford.	Assisted Gardening Programme	<p>There is a limit to the number of residents that we are able to accept onto this scheme. The criteria for acceptance onto this scheme is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #Must be a Trust tenant and live alone (or with another vulnerable person) AND #Have a disability and be in receipt of means-tested benefits (disability for the purpose of administering this scheme includes a chronic medical condition which prevents you from tackling physical jobs effectively)OR #Be aged over 65 and in receipt of means-tested benefit 	Free scheme whereby residents can have their grass cut ten times between the first week of April and the last week of October. The scheme also allows residents to have hedges cut twice throughout the year, once in June, and again in October. This service is available in Watford and Three Rivers.	Free
Brighton and Hove City Council	Decorating and gardening schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •a secure tenant of Brighton & Hove City Council And one of the following must apply •age 70 or over and be in receipt of Housing Benefit •or receiving either Attendance Allowance, Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Housing Benefit <p>Grass cutting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This scheme is for tenants who are unable to cut their grass or trim their hedges and do not have 	<p>The decorating scheme is made up of two options. If you are eligible you can apply for the one most appropriate to you.</p> <p>Option 1 - Decorating packs This scheme is for tenants who are able to do the work themselves or have a friend or family member who can do it for them. A decorating pack will be issued containing the materials they will need to decorate one room in their home.</p> <p>Option 2 - Decorating work carried out by Mears This scheme is for tenants who are unable to do the decorating work themselves and do not have anyone available to help them. The work will be carried out by Mears decorators.</p> <p>It takes approximately two months to complete one round of cuts (dependent on the weather conditions).</p>	Free

		<p>anyone available to help them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Adult occupants must receive DLA, PIP or Attendance Allowance to be classed as being unable to help. •Tenants who are behind with their rent or have legal notices against their tenancy will not normally be considered. •We can only accept customers with manageable gardens; we are not able to accept customers with very overgrown gardens that require a garden clearance. 	<p>As gardening work is weather dependent, we will not be able to make set appointments. Customers on the scheme must ensure that all animal faeces and rubbish of any kind is cleared from your garden at all times. Failure to do so may result in you being removed from the scheme.</p>	
Wigan Council	Assisted gardening scheme	<p>In order to be considered for the scheme you need to meet the following conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Live alone, or with other people who also qualify <input type="checkbox"/>Have no family within a 2 miles radius of your home who are capable of maintaining the garden for you <input type="checkbox"/>Have proof of disability and be in receipt of, or eligible for the following benefits: Attendance Allowance Disability Living Allowance Severe Disablement Allowance Industry Injury Disablement Benefit War disablement Pension Long term Incapacity Benefit 	<p>What will the scheme provide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Basic gardening works to help keep your garden clean and tidy <input type="checkbox"/>Your first visit will be to assess and tidy your garden. <input type="checkbox"/>Followed by 3 scheduled visits per year to cut the grass and maintain hedges and shrubs where required. <p>How do I request the service?</p> <p>On approval of your application you will be placed on a waiting list and contacted when a place becomes available.</p>	Free
Almond Housing Association (Scotland)		<p>To get help with maintaining your garden you must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Over 70 years old, or registered blind or disabled •Suffering from ill health and receiving Disability Living Allowance 	<p>Two schemes</p> <p>There are two schemes available to help look after the gardens of tenants who are unable to do so themselves.</p>	Free

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aged between 65 & 69 with a Doctors Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Grass Cutting Scheme is available for those needing help with grass cutting and hedge trimming only. •Top up Garden Scheme is designed to give help which is not available under the main grass cutting scheme, such as border maintenance, digging and pruning. We also cut grass and trim small hedges if you are eligible under the scheme. <p>Please note that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An inspection of your garden will be carried out to see if any additional work is needed before you join the scheme •If there are any changes to your circumstances, for example, if an able bodied person moves in with you or you buy your house, you will have to write in to inform us of this •We reserve the right to decide how much work can be done in your garden under the scheme. We will let you know if we cannot do all the work you have asked for •Once on the scheme you must not make alterations to your garden. This includes adding additional flowers etc. •The gardeners will take all reasonable care and will leave your garden in as tidy a condition as they can •Almond Housing Association will not accept liability for any damage to your property or anything in your garden 	
Sheffield City Council	Garden maintenance	<p>The current criteria is that you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •be aged 75 or over •have a disability which prevents you from gardening 	<p>Our garden scheme is free of charge and is limited to a single visit each year.</p> <p>Scheme being reviewed - We are creating a</p>	Free

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •there should be no-one else under the age of 75 at home, or any friends, relatives or neighbours able to do the work <p>You can apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •in person at your nearest Housing Office or First Point •by telephone •in writing to Council Housing Service •completing our online form 	waiting list, however the criteria is likely to change once the review has taken place.	
Nottingham City Homes	The Garden Assistance Scheme	<p>To qualify, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One of our tenants •Getting low level carer Disability Living Allowance, high level mobility Disability Living Allowance or a Personal Independence Payment •Aged 70 or above and not have an able-bodied adult living with you •You also mustn't have rent arrears of more than £100, unless you have a repayment plan in place that you're maintaining. 	<p>There's a limited number of places on the scheme, so you'll go onto a waiting list when you apply and we'll get in touch as soon as a place becomes available.</p> <p>The scheme covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cutting your grass 12 times a year between March and October •Cutting hedges twice a year, between May and June, and between October and November •A winter clean-up between November and March, including pruning shrubs and roses. <p>The scheme doesn't cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Maintaining rockeries •Looking after newly planted areas •Vegetable patches •Ponds •Broken fences. 	Free
Dartford Borough Council	Older Persons' Decoration scheme	This scheme is open to tenants where all members of the household are 65 years or over, or to those who are physically disabled and living independently.	The Council will provide the labour to complete the decoration of one room every five years. All materials must be provided by the tenant. Where a property is under occupied the main bedroom, living area,	Free

			kitchen and bathroom and hallway will be considered by the Council for redecorating. Spare rooms will not be considered.	
Lewisham Homes	Decoration scheme	<p>You must be a Lewisham Homes tenant who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •is registered disabled; •is elderly or an older person who is over 70 with support needs; or •has a long term condition which causes you to have difficulties coping or carrying out everyday activities. <p>In addition, tenants unable to carry out decorations themselves must not have someone living with them who can do the decorations (i.e. someone who does not meet the above criteria).</p>	<p>Services provided</p> <p>We will be happy to decorate up to two rooms for you or the stairs and hallway once every 8 years.</p> <p>Am I guaranteed to be helped?</p> <p>The internal decoration programme has a limited budget, so any requests that cannot be fulfilled in a particular financial year will be carried over into the following financial year. How long will I have to wait? The works supervisor will contact you to measure up and arrange for the works to start but we aim to complete the works within six weeks</p>	Free
West Lothian Council (Scotland)	Assisted Decoration Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Older people of pensionable age - Households of singular or multiple people of reduced physical capacity <p>You will not be eligible if you have current rent arrears unless you have made an agreement to repay it and the Local Housing Officer agrees that payments have started and maintained.</p> <p>Applications will not be accepted for anyone who has an able bodied adult member of the household residing in the property who is under the age of 60.</p> <p>Proof of age will be requested before acceptance onto the scheme.</p>	<p>How the Scheme works:</p> <p>If you qualify for the scheme we offer to decorate one room of your choice. This is an initial three year programme with a limited budget which works on a first come first served basis. However, there is a limitation on the amount of work we can provide in any one year. A register of all successful applicants will be kept and maintained.</p> <p>Severe cases may be prioritised by the consideration of an Assessment Panel. An inspection will be carried out in all successful applicants' homes to determine the extent of the decoration work required.</p>	Free

		<p>An assessment of permanently reduced physical capacity and proof of no capable household members will be needed before acceptance onto the scheme.</p>	<p>Tenants will be notified prior to the inspection being carried out.</p> <p>What's available on the scheme? Preparation of the room i.e. stripping, filling, lining paper Painting of walls, ceilings and woodwork and/or wallpapering Tenants can choose from a wallpaper pattern book supplied by WLC at no cost or choose to provide their own at their expense Choice of paint colours Assistance can be given to clearing out the room prior to work commencing</p> <p>Limitations to the scheme Stairways, top and bottom landings/hallways are excluded from papering due to health and safety. Painting alone is available. Plastering to full rooms or full walls are excluded from this scheme.</p>	
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