

Household Support Fund - Area Committee Update September 2025

Round 7 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026)

TOTAL Allocation (April 25 - March 26): £445,415.81

May 25 - Sep 25: £178,166.32 (40%)

Oct 25 - Mar 26: £267,249.49 (60%)

The primary objective of The Fund is to provide crisis support to vulnerable households in the most need with the cost of essentials. The secondary objective is to provide preventative support to prevent vulnerable households from falling into – or falling further into – crisis.

Support available

Through direct funding of Swales voluntary, community and enterprise sector support is available via a number of emergency support packages and advice services.

Organisation	Service offer
Age UK Kent Rivers (covering Sittingbourne and Faversham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot meals & food shopping• Information & Advice Service for pensioners
Age UK (Sheppey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot meals & food shopping
Children & Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency food parcels• £100 Mastercard (Billed fuel support)• Community Pantry Membership
Citizens Advice Swale	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel advice (and other advice services)• Information & Advice Service for pensioners
Diversity House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency food parcels (Multicultural)• Information & Advice services
Fuel & Water Advice Service (Children & Families)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel and energy advice (inc. fuel vouchers)
West Faversham Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot meals (children)• Emergency food parcels
Swale Borough Council; Housing Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dedicated support via Housing

Information on how to access all of the support packages available can be found on our website: www.swale.gov.uk/hsf

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Household Support Fund will no longer continue in its current format from April 2026. More information will be provided once we have received details of the new scheme from Government.

Household Support Fund									
Total Value of Awards Split by Category									
Round 1									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
Time Period									
06/10/21-31/03/22	443	155	N/A	258	0	0	N/A	856	683
Round 2									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
01/04/22-30/09/22	1753	3982	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	5735	1773
Round 3									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
01/10/22-30/03/23	6380	2313	N/A	33	0	4	N/A	8730	5861
Round 4									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
01/04/2023-31/03/2024	20937	1761	N/A	730	615	6	N/A	24049	22818
Round 5									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
01/04/2024-30/09/2024	9584	811	50	957	400	48	N/A	11850	11151
Round 6									
	Food Support (Vouchers, Food Parcels, Food Shopping, Hot Meals)	Energy and Water (fuel vouchers, essentials linked to energy/water ie. warm packs, hygro meters)	Wider Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider Essentials	Advice Services	Housing Costs	Community infrastructure/ support	Total Volume	Total Households
01/10/2024-31/03/2025	10454	969	2465	70	642	139	N/A	14739	10295
Round 7									
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*note change of reporting categories									
01/04/2025-31/03/2026	2913	1875	N/A	0	184	0	1471	6443	3070
Totals	52464	11866	2515	2048	1841	197	1471	72402	55651