



**Are you throwing money away?
Make sure you don't pay too much Council Tax or
rent.**

Around 30,000 people in Kent are paying too much Council Tax, are you one of them?

The Kent Benefits Partnership was set up by all the councils in Kent and Medway. Our role is to help people claim the money they were missing out on in Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit.

Entitlement to Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit is based on your income, your savings and your circumstances. You have to have less than £16,000 in savings (unless you receive Guarantee Pension Credit). The amount of income you can have will vary depending on your circumstances and the amount of Council Tax or rent you pay. However, occupational pensions or low earnings do not necessarily mean you wouldn't get any help.

The Kent Benefits Partnership has an office in Maidstone with trained officers able to work out whether you might be able to get some help with either your Council Tax or rent. We have links to the majority of benefit systems in Kent and Medway and normally process your claim in our office. There is also a Visiting Officer available to come to your home and help fill in the forms. We need to see a number of documents to support your application and the Visiting Officer is able to photograph these in your home so you do not have to worry about your documents leaving your sight.

For more information call The Kent Benefits Partnership on **0845 345 0310**.