

# WHAT'S ON!

Preston Seton Gosford  
Area Partnership

TIMES ARE DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW, BUT AS A COMMUNITY WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER THROUGH. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE FOOD AND FUEL SUPPORT SERVICES IN YOUR AREA

## PENNYPIT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

- Breakfast provisions available Mon - Fri at Preston Lodge 8am-8.40am and Preston Tower 8.15am - 8.55am
- Saturday Kitchen - fresh breakfast rolls every Saturday 11-1
- Emergency Fuel payments
- Other projects for early years nutrition, elderly wellbeing, young people education and Pennypit Helping Hands are also available.

Enquire for more details.

## PSG COMMUNITY CENTRES

- School Holiday Clubs
- School Uniform Bank available at Port Seton Centre
- Period Poverty Vouchers
- Emergency Hardship Funds to support gas and electric payments and food vouchers
- lunch clubs for over 60's
- Youth Clubs, Toddler sessions and many more clubs available

Please contact the centres with any enquiries

## FOOD PANTRY SERVICES

- **Port Seton Centre**
  - Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm
  - Saturday 10am - 1pm  
(with dry, fresh and non-perishable foods)
- **Longniddry Community Centre**
  - Mon - Fri - 9.15am - 12.15pm  
(with dry, fresh and non-perishable foods)
- **Pennypit Development Trust**
  - Tuesday - Thursday 11am - 1pm at Pennypit Community Kitchen

## FURTHER SUPPORT

- Lighthouse Church Pantry (Edinburgh City Mission). Referrals only Contact: Katie 07738412716
- Dad's Work Pantry open and projects aimed at Dad's visit [facebook.com/DadsWorkEastLothian](https://facebook.com/DadsWorkEastLothian) or contact Kevin (07833741768.) for more details
- Fareshare Hub For Community Projects. Email [eastlothianfaresharehub@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:eastlothianfaresharehub@eastlothian.gov.uk)

For more information on the work supported by the PSG Area Partnership Contact:



Manager  
Emma Brown  
[ebrown3@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:ebrown3@eastlothian.gov.uk)  
07967 777794

Chair  
Ruth Davie  
[ruthdavie73@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdavie73@gmail.com)  
07515952631



# If you are concerned about rising energy costs there are places you can contact for help:



<https://www.advisedirect.scot/>

When you access this link it will take you to their home page where you can then access more specific support such as, Home Heating Advice, Consumer Advice, Postal advice, Energy advice, Money advice. If you are experiencing difficulties in engaging with your energy provider or are vulnerable the energy advice direct Scotland can refer to that is call the Extra Help Unit. They are extremely busy at the moment however they are able to provide specialist support for customers experiencing great difficulties with their energy providers.

<https://energyvoucheradvice.scot/>

Above link will take you to a home page where you can register as a referring agency. Vouchers are worth £49 for a household with one or two individual's resident, and £79 for a household with three or more people in the household. Clients will get 3 x £49 vouchers in 3 month period. Clients will get a voucher by email or text which they have to take to a Pay Point or Post Office to be redeemed and get the credit on their key. If the client needs a Post Office voucher you should note this in the Enquiry Notes section of the form.

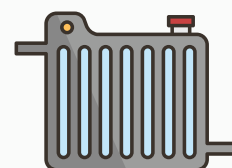
<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/>

Above link will take you to their home page where you can access information around going green, reducing energy bills, making homes warmer. You can also find information around entering into a partnership with them. This would then allow you to refer those in need to them via an online porthole.

<https://community.scotishpower.co.uk/t5/Extra-Help/Hardship-Fund/ta-p/53>

Scottish Power Hardship Fund - Application, Number, Address (selectra.co.uk) this is a link to a site that explains in more detail the type of support and has a link to the application form. You can access this fund if you are a Scottish Power customer, as they have a caveat that you must make a certain amount of payments before the agreed monies are debited to your account. You may be able to receive support from the Scottish Power Hardship Fund if:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Employment Support Allowance
- Reduction, loss of income due to illness



<https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/british-gas-energy-trust.html>

You can apply for this fund and do not need to be a British Gas Customer although it can be a long process. The link explains each stage of the process before making an application as well as other helpful information.

<https://www.changeworks.org.uk/referral>

The above link will take you direct to their online referral form. You can also contact them by phone 08008708800 Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm. They are experiencing a high demand and can take a day or two to respond.