



A guide to...

Tamworth Bond Scheme

Tamworth Strategic Housing Services

Tamworth
Borough Council



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“Improving the
availability and
standard of
housing”

What is the Tamworth Bond Scheme?

The scheme is run by Tamworth Borough Council to help:

- landlords find genuine applicants in need of housing; and
- applicants who want to rent but cannot afford the deposit.

Applicants need to be able to demonstrate ability to pay monthly rent.

We provide a written contract of guarantee to the landlord in place of a deposit.

The guarantee will cover against rent arrears, loss or damage to the property to the value of no more than eight weeks rent and will last for six months from the date of the contract.

At the end of this period, the tenant must pay the deposit to the landlord and we encourage the tenant and landlord to come to an agreement on paying this before it becomes due.

We encourage the tenant to save the required amount for a deposit over the six months when the Council provides the guarantee to the landlord.

Accommodation must be suitable for the needs of the applicant.

Who is eligible?

The Bond Scheme may be able to help you if you:

- are over the age of 18
- are a Tamworth resident
- wish to live in Tamworth
- have savings of less than £1,000
- are able to meet monthly rental costs

How do you apply to get onto the scheme?

To find out more about the Tamworth Deposit Scheme please ring (01827) 709378. We will send an application pack to you if we think the scheme may be able to help you.

An application form will need to be completed and sent back to us as quickly as possible. Additional information (for example evidence of your income) will also be requested to support your application.

Once we have received your completed application form we will let you know in writing within three working days whether or not you have been accepted onto the scheme.

What happens next?

If you are not eligible we will advise you on what other options are available to you.

If you are eligible, you should start to look for a suitable property. We will provide you with a list of landlords who provide rented accommodation in the area. You should also look in local newspapers and Estate Letting Agents for vacancies.

The property that you find must be a home in the private sector that is located within the Borough of Tamworth. The tenancy must be an assured or assured short-hold agreement and be for a minimum of six months.

When you have found a property to rent, you must ask the landlord whether or not they are prepared to accept a bond agreement from the scheme. We will then contact the landlord to confirm that they are willing to accept you as a tenant under the terms of the Bond Scheme.

We will then visit the property to check that it is in a reasonable condition.

If it is in a satisfactory condition, we will arrange to meet you and the landlord to sign the relevant paperwork.

You can only move into the property after the Bond Scheme Agreement, a completed inventory document and the Landlord's Tenancy Agreement have been signed.

At the end of the six-month period from the date of the contract, you must arrange to pay the deposit to the landlord.

If your landlord makes a claim against the scheme for any damage, loss or rent arrears, we will fully investigate the claim and if needed, make a payment to the landlord. We will then charge you for these costs. If this leads to court proceedings, you must also pay these costs.

For further information please contact:

Homelessness Prevention Officer
Housing Advice Team
Tamworth Borough Council
Marmion House
Lichfield Street
Tamworth
B79 7BX

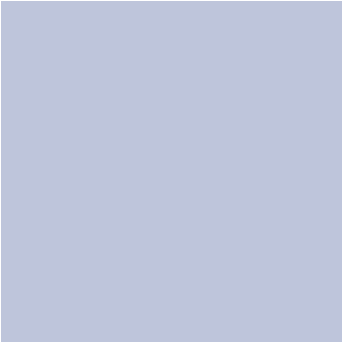
Telephone: 01827 709378

Fax: 01827 709376

Email: enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk



Notes



Have you found the information in this leaflet helpful?

If you would like to comment on the content of this leaflet, including which information you found most helpful and where you would like to see additional information please complete and return this slip to the Housing Advice Team at Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth B79 7BZ

What did you like / find helpful about the leaflet?

What information would you have liked the leaflet to contain that it didn't?

Would you like to participate in any further consultation we may do on the Tamworth Bond Scheme in the future? Y/N

If Yes please provide your name, address and contact telephone number

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

Alternative Formats

If you, or someone you know, require this information in an alternative format please phone Housing Advice on 01827 709455, or email enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk. Alternative formats are: Large print, Braille, audio tape, PC disc format.

Cantonese

如果您覺得用自己的語言和我們交談比較容易，請找一個會說英語的朋友或親戚致電我們，電話是：0800 183 0454。我們可以安排翻譯人員與您聯繫，討論您需要的翻譯服務。

Greek

Αν προτιμάτε να μιλήσετε στη γλώσσα σας ζητήστε από έναν φίλο ή συγγενή σας να επικοινωνήσει στο 0800 183 0454. Μπορούμε να σας κανονίσουμε έναν διερμηνέα.

Gujarati

જો તમને અમારી સાથે તમારી પોતાની ભાષામાં વાતચીત કરવી સરળ લાગતી હોય તો અંગ્રેજી બોલી શકતા એક મિત્ર અથવા સગાને કહો કે તેઓ 0800 183 0454 ઉપર અમારો સંપર્ક સાથે. અમે એક ઈન્ટરપ્રિટરની વ્યવસ્થા કરી શકીશું કે જેથી તમને જરૂરી ભાષાંતર વિષે ચર્ચા કરી શકાય.

Mandarin

如果您认为以自己的母语与我们交谈更容易的话，请让一位讲英语的朋友或亲属与 0800 183 0454 联系。我们可以安排一个翻译人员与您联系，讨论所需的翻译事宜。

Polish

Jeśli łatwiej Ci będzie rozmawiać z nami we własnym języku, poproś tego z krewnych lub przyjaciół, który włada językiem angielskim, by skontaktował się z nami pod numerem 0800 183 0454. Możemy skierować do Ciebie tłumacza, który omówi z Tobą, jakiego rodzaju tłumaczeń będziesz potrzebować.

Punjabi

ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਅਸਾਨ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਬੋਲਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਮਿੱਤਰ ਜਾਂ ਰਿਸ਼ਤੇਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ 0800 183 0454 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਆਖੋ। ਅਸੀਂ ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਵਿਵਸਥਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਾਂਗੇ ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲੜੀਏ ਤਰਜਮੇ ਦੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੇਗਾ।

Urdu

اگر آپ ہم سے اپنی زبان میں بات کرنے میں آسانی محسوس کرتے ہیں تو انگلش بولنے والے ایک دوست یا رشتہ دار سے فون نمبر 0800 183 0454 پر رابطہ کرنے کے لئے کہیں۔ ہم آپ کے لئے ایک مترجم کا بندوبست کر سکتے ہیں جو آپ کی ترجمے کی ضرورت پر بات چیت کرنے کے لئے آپ سے رابطہ کرے۔