

# Rent First



Make sure you can afford your property and have your first fortnight's payment at your sign up.

Severnside Housing can help you plan for your first tenancy, making sure you can afford your rent and other bills.



Our tenancy sustainment service aims to assist you to successfully manage your home and tenancy.

We want our customers to make the best of their home, reach their potential and achieve new goals.

**Now is the time to prepare for your new home**

0300 300 0059

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# Helping you plan



## Room requirements

**Each adult couple** — one bedroom

**Any other adult (16 or over)** — one bedroom

**Two children of the same sex under 16** — one bedroom

**Two children regardless of sex under 10** — one bedroom

**Any other child (other than a foster child, or a child whose main home is elsewhere)** — one bedroom

**A carer, or one of your team of carers, who do not live with you but provide you or your partner with care** — one bedroom

### For example:

If you are a single parent with two children (a girl who is six and a boy who is under three), under the new occupation rules affecting Housing Benefit the government criteria says you only need a two bedroom property.

The under occupation rules will only affect you if you are claiming Housing Benefit and you are of working age.

## Furniture

All our properties are let as unfurnished, therefore it is a good idea to start thinking about the furnishings you would like for your home and where you will get them from. You will need carpets, curtains, sofa, table, kitchen appliances, cookware, TV, beds, bathroom items, linen, crockery and cutlery.

### Home Essentials

Unit 9b, Hartley Business Centre,  
Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 5ST  
[www.shrewsburyfurniturescheme.com](http://www.shrewsburyfurniturescheme.com)  
01743 246 668

## Rent Payment

Be prepared to bring a fortnights rent payment to your sign up. You **WILL NOT** be given your keys if you don't bring your rent.

When you start your tenancy agreement, you will be given your unique Allpay swipecard. Use this card to pay your rent in any of the following ways:

- △ Paypoint and Paypoint zones in the Post Office and some shops
- △ Direct Debit — please ask for forms
- △ Allpays Payment App on your smartphone
- △ Online at [www.allpayments.net](http://www.allpayments.net)
- △ Over the phone on 0870 243 6040
- △ Visit or phone our office

## Savings & Bank Accounts

Get ready and get saving NOW so you can afford to move and furnish your home. Open a credit union account and start to put away each week the amount that you will have to pay towards your rent. This will help you to get used to making this payment and budgeting your surplus income.

### Just Credit Union

1a Castle Gates, Shrewsbury SY1 2AQ  
[www.justcreditunion.org](http://www.justcreditunion.org)  
01743 252 325

### Fairshare Savings and Loans

Suite C, The Roy Fletcher Centre,  
12- 17 Cross Hill Shrewsbury, SY1 2JE  
[www.fairshare.uk.com](http://www.fairshare.uk.com)  
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