

# COST OF LIVING SURVEY



## CROFTON LIB DEMS

The cost of living is at its highest rate for 10 years - rising by 5.1% during 2021.

Energy prices, fuel prices, and food prices are all soaring with no signs of things slowing down in 2022. For many people things have been made worse by Council Tax rises, National Insurance Rises and Universal Credit cuts.

We want to know how price increases are affecting you - and what we can do to help. Please fill out our quick survey.

**Inflation: UP**  
**Food prices: UP**  
**Fuel prices: UP**  
**Council Tax: UP**  
**Energy Bills: UP**  
**Nat. Insurance: UP**

### 1. Food and Fuel

Has your food shop become more expensive over the past year?

Yes  No

If YES how much on average has your weekly shop increased by?

£5  £5-10  Over £10

Have you had to cut back on your food shop due to rising prices?

Yes  No

Petrol prices have risen by £12 a tank in the past year. On average how much more do you spend each month on fuel compared to a year ago?

£5  £5-10  £10-20  Over £20

### 2. Tax, Pensions and Universal Credit

Have you been affected by the Government's £20 Universal Credit cut?

Yes  No

Will you be affected by the Government's 1.25% National Insurance increase in April?

Yes  No

Will you be affected by the cap on Pension Rises when that is introduced in April?

Yes  No

Last year Council Tax in our area was increased by X%. How much more each month are you now paying?

£5  £5 - £10  £10 - £20  £20 +

### 2. Your Energy Bills

Have you been affected by the increase in the Energy Price cap that has affected many electricity and gas suppliers?

Yes  No

If you have been affected please give details below:

Have you used less heating in your house this winter due to energy price rises?

Yes  No

What tenure of house do you live in?

Owner-occupied  Private-rented  
 Social-rented  Council-rented

What is the EPC energy-efficiency rating of your house?

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

If your home has a low EPC rating you may be eligible for support from your energy provider to make energy-efficiency improvements to your home. Would you like us to look into this matter further for you?

Yes  No

#### 4. Your Views

If there were a local election tomorrow how would you vote?

- Liberal Democrats     Conservative
- Labour     Reform Party
- Green Party     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If there were a general election tomorrow how would you vote?

- Liberal Democrats     Conservative
- Labour     Reform Party
- Green Party     Other \_\_\_\_\_

More and more people are signing up for Postal Votes to ensure nothing can prevent them from having their say in the next election. Would you like us to send you a Postal Vote registration form?

- Yes     No

#### 5. Hear more with eFocus

We would like to report back about issues as they come up. Please tick to give us your consent to send you eFocus, a monthly online supplement to our regular newsletters.

Yes please, I'd like to be sent eFocus

Email: .....



#### 6. How can we help?

Please use this space below to let us know what the Council could do to help you meet the rising cost of living at this time?

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

Phone: .....

#### Thank you for completing our survey

Cllr Jim Forrest



Jimmy Roberts



Gerald Drabble



Bob Seymour



To return your survey to us, please place it in the ballot box on our stall in Stubbington Green, or send to Jimmy Roberts at 115 Gosport Road



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