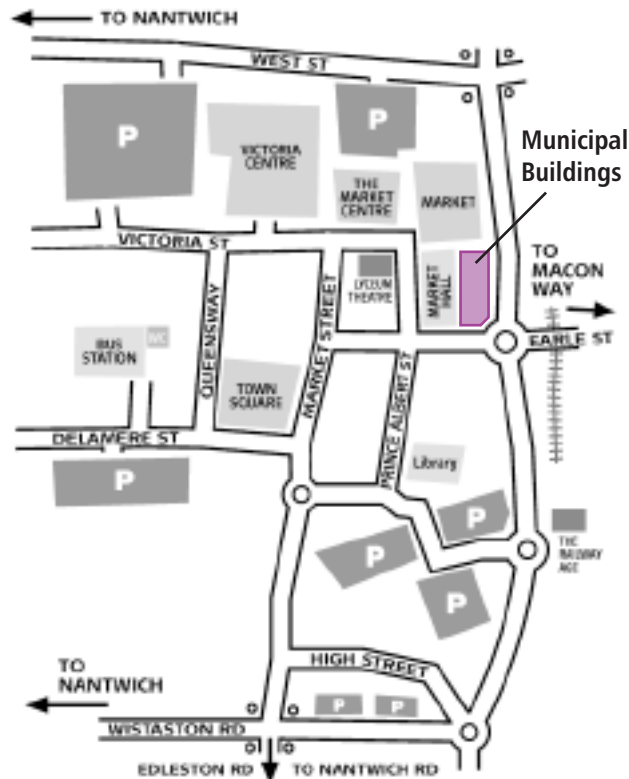


## Useful Telephone Numbers

- Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council - Grants Department - 01270 537532
- Anchor Staying Put - 01270 537422
- Wulvern Housing - 01270 503500
- Cheshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre – 0800 512012

These initiatives are subject to alteration and policy changes, and therefore please check with the Grants Department before proceeding with an application.



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## EMPTY PROPERTY REPAIRS GRANT



# Empty Property Repair Grant

## Introduction.

An Empty Property Repairs Grant is only available to assist in bringing empty domestic properties back into residential use.

## What is an empty property?

A property that has been unoccupied for 3 or more months and on which no Council Tax has been received for that period will be classed as empty. The Housing Health and Safety Rating System will be used to determine hazards within the property.

## What is an empty property repairs grant?

An empty property repairs grant is a grant to assist with the cost of carrying out essential structural or improvement works to a property, so that it becomes decent and fit for habitation. There is a maximum grant of £1,000 or the cost of the works, whichever is the lowest.

## Who can apply?

Anybody who owns property that has been empty in excess of 3 months (whether or not you were the owner for those 3 months) can apply for the grant and you don't have to be on any benefits, as it is not means tested.

## What repairs aren't eligible?

- The provision of central heating.
- Decorating (painting/wallpapering etc)
- Furniture
- Carpets
- Items not included on the schedule of works.



## How much is the grant?

The empty property repairs grant is for a maximum of £1,000 to carry out approved work and this is paid when the property is re-occupied and on production of valid receipted invoices.

**Please note**, you will have to pay for the works first and then claim the grant once the property is occupied.

## Conditions

- Only 1 grant assistance is allowed per house
- Grant assistance is not available towards work, which has already been carried out.
- Properties that are being rented must comply with the Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council Property Accreditation Scheme.

## Where can I get an application form?

You can download an application form from the Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council's website ([www.crewe-nantwich.gov.uk](http://www.crewe-nantwich.gov.uk)) and by looking under "Empty Homes" in the "A-Z" on the toolbar. Otherwise contact us on the numbers overleaf.