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## **Tai Ceredigion is working hard to help tenants stay in the black over Christmas**

Tai Ceredigion is working hard to help tenants not only save for the future, but also make sure that they are on top of their finances throughout the festive season.

Everyone knows Christmas is a difficult time of year for family bank balances, with the kids wanting every new toy or gadget under the sun and food bills rising. Tai Ceredigion wants to ensure that their tenants are getting the financial support and advice they need.

Steve Jones, Chief Executive of Tai Ceredigion said "Christmas is a difficult time for everyone financially and especially now as we are suffering from the worst recession in 20 years. Many of our tenants are unemployed or on low incomes, and with the changes in welfare benefits just around the corner it is easy for people to bury their heads in the sand and let debts mount out. We want to help our tenants manage their finances and pay their important bills, like rent, on time. We are working with organisations like CredCer Credit Union and local debt agencies so that we provide quality advice to our tenants. All they need to do is contact us for help."

Tai Ceredigion has even produced a top ten of energy saving tips for the winter to help tenants save money and keep warm which will be sent out with the next tenants' newsletter. These tips range from turning down the thermostat by just 1°C, which could cut heating bills by up to 10% and save around £50 per year.

If any Tai Ceredigion's tenants need advice on how to manage their finances, they should contact Lynda Mason George, Tai Ceredigion's Community Inclusion Advisor, on 0345 6067654.