## CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT HELP YOU SHOULD BE GETTING WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

There are a number of payments being made to help with bills, some of which you should already have received. You **don't** have to apply for any of these payments so if you get a phone call or text asking you to apply for one of them, it will be a **SCAM**.

A reduction of £150 was made to each household's Council Tax earlier this year.

Each household is getting £400 off our electricity bills. £66 or £67 per month will be credited to your electricity account each month from October 2022-April 2023.

In addition, as Stutton is not on mains gas, we will all be getting a £200 payment. This should come as a credit to your electricity bill but it hasn't yet been announced when this will be.

If you have a **pre-payment meter** this money will be either credited to your account or you will be sent vouchers. These vouchers have to be used within 90 days.

If you are over the age of 66 you will get an additional £300 (this is in addition to the Winter Fuel Payment), paid into your bank account.

If you receive Personal Independent Payment, Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance you will receive an additional £150 paid into your bank account.

If you are on a means-tested benefit such as Universal Credit or Pension Credit, you will get £650, paid in two instalments in July and November.

## Other help available

If you are on a means tested benefit (eg Universal Credit or Pension Credit) you may be able to get the Warm Homes Discount which is £150 off your bill. If you're eligible you should get a letter between November and January letting you know.

Warm Homes Grant: Contact Suffolk County Council to see if you're eligible for a grant to make your home warmer and more energy efficient. 03456 037 686; <a href="https://www.warmhomessuffolk.org">www.warmhomessuffolk.org</a>

Catts Trust is there to support villagers who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Stutton Support Network can put you in touch with them to explore how they might help. Tel. **01473 327753** 

Suffolk Cost of Living Surviving Winter Support: Tel 01473 298 634

If you need further advice and information, contact our local Citizens Advice Bureau: 01787 321400 or email <a href="mailto:advice@sudburycab.org.uk">advice@sudburycab.org.uk</a>