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From next April the basic state pension will rise by £5.30 per week. That's £275 per year - the biggest cash rise since 1948.

And the Conservatives in government are doing more. We have reintroduced the earnings link for pensions and under the Conservative Triple Lock, the State Pension will always be increased, year on year, in-line with average earnings, prices or by 2.5% - whichever is highest.

Most older people in our country have worked hard and saved all their lives. That is why even as our country faces up to its most serious financial challenge since the Second World War, we have protected universal benefits for pensioners. Things like

- **Free eye tests**
- **Free prescriptions**
- **Free bus passes**
- **Free TV licences for the over-75s**
- **The Winter Fuel Payment**

show that the Conservative Party believes in protecting pensioners.

WARM HOMES

With global fuel prices on the rise, people in Britain are feeling the effects in their energy bills. The Conservatives in government have taken action to help older people keep warm during winter.

- The Warm Home Discount Scheme will give 600,000 of the poorest pensioners £120 to help with fuel bills
- Alongside the Winter Fuel Payment, permanently increasing the Cold Weather Payment means eligible households receive an extra £25 for each seven-day cold spell

In tough times we are doing what we can to help. In addition to protecting the key benefits mentioned above, we are:

- Freezing council tax, which doubled under Labour
- Ring-fencing £1 billion for social care
- Scrapping Labour's fuel duty escalator

We are taking the tough decisions to tackle Labour's debt and get Britain back on track. We are taking action now so we don't leave the problem to our grandchildren to solve. But even in tough times, we are doing what we can to help pensioners.

