

Homefinder

Is a free service that helps prevent homelessness by connecting landlords with prospective tenants on low wages or benefits. Homefinder has helped families, couples and single people move into more than **500** private rented tenancies since 2005

What is the offer?

Landlords:

- A personal service and named officer to advise you
- Support to resolve housing benefit problems
- End of tenancy advice and rent payment history

Tenants:

- Pre tenancy preparation
- Loans and grants for deposit, contract fee and rent in advance
- Housing support when needed

How does it work?

Landlords:

- Interview and select tenants
- Decide what rent to charge*
- Offer an assured shorthold tenancy
- Take an inventory
- Manage and maintain the property

Tenants:

- Choose a property
- Meet the landlord
- Agree the tenancy and inventory
- Apply for Housing Benefit and loans with Bristol Credit Union and Bath and District Deposit Bond Scheme

*preferred rents are within local housing rates

Contact: Anne Fitzpatrick, Private Rented Officer on 01225 394013 Email: Anne_Fitzpatrick@bathnes.gov.uk