

We will always back British pensioners, says Tory Minister Mel Stride

EXCLUSIVE: This week, we delivered on our Triple Lock pledge to British pensioners.

[Mel Stride Secretary of State for Work/ Pensions](#) 19:01, Sat, Nov 25, 2023



We have delivered on our promises (Image: Getty)

We know how important this will be to many Sunday Express readers – many of whom have made their voices loud and clear between these pages in recent months – and to the over 12 million people across the country who rely on the [State Pension](#).

After a lifetime of work, it's only right that we make sure our pensioners are protected.

This Government introduced the [Triple Lock](#) to do just that and since 2011, we've lifted 250,000 older people out of poverty.

This year's [State Pension](#) increase is one of the highest on record and means that the full annual rate of the basic [State Pension](#) will be over £8,800 from next April –over £3,700 higher than in 2010 – while the full rate of the new [State Pension](#) will rise to over £11,500.

For someone getting the full rate of the new [State Pension](#), it's an extra £900 in their pocket next year.

Contrast this approach with Labour's record. Under Labour we had the fourth highest-level of pensioner poverty among the over 65s in Europe, with pensions rising by just 75 pence in one year.

That's just not the Conservative way. And while we've delivered on our promise to halve inflation, our support for people right across the country won't stop.

Including the measures announced by the Chancellor this week, our total commitment to easing [cost of living](#) pressures for everyone has risen to £104 billion - an average of £3,700 per household.

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That includes paying around half the cost of the average energy bill since last October.

But as the nights draw in and temperatures drop, we know many pensioners will still face particular challenges this winter and that's why we're delivering up to £600 to help with energy bills this winter.

Our Winter Fuel Payments – boosted again this year by an additional £300 per household Pensioner [Cost of Living](#) payment – will land in pensioner

bank accounts over the next two months, the vast majority automatically.

It's further evidence, as the Chancellor said in his Autumn Statement, that this government will always back our pensioners.

We are taking long term decisions to build a brighter future for millions – one that delivers for the pensioners of today, and tomorrow.