

How and where to find **affordable furniture, appliances and flooring** for your Southway home



Whether you are a new Southway tenant who needs to furnish your new home, or a current tenant who wants to replace or upgrade household items, there are plenty of affordable and sustainable solutions available locally.

This booklet contains details of suppliers, outlets and organisations where you can access good quality furniture, flooring, appliances and electrical goods, as well as advice on how and where to find financial advice and support with covering the costs within your budget.

Financial help and support with furnishing your home

south manchester credit union

This is a community-based organisation that anybody living in the area can join. Members can then access a range of affordable loans and savings accounts.

This could include an affordable loan to help you cover the costs of furnishing your home.

South Manchester Credit Union (Savings and Loans)

**187 Fog Lane, Burnage,
Manchester. M20 6FJ**

Tel: 0161 448 0200

Email: loans@smcreditunion.co.uk

Southway Housing's Advice Services Team

We can help with budgeting for the cost of furnishing your home. We also work in partnership with the credit union to offer the Southway Solutions loan scheme for our tenants, who can borrow up to **£300** for a home emergency.

Southway's Advice Services Team can help you to access affordable furnishings. In some circumstances we can organise a loan of up to £500 to help you pay for furniture, white goods and flooring. We also provide a broad range of advice and support on other money issues, including benefits, debt, banking and household budgeting offering practical solutions to reduce your bills.

**Call Southway Housing
on 0161 448 4200**

**Visit [www.southwayhousing.co.uk/
help-with-money](http://www.southwayhousing.co.uk/help-with-money)**



Shop Smartly

What’s important is that you don’t have to spend a fortune on your home for it to look great.

Here is an example of what you may need to basically furnish your home and where you could find items at bargain prices. It shows how it is possible to furnish three rooms for about **£150 plus flooring**.

Bedroom	Cost £	From
Double Bed With Mattress	FREE	Gumtree
Bedside Table X 2	18	Ikea
Curtains	13	Ikea
Wardrobe (Beech)	FREE	Gumtree
Table Lamp X2	5	Ikea
Chest Of Drawers & Sofa Bed	FREE	Gumtree
Duvet Cover & Pillow Cases	4.80	Argos
Living Room	Cost £	From
3 Seater Sofa	FREE	Gumtree
Large Mirror - 7' X 4'	FREE	Gumtree
Dinner Set	7	Wilko
Curtains	7.99	Ebay
Coffee Table	FREE	Facebook Marketplace
Kitchen	Cost £	From
Electric Cooker	65	Gumtree
Saucepan Set	12	Wilko
Plastic Bin	6	Wilko
8-Piece Utensil Set	1.25	Ikea
Kettle	6	Wilko
Toaster	6	Wilko
Total		£152.54

Charitable Sources of Furniture and White Goods

Charity shops offer an affordable and sustainable way of furnishing your home. Stock changes regularly and most offer delivery of larger items if needed. There are several charity shops in the area, below is just a selection.

British Heart Foundation Furniture and Electrical Shop, Sale

Many British Heart Foundation shops stock a wide range of quality pre-loved furniture, electricals and homewares including sofas, beds, tables, wardrobes.

Electrical items from microwaves, irons and kettles to TVs and larger home

appliances like washers and driers are also usually available, all at affordable prices. Delivery on orders over £30 is free.

It has a specialist furniture and electrical store at 67 School Rd, Sale M33 7YF Tel: **0161 825 9280**

There is also a BHF shop in Chorlton with a selection of household items at 7-9 Chorlton Place, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester, UK, M21 9AQ Tel: **0161 881 2217**

The BHF website also offers chance to bid on eBay for shop items and has a section on upcycling ideas to give pre-loved furniture an uplift and add your own personal touch. Visit bhf.org.uk



British Red Cross Furniture and Electrical Shop, Chorlton

The specialist furniture and electrical shop stocks a broad range of furnishings, appliances and electrical items. Delivery is available.

611 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, M21 9AN
Tel: 0161 860 6965
Email: chorltonfeshop@redcross.org.uk

St Anne's Hospice Furniture Shop, Ladybarn

Offers a selection of pre-loved beds, chairs, tables, lamps, sofas, sideboards, soft furnishings and white goods. It also stocks a range of new homeware goods.

128 Mauldeth Rd, Ladybarn M14 6SQ
Tel: 0161 445 7990
Email: ladybarn@sah.org.uk

Sue Ryder charity shops, Chorlton and Didsbury

Stock a large range of top brand furniture at competitive prices along with household items and collectables.

553 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton M21 0AE
Tel: 0161 881 3578
Email: chorlton3174@sueryder.org

794-796 Wilmslow Road,
Didsbury, M20 6UH
Tel: 0161 434 7044
Email: didsbury3165@sueryder.org

Tree of Life, Wythenshawe

Has a large selection of used items of furniture, white goods and smaller electricals at bargain prices. The shop also stocks a selection of good quality DIY paints. Delivery available.

Greenbrow Rd, Newall Green,
Wythenshawe, M23 2UE
Tel: 0161 489 7018

Mustard Tree, Ancoats

Has a range of services including furniture and white goods with a low-cost delivery service. Bargains on quality white goods and upcycled furniture.

Further discounts available

If you are in receipt of benefits or can demonstrate low income, you can join Mustard Tree as a client and receive a further **25% off** furniture and electrical items over £5, as well as reduced furniture delivery costs.

Free furniture for your new tenancy

In addition, if you have been homeless or are on low income/benefits and have recently secured a new tenancy, Mustard Tree can help you turn your first house into a home, with a choice of free furniture.

110 Oldham Rd, Ancoats,
Manchester M4 6AG
Tel: 0161 850 2282
Email: information@mustardtree.org.uk

Buying or Finding Free Furniture & Items Online

As well as charity shops, there are many online sources of affordable or even free furnishings, appliances, electricals and household items.

It can be a very cost-effective and sustainable way of giving unwanted items a useful new life while preventing the environmental impact of landfill. You can usually filter your search to a small geographical area to limit the distance you need to travel if collecting items.

Gumtree

Gumtree is a fantastic place to start when looking for bargain or even free items for your home. You can find dining room tables, beds, futons, sofas — basically, anything and everything can be found on this site. Many items can be free and will often only cost you the inconvenience of arranging to pick up the items yourself.

www.gumtree.com

Facebook Marketplace

With the added bonus of being able to verify sellers on Facebook, this digital marketplace is a fantastic way to find free stuff in your area. Easy to use and navigate, it is very similar to Gumtree and is a brilliant place to find bargains.

www.en-gb.facebook.com/marketplace

Freecycle

Join your local Freecycle group. This is a grassroots global organisation that links people who have items to give away with those wanting free stuff. The idea is that if we swap and share, then we aren't filling up landfills with useful items.

www.freecycle.org/town/ManchesterUK

There are also local Freecycle groups for many areas of South Manchester on *Facebook*

Freeloved

This listings website has an entire section dedicated to free, preloved stuff. There are plenty of bargains to be found here too.

www.preloved.co.uk/freeloved

Swapz

This is the most established, biggest marketplace in the UK, allowing users to deal, sell, trade and swap with others, either locally or nationwide.

www.swapz.co.uk



Carpets and Flooring

One of the biggest expenses when furnishing a new home can be carpets and flooring.

However, it is an investment that can last for years and greatly improve your comfort and living standards. Below is a selection of reputable and competitively priced suppliers in the Southway area.

Kingsway Carpets

Below is an example of costs for carpeting one room plus hall, stairs and landing, based on the room sizes of an average Southway family home.



Rooms	Size needed	Square Yards	Carpet Tolido (Stock item)	Underlay	Fitting	Total for all areas
Room 1	13 x 10	14.4	£86.40	£43.20	£43.20	
Hall/Stairs/Landing	13 x 12	17.34	£104.04	£52.02	£86.70	£415.56

253 Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1AL
Email: info@kingsway-carpets.co.uk

Tel: 0161 225 7294
Web: www.kingsway-carpets.co.uk

McCorkell's Carpets

80 Mauldeth Road West,
Withington, M20 1AB
Tel: 0161 445 4800
E: sales@mccorkells.com

Chorlton Carpet Centre

503 Barlow Moor Road,
Chorlton M21 8AQ
Tel: 0161 302 3041
E: chorltoncarpetcentre@gmail.com



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