# Living Independently in job and home

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#### **First Things First**

- What are your responsibilities?
  - Council tax
  - o Electricity
  - Water rates
  - Repairs
  - o Kennels
  - o Garden
  - Decorating

Are you clear what your employer expects you to pay for? Ask for this in writing, perhaps as part of your contract of employment

- Check any repairs that are required before you move in
- Where is the stop cock to turn off water in an emergency? Where is the main electricity board? Find out how to turn off any gas supply in an emergency.
- Do you need to provide your own fridge/freezer/cooker/washing machine

#### The Next Step

- Provide yourself with the basics: e.g bed, bedding, chairs, cooking and cleaning utensils, kettle, tv, towels. (ask family /friends/ look in charity shops)
- Contents insurance especially to cover your guns
- Inform anyone who needs to know your new address e.g DVLA, your bank
- Register with a local GP and dentist
- Create a routine for keeping house, garden and kennels clean. Know your dustbin day. Don't forget your washing!

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## **Budget**

- Food (you need to keep healthy and have plenty of energy for a demanding job)
- Cleaning items, toiletries
- Car
- Pension
- Insurances
- Phone
- Dogs...food and vets

## **Keep in Touch**

• With family and friends

### **Ask for Help**

• Don't let difficulties build up. Ask family/friends/your headkeeper/employer/Gamekeepers Welfare Trust