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Building a buffer: helping more UK consumers to save

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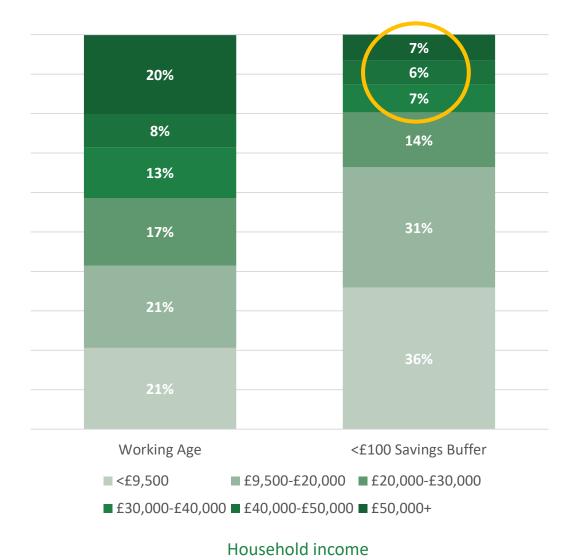


The need for a savings buffer

11.5m UK adults (22%) have less than £100 in savings

BUT

71% will experience an unexpected bill in a year (typical value £250-500)



Not just about income

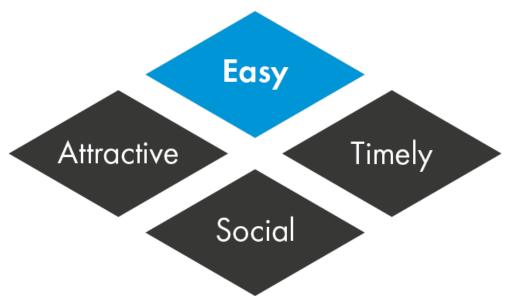
20% of working-age adults with <£100 in savings have household income > £30k



Enablers of saving

- Locus of control
- Engagement with money
- Savings mindset

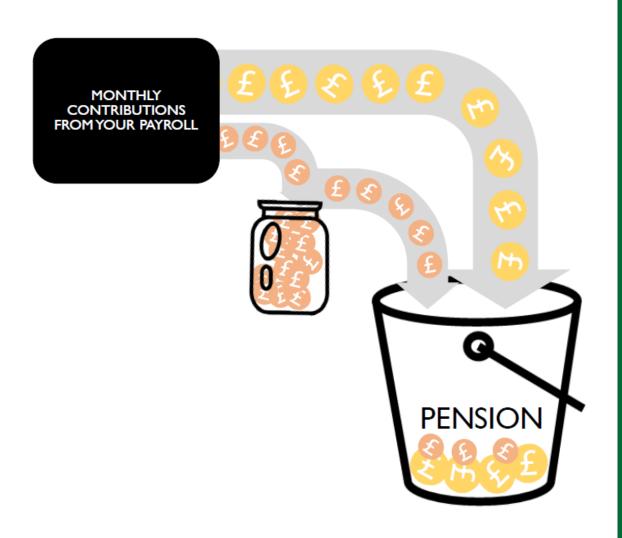




How to help people save?

EAST model

Behavioural change model from BIT (Behavioural Insights Team)



Make it EASY

Sidecar savings

Savings 'buffer' alongside auto-enrolled pension



Make it ATTRACTIVE

Goal-based savings

Encourage saving by focusing on a goal



Make it SOCIAL

A challenge

- 1. Online community
- 2. People-like-you
- 3. Savings 'buddy'



Make it TIMELY

Repay 'n' Save

Default half of monthly loan repayments into a savings account at the end of the loan

Thank you



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