Budgeting App vs Managed Money Service

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Description:

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Details:

Budgeting software can help you organise and forecast your money. Our managed service adds expert financial analysis, a personalised strategy and people who put the plan into action with you. The key question is how much of the day-to-day work you want to manage yourself.

Compare the work involved

What to compare	A self-directed budgeting app	Our managed budgeting service
Planning	Features vary: spending categories, goals and forecasting may be included	We analyse your finances and build a personalised twelve-month budget, debt and savings strategy
Administration	You maintain the arrangements; automation depends on the product	We manage living-money transfers, priority bills, debt repayments and planned savings
Support	Check each provider’s support options	Our team of 100+ expert Money Coaches maintains the plan, with app and portal visibility
Creditor arrangements	You contact creditors or arrange separate help	We speak with creditors, negotiate manageable arrangements and incorporate agreed terms into your budget
Costs	Free and paid options exist; check current terms	Free appointment, then tailored fees if you choose ongoing service

What a budgeting app can help with

Apps can help organise financial information, track spending and plan towards goals. Some connect to bank accounts or provide forecasting and automation. Features, connection methods, support and prices vary, so check the product you are considering.

A self-directed app may suit you if you want to maintain your own budget and payment arrangements. You can still seek help from other people or services when needed. See our comparison of Frollo, WeMoney and PocketSmith.

What we do with you

We combine detailed financial analysis, a personalised money strategy and practical ongoing management. Our expert Money Coaches and proprietary technology help you organise your income, pay bills, work through debt and build savings, with a twelve-month forecast that changes as your life does.

If you join, your income is directed into a MyBudget trust account. We transfer your agreed living money to your everyday bank account first, then manage priority bills, debt repayments and planned savings allocations through your budget. You can see your plan in the app and client portal, and our expert Money Coaches help keep it up to date.

Our app is part of the service

Our app and client portal give you 24/7 visibility of your budget, upcoming commitments, payments and available balance. Our expert team helps interpret that information and make practical adjustments. You get the technology and the people working together.

Does the fee represent value for you?

Our fees support a team of 100+ expert Money Coaches and the technology that helps put your plan into action. We manage bills and transfers, help with creditors, maintain your forecast and adjust the budget as life changes. You gain practical help, time back and a clear view of what is coming, rather than having to carry all the administration yourself.

Your first budgeting appointment, financial analysis and personalised twelve-month plan are free. If you join, we show the tailored establishment fee and weekly administration fee in your budget before you decide. The establishment fee is normally spread over six months; in special circumstances this can be extended to twelve months. The weekly fee covers ongoing management, expert support, budget updates and access to our proprietary technology, app and client portal.

We assess your circumstances and show how the service and its fees fit into your budget at the free appointment. We do not sign you up if the service is not affordable. If another form of help would suit you better, we can direct you to appropriate free financial counselling. You do not need to decide on an income threshold or speak to a counsellor before contacting us.

Frequently asked questions

Which budgeting app is best?

There is no single best app for everyone. Compare the features, costs, privacy arrangements and support you need, using each provider’s current information.

Does MyBudget just provide an app?

Our difference is the combination of analysis, a tailored strategy and hands-on execution: living-money transfers, bill and debt payments, creditor communication, planned savings, a maintained twelve-month forecast and ongoing expert support, with visibility through our app and client portal.

Can I use another app alongside MyBudget?

You may want a separate tool for tracking or learning. Check how it would access information and avoid setting up duplicate payments or conflicting arrangements. Ask our team if you are unsure.

Which option is safer?

The risks differ. Check permissions, data handling, account access, payment responsibilities and complaints arrangements. Regulation or a particular account structure does not remove every risk. Our accreditations page explains our provider details.

How does this compare with the Barefoot Investor approach?

The Barefoot Investor approach is an educational framework for organising money, developing habits, saving and investing. We provide a personalised budget plus ongoing practical money management and human support. We can manage bills, transfers, savings allocations and budget adjustments for you. The approaches can work together: you can use Barefoot principles for your longer-term goals while we help manage day-to-day finances.

What if I cannot afford ongoing fees?

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