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They are part of a group of 200,000 pensioners, including widows and over-80s, who are owed £3billion in total.

The fund was announced after the Government found systemic failures to automatically award pension pay rises stretching back 30 years.



**Work and Pensions Secretary Therese Coffey said the Government is conducting a forensic sweep of records to identify and pay those due arrears**

Widowed retirees are owed an average of £17,000, rising to £23,000 for married women, according to the Office for Budget Responsibility.



And 72,000 over-80s are due refunds of more than £10,000 on average.

The Government will dole out the money in lump sums totalling more than £570million every year until 2026.