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The biggest household expense: £19.10 is spent on buying a vehicle, £36.40 on operation of personal transport (petrol/diesel, repairs, servicing), and £10.20 on transport services (rail, bus, tube).

**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**
£14.40 was spent on meat and fish, £4.00 on fresh veg, £3.10 on fresh fruit, £4.50 on non-alcoholic drinks and £2.30 on chocolate and confectionery.

**RECREATION AND CULTURE**
Third on the list, this includes TVs, computers, newspapers, books, leisure activities and package holidays. As a weekly average over the year, £17.10 was spent on package holidays abroad, compared to £1.70 a week on holidays in the UK.

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**SPENDING HABITS IN THE RECESSION**
After the recession had started in 2009, how did people adjust their spending as austerity measures kicked in?

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  - 2008: £471
  - 2009: £455
  - 2009 was £16 lower than in 2008

- **Transport**
  - 2008: £58.40
  - 2009: £57.30
  - 2009 was 8% lower than in 2008

- **Recreation and culture**
  - 2008: £57.90
  - 2009: £57.30
  - 2009 was £0.60 lower than in 2008

*From the latest figures, on main commodities and services in 2011. Source: From the Living Costs and Food Survey, ONS. 
1 Excludes mortgage interest payments, Council Tax and NI rates. 
2 Includes mortgage interest payments, Council Tax, licences, fines, transfers, holiday spending. Note: percentages have been rounded up/down where appropriate.