# the MONEY Charity

# Sources of Free, Independent Financial Support and Information General



# **The Money Charity**

Workshops & Webinars for groups, resources for individuals and generalised info/guidance.

Website: <a href="https://themoneycharity.org.uk/">https://themoneycharity.org.uk/</a>
Email: <a href="https://themoneycharity.org.uk/">hello@themoneycharity.org.uk/</a>

Social Media: The Money Charity LinkTree or look for @TheMoneyCharity on Twitter,

Instagram or Facebook and @The-Money-Charity on LinkedIn

### **Citizens Advice**

Advice on many issues including debt and money, benefits, housing, employment and much more.

Website: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

Tel: England: 0800 144 8848 / Wales: 0800 702 2020 / Scotland: 0800 028 1456 /

Northern Ireland: 0800 915 4604

Relay UK: 18001 + Advice Line Number (9am-5pm weekdays excl. bank holidays)

Website/Live Chat: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ and select the country you live in. Chat

available for Debt weekdays 9am-8pm and 9:30am-1pm Saturdays, or for General weekdays 9am-5pm

**Home Visits**: Available in some areas, check the website and enter your postcode for your nearest centre.



#### **GOV.UK**

The place to find government services and information.

Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/">https://www.gov.uk/</a> and specifically their Money and Tax section:

https://www.gov.uk/browse/tax + their cost of living support page:

https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living

#### **Money Helper**

Money advice and support, along with online tools and calculators.

Website: https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/

Tel: England: 0800 138 7777 / Wales: 0800 138 0555 /

Typetalk: 18001 0800 915 4622

Website/Live Chat: https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/contact-us

weekdays 8am-6pm and Saturday 8am-3pm



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## **Money Saving Expert**

MoneySavingExpert.com

Lots of practical advice, money saving tips and comparisons, plus a weekly newsletter.

Website: <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/">https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/</a>

#### **Unbiased**

Free listing of financial advisors in your area.

Website: <a href="https://www.unbiased.co.uk/">https://www.unbiased.co.uk/</a>
Email: contact@unbiased.co.uk

Tel: 0800 023 6868





#### VouchedFor

Lists financial planners and rates them by client feedback.

Website: https://www.vouchedfor.co.uk/

# **Debt**



## **Business Debtline**

Advice for self-employed people on dealing with debt problems.

Website: https://www.businessdebtline.org/

Tel: England, Scotland & Wales: 0800 197 6026 weekdays 9am-8pm

Northern Ireland: 0800 915 4604 weekdays 9am-5pm (in partnership with Advice NI)

Website/Live Chat: https://www.businessdebtline.org/contact-us/

# **Christians Against Poverty**

Debt support and money management/budgeting support.

Website: https://capuk.org/

Tel: 01247 760761

Home Visits: If you live in a postcode covered by a Christians Against Poverty

Debt Centre, a Debt Coach may be able to visit you.





## **Debt Advice Foundation**

Specialist debt charity offering free, confidential advice on any aspect of debt.

Website: https://www.debtadvicefoundation.org/

Tel: 0800 043 4050 weekdays 8am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm

#### **National Debtline**

Debt advice, support with budgeting and guidance about dealing with debt.

Website: https://www.nationaldebtline.org/

**Tel**: **0808 808 4000** weekdays **9am–8pm** and Saturday **9:30am–1pm** 





#### **PayPlan**

Debt advice and solutions.

Website: <a href="https://www.payplan.com">https://www.payplan.com</a>

Tel: 0800 280 2816 weekdays 8am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm

### **StepChange Debt Charity**

Debt and money advice, including their free Debt Remedy budget tool.

Website: https://www.stepchange.org/

Tel: 0800 138 1111 weekdays 8am-8pm and Saturday 9am-2pm

Website/Live Chat: https://www.stepchange.org/setting-expectations.aspx

online debt advice service, available 24/7/365



# **Benefits & Tax**



#### **EntitledTo**

Benefits calculator to check which means-tested benefits you may be entitled to.

Website: https://www.entitledto.co.uk/

### **TaxAid**

Free, confidential advice on tax to those on low incomes.

Website: https://taxaid.org.uk

Tel: 0345 120 3779 weekdays 9am-5pm





## Turn2Us

Free online benefits checker and huge database of grants.

Website: <a href="https://www.turn2us.org.uk/">https://www.turn2us.org.uk/</a>
Tel: 0808 802 2000 weekdays 9am-5pm

# Money & Mental Health



# **Mental Health & Money Advice**

Help and support for understanding, managing and improving money and mental health issues.

Website: https://www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org/

#### Mind

Supports mental health across England and Wales.

Website: https://www.mind.org.uk/

Tel: 0300 123 3393





## **NHS - Mental Health Services**

Information on accessing mental health services and where to get urgent help.

Website: https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/

# **Pensions**



# GOV.UK Pension Tracing Service + State Pension Calculator

Specific services to find lost pensions and calculate your likely state pension.

Website: https://www.gov.uk/find-pension-contact-details + https://www.gov.uk/state-

pension-age

Tel: 0800 731 0193

# **Money Helper**

Money advice and support, along with online tools and calculators.

Website: https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/pensions-and-retirement and specifically, their Pension Wise service:

https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/pensions-and-retirement/pension-wise

Tel: 0800 011 3797 weekdays 9am-5pm For the self-employed 0345 603 7021

weekdays 9am-5pm

Website/Live Chat: https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/contact-us weekdays

8am-6pm and Saturday 8am-3pm





# Which?

Really good, independent calculator for pension contributions.

Website: <a href="https://www.which.co.uk/money/pensions-and-retirement">https://www.which.co.uk/money/pensions-and-retirement</a>

# Fraud & Scams

# **ActionFraud**

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

---- actionfraud.police.uk

#### **Action Fraud**

National reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime.

Website: <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/">https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</a>

Tel: 0300 123 2040

#### Citizens Advice

Online scams helper for situation-specific advice.

Website: <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-</a>

if-something-might-be-a-scam/





#### **Financial Conduct Authority**

Provides support on how to avoid investment and pension scams.

Website: https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

## **Victim Support**

Supports victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales.

Website: https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/ Tel: 0808 1689 111 available 24/7/365

Website/Live Chat: https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-andsupport/get-help/support-near-you/live-chat/ available 24/7/365



# Other Support & Information



# Age UK

Provides help and support to older people.

Website: https://www.ageuk.org.uk/

Tel: 0800 678 1602 Monday-Sunday 8am-7pm

Home Visits: <a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/services/in-your-area/">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/services/in-your-area/</a>

# **Financial Ombudsman**

Settles complaints between consumers and businesses providing financial services.

Website: https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/

Tel: 0800 023 4567

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk





# **Finding Finance**

Lists simple, fair, small affordable loan providers. Website: https://www.findingfinance.org.uk/

# **Find Your Credit Union**

Listings for credit unions near you, or those working with particular employers.







#### **GamCare**

Free information, advice and support for anyone harmed by gambling.

Website: https://www.gamcare.org.uk/ Tel: 0808 8020 133 available 24/7/365

Website/Live Chat: https://www.gamcare.org.uk/get-support/talk-to-us-now/

# **GambleAware**

Free information, advice and support for anyone harmed by gambling.

Website: <a href="https://www.begambleaware.org/">https://www.begambleaware.org/</a> Tel: 0808 8020 133 available 24/7/365



# Other Support & Information (cont.)



### **Good Things Foundation**

Can offer free data for those without internet access and refurbished devices for community networks.

Website: https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/

# Little Village

Support for babies, clothes/nappies plus signposting to other organisations/baby banks. (London-based, but also has an interactive map of baby banks across the UK.)

Website: <a href="https://littlevillagehq.org/">https://littlevillagehq.org/uk-baby-banks/</a>





## Rehab4Addiction

An advisory and referral service for people who suffer from alcohol, drug and behavioural addiction.

Website: <a href="https://www.rehab4addiction.co.uk/">https://www.rehab4addiction.co.uk/</a>

Tel: 0800 140 4690

## **Samaritans**

Available 24/7/365 to talk and listen to anyone.

Website: <a href="https://www.samaritans.org/">https://www.samaritans.org/</a>

Tel: 116 123





### **Shelter**

Housing and homelessness advice, benefits help and more.

Website: https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

#### **Stop Loan Sharks**

Investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders and support for borrowers.

Also provides emotional and practical support that is tailored to needs.

Website: <a href="https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/">https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/</a>

Tel: 0300 555 2222

Email: reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk

Website/Live Chat: https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/contact-us/





# **Surviving Economic Abuse**

Financial Support Line for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

Website: https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/

Tel: 0808 196 8845 weekdays 9am-1pm + 2pm-5pm