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|  | **Are you worried about money or about being in debt?** |
|  | There may be lots of reasons why you are worried about money. You may suddenly have no money, be in debt, owe money, or you have to choose to spend money on food or heating or paying bills. Or you may be waiting on benefits payments. |
|  | Here is some information on the ways to contact people for help and advice with your money problems if you live in Craven.  |
| Housing support | **Council tax and housing costs**If you are finding it hard to pay your council tax or housing costs, you may be able to get housing benefit, or help to pay council tax. **Contact Craven District Council or Citizens Advice**  |
|  | **Craven District Council** Phone – 01756 700 600Email – contactus@cravendc.gov.ukWebsite – [www.cravendc.gov.uk](http://www.cravendc.gov.uk) |
|  | **Citizens Advice** **Craven and Harrogate Districts**Phone 0808 278 7900[www.cahd.org.uk/email](http://www.cahd.org.uk/email) [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)  |
|  | **Making your money go further**Anyone who is worried about money can get a free benefit check. This will make sure you are getting the right amount of money and get advice on other ways to save money. For example, cheaper gas or electricity or free school meals.**Contact Craven District Council and Citizens Advice** |
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|  | **Debt advice**If you are in debt or owe money, you can get help and advice about ways to pay off your debts each month.**Contact Craven District Council or Citizens Advice or Christians Against Poverty** |
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|  | **Christians Against Poverty**Phone – 0800 328 0006 Website [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org) |
|  | **Benefit help**If you have made a new claim for benefits you might be able to get money in advance to pay for things like rent or food. This money is a loan and must be paid be back. It will be taken from your benefits once they start, so make sure you talk to someone before you ask for an advance benefit payment.**Contact Craven District Council or Citizens Advice** |
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|  | **Hardship payment**If you have had money stopped from your benefits, you may be able to get a hardship payment from the DWP (Department of work and Pensions). These payments are not made straight away and not everyone will be able to get one.**Contact Craven District Council or Citizens Advice** |
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| amount of money | If you get a hardship payment for Universal Credit you **will** need to pay this money back. If you get a hardship payment for Jobseekers allowance or Employment support allowance, you **do not need** to pay this money back. |
| urgent advice | **Challenge a decision** You can challenge a decision about your benefits. This may be because they have been stopped or reduced. Or you have been refused benefits or told you have been overpaid. You will have to make this challenge within one month.**Contact Craven District Council and Citizens Advice** |
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|  | **For advice claiming Universal Credit**Contact – Citizens Advice help to claimPhone 0800 1448444 Website - [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit) |
|  | **For help if you are homeless or at risk of being homeless**Contact – Craven District Council Housing Options TeamPhone – 01756 706 475 or 01653 699 392 Email - housing@cravendc.gov.uk Website -[www.cravendc.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/homeless-or-at-risk-of-homeless](http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/homeless-or-at-risk-of-homeless) |
|  | **Advice and help for older people, their families and carers**Contact – Age UK North Craven WebsitePhone – 01729 823066Email – info@ageuknorthcraven.org Website - [www.ageuk.org.uknorthcraven](http://www.ageuk.org.uknorthcraven)  |
|  | **For information, advice and support for carers (this includes help to apply for benefits and carers assessments)**Contact –Carers’ ResourcePhone – 0808 501 5939Website - [www.carersresource.org](http://www.carersresource.org) |
|  | **For help to move into the community or stay in the community and keep families together**Contact - North Yorkshire Local Assistance FundPhone – 01904 550 030Email – nylaf@familyfundservices.co.ukWebsite - [www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-assistance-fund](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-assistance-fund) |
|  | **For support if you or anyone you know is affected by domestic abuse or sexual violence**Contact – IDAS Phone – 03000 110 110Email - info@idas.org.ukWebsite- [www.idas.org.uk](http://www.idas.org.uk) |
|  | **For advice if you are finding it hard to pay for gas or electricity**Contact – Warm and Well in North YorkshirePhone – 01609 767 555Email – wnw@northyorkslca.org.ukWebsite - [www.warmandwell.org.uk](http://www.warmandwell.org.uk) |
|  | **For help to buy to fruit, vegetables and milk if you are pregnant or have a child under 4 years of age and are on a low income.**Contact – Healthy Start Vouchers Apply on the internet – [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) |
|  | **For free independent debt advice**Contact - the National DebtlinePhone – 0808 808 4000Website - [www.nationaldebtline.org](http://www.nationaldebtline.org) |
|  | **For help and advice with money if you live in Leeds, Wakefield, Harrogate or Craven**Contact – Leeds Credit UnionPhone – 0113 242 3343Website - [www.creditunion.co.uk](http://www.creditunion.co.uk) |
|  | **For information and help with money**Contact – Turn2usPhone – 0808 802 2000Website - [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) |
|  | **For migrants with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)****Who need advice on housing and money for families with children** Contact – Project 17 Phone – 07963 509 044Website - [www.project17.org.uk](http://www.project17.org.uk) |
|  | **For help to remove NRPF removed and any other support with this**Contact – The Unity ProjectWebsite - [www.unity-project.org.uk](http://www.unity-project.org.uk) |

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