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The last issue (in this format)

Our friends at the *Guardian*, who're helping us with the redesign of the magazine, say that it's almost ready. Indeed, we've seen the drafts and should have templates to work from in May. So, this is going to be the last issue in this format, and June will see our new magazine – we expect feedback when this happens.

So enjoy this last one, and read on. We've an update on the Hove killing, where the case is progressing, and on a much lighter note look at Suspended Coffees and Wayne Hall's trek across Scotland.

Richard Burdett

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Malcolm Leeves
Age at disappearance: 42

Malcolm has been missing from his home in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, since 22 June 2006.

He left at about 8.00pm saying "I'm going out", but has not been heard from since. There is great concern for Malcolm as he may be unwell and his disappearance is completely out of character. His friends and family are extremely worried and ask Malcolm to get in touch and let them know that he is OK.

Malcolm is 5ft 9in tall, of slim build with cropped dark brown hair and blue eyes.

If you think you can help the search for Malcolm, please call or text Missing People on **116000** or email at **116000@missingpeople.org.uk**

Call. Text. Anytime. Free. Confidential. 116000



The news

The homeless news from across the UK and the World

Suspended coffee

British coffee lovers are adopting a new practice called suspended coffee, where they offer to buy a second cup of coffee for someone to claim at a later date.

The *caffè sospeso* (suspended coffee) tradition began in the cafes of Naples, whereby someone feeling lucky, rich or positive would buy an extra coffee for anyone using the same café who was feeling the opposite.

This tradition has now been formalised as a small movement, with participating coffee shops displaying the suspend coffees sign (shown below). In some cases it might be that the suspended coffees are held for a local organisation, but usually you'll be welcomed if you go in and politely ask for a suspended

coffee, specifying whether its an Americano, latte, macchiato or any other variation on a cup of joe.

If you find yourself short and need a cup, just ask.

Of course, if you find yourself feeling flush, you too can buy a suspended coffee.

Staff

Two charged over pitch and putt murder

Two street drinkers have been charged with the brutal murder of homeless man Lea Williams in Hove, Sussex.

Michael Clark, 51, and Eddie Philips, 49, are both unemployed and known to Brighton's homeless community. They are being



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YOU DOING?

I'M GOOD.
HOW ARE YOU?

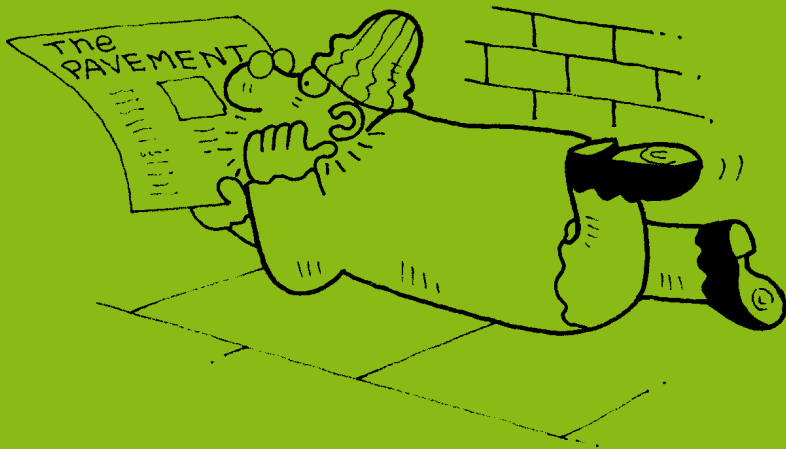




mike winans -

"I fink four across could be 'dogs bollocks'"

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keep informed & search
our directory of services
online @**



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If you have a mobile, and can spare a few pounds, please text **PAVE11** followed by the amount in pounds* (max £10) to **70070**

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held in custody and are scheduled to appear at Lewes Crown Court on 1 July. A trial date has been set for 30 September.

An unnamed woman, 35 has been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to murder. She was bailed until 28 May, while the police make further enquiries.

Mr Williams, 45, was found dead in an archway – known locally as the ‘bat caves’ – that overlooks Hove Pitch and Putt. Project Antifreeze volunteers discovered the body on 11 February this year. A post mortem showed the cause of death to be severe injuries to his head and face; most likely inflicted with a heavy object. Mr Williams sustained further injury, including multiple fractured ribs.

Detective chief inspector Ian Pollard, who is leading the investigation, said: “The recent charges are as a result of the culmination of a number of lines of enquiry, which included members of the public coming forward.”

Sara Emerson, a key worker at Project Antifreeze, said the community in Brighton had been shaken by the events.

“Everyone’s been looking for an answer for a while and they seem a little bit content that someone’s been charged, but it’s all a bit sad,” she said.

Richard Siggs, sergeant in charge of the Brighton Street Community Neighbourhood Policing Team, told *The Pavement* there had been nine murders within the street community in as many years.

“Nine murders in nine years in any community is a really, really bad statistic,” he said. “When violence occurs in the street community it tends to be extreme - last night we had a rough sleeper set on fire. The street community suffer, whether at the hands of other street community members, or, as it appears in this case, some people out on the beers.”

Sergeant Siggs advised rough

sleepers to stay in groups and in “relatively public areas” as well as staying in touch with key workers.

“Tell the key workers what goes on, so we can put the responses in place to try to reduce that tendency to violence.”

Pollard urged anyone with information who has not yet spoken to the police to call 101 quoting Op Depot.

Jane Evans

Remember London’s Cardboard City?

A joint operation between police, council workers and a group of local businesses, launched at the beginning of March, has seen a large-scale clean-up operation at the former site of one of Britain’s most infamous rough sleeping hot-spots near London’s Waterloo station.

Led by the South Bank Patrol (SBP) – a group working for a consortium of businesses in the area and awarded a range of police powers – the ‘clean sweep’ operation aimed to move on rough sleepers from the subways around the Imax cinema.

“As a result of the operation,” said an SBP press release, “all rubbish and cardboard boxes were removed, all contaminated areas were washed down and information about nine rough sleepers was collected and shared with Lambeth’s Street Outreach Team.”

The SBP are managed by the South Bank Employers Group with the aim of gentrifying the area over the last 15 years: “transforming a bleak and hostile area into one of the most exciting destinations in the UK,” according to the organisation’s website.

The episode had echoes of a far larger clean-up operation carried out in 1998 in the same area – which was then a semi-per-

manent encampment of rough sleepers known as ‘Cardboard City’.

The large traffic roundabout which is now the home of the Imax was once the centre of the biggest single group of homeless people in the country – with more than 200 people (four pictured over the page) sleeping out there every night at its peak in the mid-1980s.

Cardboard City became an emblem of the nation’s failure to help the homeless – a starkly visible contrast with the glittering towers of London’s financial centre a mile to the north east. Under the Thatcher government, Cardboard City became ‘a symbol of heartlessness’, according to a lead article in the *Independent* newspaper.

Rising property prices, high levels of unemployment and changes to government policy that led to the closure of around 5,000 places in London hostels all contributed to a sharp increase in homelessness.

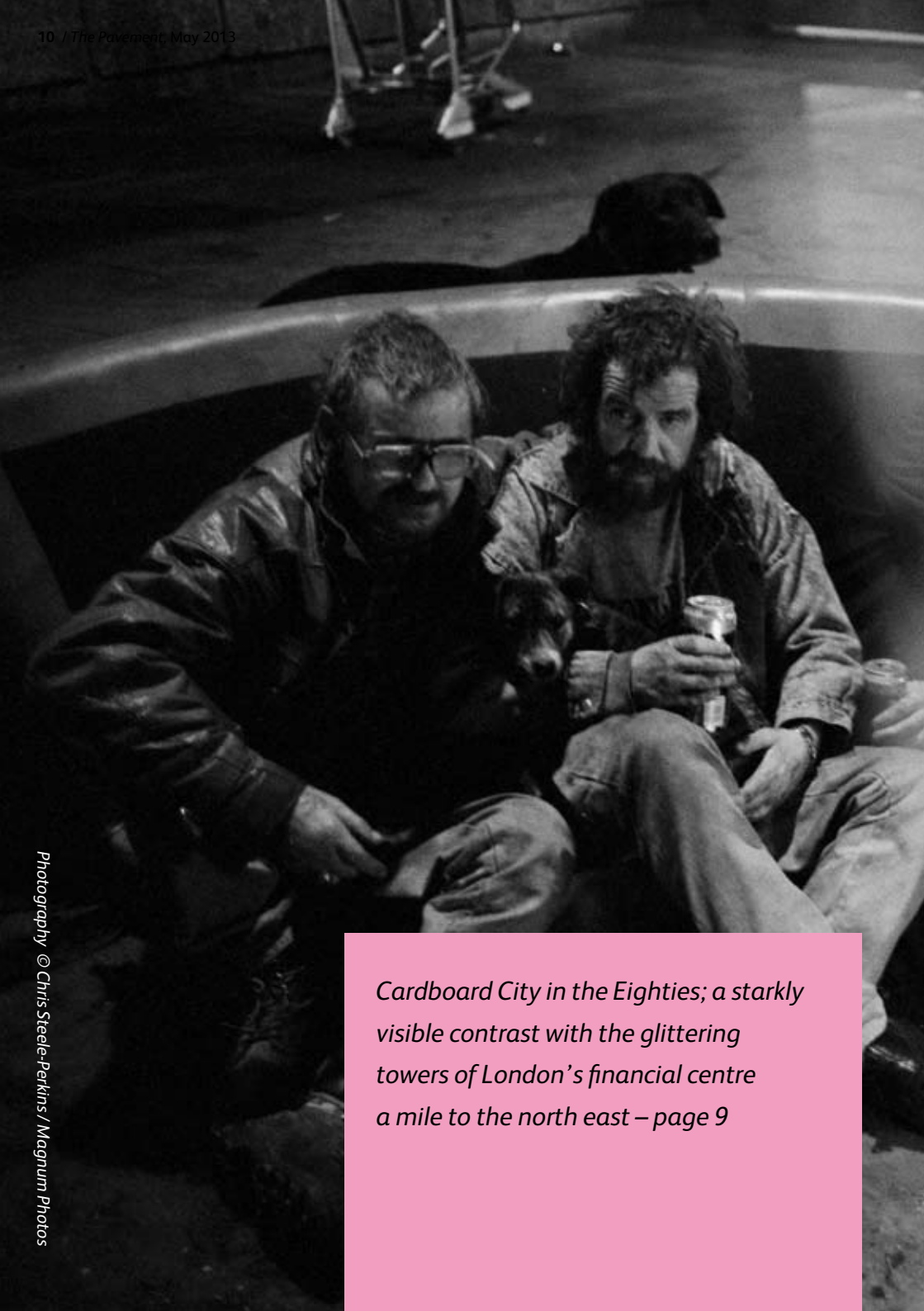
Cardboard City was the most visible sign of this rapidly growing national crisis. By the time it was finally closed – after the high court granted an eviction order against those who remained – the ‘bull ring’ was home to a small group of 30 or so who vowed never to leave.

“I may not have a house but this is my home,” said Tom, one of the city’s final residents in a newspaper interview at the time. “These people are my family, and I’m not going anywhere.”

So 15 years and one £20m cinema complex later, authorities are still struggling to prevent rough sleepers from settling near the heart of Cardboard City.

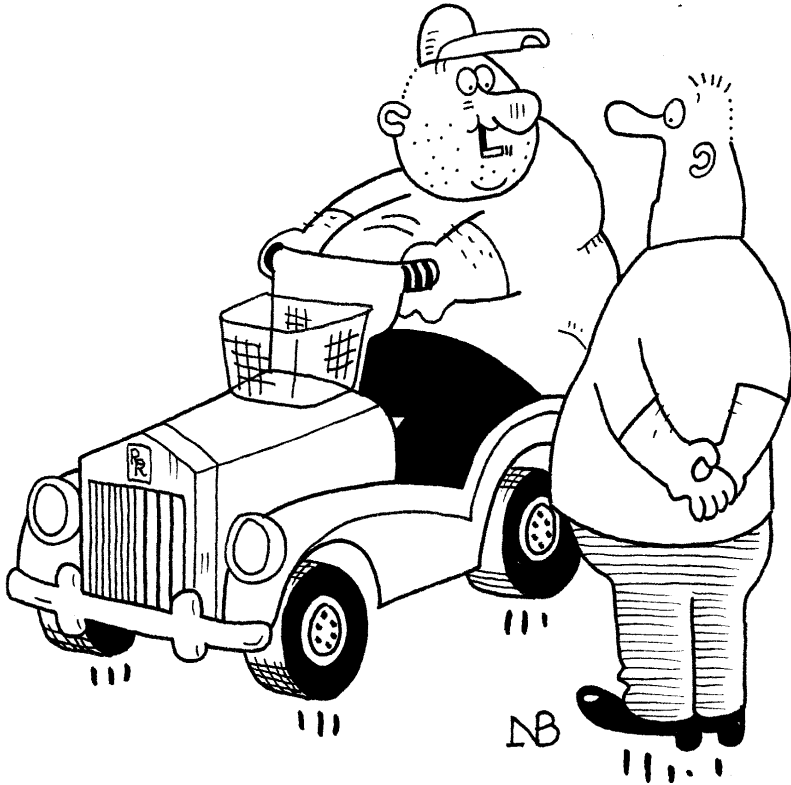
James O’Reilly

- Did you ever sleep out in Cardboard City in the bad old days? We’d love to hear your memories for the 15th anniversary of its closure. Send your messages to editor@thepavement.org.uk



Cardboard City in the Eighties; a starkly visible contrast with the glittering towers of London's financial centre a mile to the north east – page 9





"It's a social mobility scooter"

Liverpool sentence

Three teenage boys who murdered a rough sleeper for a dare were handed tough jail sentences in April.

Kevin Bennett, 53, was kicked to death outside an Iceland store in Liverpool in August of last year.

Connor and Brandon Doran, aged 17 and 14, and Simon Evans, 14, were told they would be kept in jail until the Home Secretary allows them to be released.

The judge at the trial said the senseless attack was “a desperately sad reflection on this society”.

He strongly criticised Linda Doran, the mother of two of the murderers, who tried to trick police by providing false information about where they were on the night of the attack.

The older brother, Connor, was described as the “leader of the pack” and was handed a 12-year jail sentence. His younger brother Brandon got six years for acting as the lookout, while Evans was jailed for eight years.

The judge described Ms Doran, whose eldest son Ryan is also in jail for murdering a stranger, as a “pathetic and tragic character” who had failed as a mother.

Leslie Morphy, chief executive of Crisis, said: “Sadly violent attacks against people sleeping rough are all too common. Homeless people are 13 times more likely to have experienced violence – much of it perpetrated by the general public.”

John Ashmore

Scratch card winner

An American homeless man who won \$50,000 on a scratch card ticket has told how he plans to remain a rough sleeper and give away much of his newfound fortune.

Dennis Mahurin, 58, has been living in a tent in the woods in

Bloomington, Illinois, since 1978 and, despite his recent cash win, has rejected the idea of purchasing a more solid home.

However, he has admitted that he may spend some of the money on a tent upgrade.

The Bloomington native purchased his scratch card for \$3 from a petrol station in early April, 2013, initially believing that he had won \$1,000. It was not until Mr Mahurin returned to the petrol station that he realised the extent of his windfall. He said he almost fell over when the attendant told him what he had actually won.

After taxes, his winnings will stand at just under \$35,000.

The veteran rough sleeper plans to spend some of the cash on overdue dental work and visiting his son. However, this relatively meagre jackpot win has made headlines across the globe because of Mr Mahurin’s selfless attitude to spending the prize; he will donate \$100 to each of his homeless friends in the area.

“With all the other homeless people around here, I’ve made up my mind,” he said. “I’m going to give them each \$100.”

His close circle of friends consist of eight fellow rough sleepers, but he has joked about the new “friends” he expects to make as a result of his win.

Local residents in the area have spoken about Mr Mahurin’s win as truly befitting of his generous nature and friendly attitude.

“He’s a very, very nice guy. He’s one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met,” said Emmarie Cross an employee at the Circle K where Mahurin bought his winning ticket. “I’ve been telling everybody, this couldn’t have happened to a nicer guy.”

Sarah Cox

StreetLink – the story so far

Almost 5,000 reports have been made to local services since the launch this year of the new StreetLink scheme.

The scheme, run by Homeless Link, lets members of the public ring local services to let them know if someone is sleeping rough.

However, only 1,500 of the reports resulted in what StreetLink calls a “positive outcome” for rough sleepers, suggesting there may still be difficulties connecting people with services.

There have been 15,000 calls made so far, which led to 4,600 reports to local services. So, there has been one “positive outcome” for every 10 calls made by the public.

When a member of the public makes a report StreetLink passes the information on to a contact provided by the local council and then follows up the report to see what happened.

A StreetLink spokesman said the organisation would only call the local council or local services to deal with reports, never the police.

John Ashmore

Death in Cornwall

A rough sleeper has died after the shed where he was sheltering caught fire – possibly caused by an electric heater he had rigged up to keep warm.


The man, named locally as Mark ‘Mack’ Trudgeon, had been living with his family in Helston, Cornwall, but was said to have fallen on hard times.


Fire crews were called to the shed in Helston at 10.40pm on 23rd March. After they put out the fire Mr Trudgeon’s body was found inside the destroyed building.


HOMELESS CITY GUIDE


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 empty building

 dangerous neighbourhood


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
 an attack happened here

 good place to drink / smoke


 unfriendly place


 friendly place


 soup run (with rating)


 strong police presence


 potential for work

 good food thrown away here

 safe for sleeping

 message board x mins that way

 security guard

 you'll get moved on here

step 1



step 2



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Make non permanent marks to keep the system up to date and stay within the law.

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keep informed & search our
directory of services online @
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WEBSITES

National Debtline
0808 808 4000

AD, BA, DA, H
Free, confidential service, offering specialist advice on housing, benefits, tax credits, debt etc.

Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Frank
0800 776 600

Free 24-hr drug helpline

Get Connected
0808 808 4994

Free advice for young people

(1pm–7pm daily)

Job Centre Plus (benefits agency)
To make a claim, 0800 055 6688

For queries about existing claims

For Income Support, Jobseekers

Allowance or Incapacity Benefit

0845 377 6001

For Social Fund enquiries

0845 608 8661

For the Pensions Service

0845 60 60 265

Message Home Helpline
0800 700 740, 24 hrs daily

Runaway Helpline
0808 800 7070
Free line for under-18s
who have left home

The Samaritans
08457 90 9090

Out-of-hours helpline for those
affected by mental health

0845 767 8000

SANeline
6–1pm

0808 800 4444

Housing info and advice

8am–8pm daily

Stonewall Housing advice line

Housing advice for LGBT people

020 7359 5767

(Mon, Thu, Fri 10am–1pm;

Tue & Wed 2–5pm)

UK Human Trafficking Centre
0114 252 3891

Help for Depression

A comprehensive explanation
of the various approaches and
treatments for depression, *MH*

Birmingham City Council
www.helpfordpression.com

Click through 'housing'/'finding a
home'/'help for homeless people'

www.birmingham.gov.uk

**National Homelessness Advice
Service**

Readers can click on the
section 'need advice'

www.nhas.org.uk

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www.thepavement.org.uk/
services.htm

Stonewall Housing

Housing advice for LGBT
people of all ages

www.stonewallhousing.org

Crisis Skylight Birmingham
 0121 348 7950
 PO Box 15850, Birmingham, B9 9HL
 Running at various locations
 – call for details
 AC, ET, IT, MC, PA

SPECIALIST SERVICES

Anawim
 PO Box 8902, Birmingham B1 2 9JZ
 0121 440 5296
 Mon–Fri: 10am–4pm (out of hours: 07976 188 220)
 Reaches out in friendship to women trapped in prostitution.
 Courses and activities, creche, Methadone programme, 24-hour helpline: 0800 970 8232.
 AS, AD, AS, BA, CL, C, D, ET, FF, H, LA, SH

The Castle & Crystal Credit Union
 25 New St, Dudley DY1 1LT
 01384 815771

All credit union members (18+) can apply for a Handloan (£100 to £500) and anyone living or working in Dudley can join.
Centrepoint Streets Project
 PO Box 2156, West Bromwich, Birmingham B70 6HA
 0871 717 7284

Outreach to asylum seekers, refugees, and the homeless. Education and training for children and young people.
 AD, CA, ET, H

Coventry Refugee Centre
 15 Bishop St, Coventry CV1 1HU
 024 7622 7254

Mon–Thu: 9am–5pm; Wed & Fri: 1pm–5pm; Fri: 9am–4pm
 Helps asylum seekers and EU citizens. Helps refugees given leave to remain to set up home. Women's and youth groups.
 AS, AS, C, ET, H, LA, TS

Dudley Refugee Support Team
 17 St James's Rd, Dudley, Birmingham DY1 1JG
 01384 812626 or 815108
 Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm
 Culturally sensitive support service. Advice on benefits, harassment, domestic violence, housing. Floating support.
 BA, H, OW

Glial
 PO Box 3918, Birmingham B9 5AQ
 0121 773 7431
 Mon–Sun: Open 24 hours
 Emergency accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence.
 Birmingham Domestic Abuse Refuges: 0800 111 4223
 AS, AD, H, LA, SH

The Haven Wolverhampton
 PO Box 105, Wolverhampton WV1 4LP
 01902 572140
 Mon–Sun: Open 24 hours
 For women affected by domestic violence and their children.
 Emergency accommodation, 24-hour helpline: 01902 713001
 AS, AD, BA, C, H, MH

IWIC (Older Irish Adults Project)
 St Anne's, 45 Alcester Street, Derentd, Birmingham, B12 0PH
 0121 604 6171
 Mon, Tue & Thu: 11.30am–4.30pm; Wed: 2.30–5pm; Fri: 11.30am–3.30pm
 Activities centre for older (50+) Irish people, inc. people who are homeless, isolated, living in poor accommodation, ex-offenders, those needing support around life skills.
 AS, AW, BS, CL, F, H, MS, MH, OB, TS

Panahgar
 Coventry – phone for details
 0800 055 6519
 Support for Asian women and their children facing domestic violence.
 Safe house, advice, info, advocacy, counselling, and children's services.
 AS, C, OL

SAFE Project
 Phone for details
 0121 440 6655
 Mon: 12:45am–1:45pm (clinic) – 0121 440 0034; Mon: 1:15pm–3:30pm (walk-in clinic); Wed: 12am–4pm (drop-in clinic); Thu: 11am–1:30pm (Methadone clinic – 0121 446 5381)
 Promote the health and wellbeing of female sex workers (18+) in Birmingham, Sandwell and Walsall.
 AD, BA, CA, C, D, MS, OB, OL, SH

Stonewall Housing
 Housing advice for LGBT people of all ages
 020 773 359 5767 (advice line)
 www.stonewallhousing.org

time2talk Meditation Service
 DACHS, Dudley MBC, 5 St James's Rd, Dudley DY1 1HP
 01384 812 422
 Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm (message service outside these hours.
 AD, C

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (Refugee Support Team)
 2nd Fl, Civic Center, Darwall St, Walsall WS1 1TP
 01922 653827, 653840, 653476
 Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm
 AS, BA, H, OL

The What? Centre
 23 Coventry St, Stourbridge DY8 1EP
 01384 379992
 Advice, information and therapeutic counselling for people aged 13–25 in Dudley.
 AS, AD, BA, C, DA, ET, H, LA, MS, MH, SH

Valley House
 Navigation Centre, 55-57 Bell Green Rd, Courthouse Green, Coventry CV6 7GQ
 024 7626 6270 or 6290
 Mon–Sun: Open 24 hours
 Single people and parents, inc. women escaping domestic violence, young homeless people, and young women who are pregnant or single parents. Referrals to other agencies for specialist help.
 C, ET, LA, OL

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Birmingham Drug & Alcohol Team
 0800 073 0817
 Helpline, Daily 9am–5pm
 A, D, ET
Community Legal Advice
 0845 345 4 345
 Nationwide
 www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk
 Mon–Fri: 9am–8pm;
 Sat: 9am–12:30pm

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

For people with alcohol, drugs and gambling addictions. 01 21 685 6340 (North B'ham); 01 21 414 0888 (South B'ham). AW, C, D

ENTA

10 Mill Street
Mill Wharf
Birmingham

B6 4B5

0121 380 4801
Mon–Thu: 8.30am–4.30pm;
Fri: 8.30am–1.30pm

CA, ET
www.entapeople.com

Helpline: Daily 9am–5pm

A, D, ET

Birmingham Drug & Alcohol Team

1st Floor, Technology Block,
Gee Business Centre, Bir-
mingham, B7 5PA

0121 685 6346

Mon–Thu: 9am–5pm; Fri: 9am–4pm

For people wanting help and support in addressing their alcohol problem/dependence.

AS, AD, AW, AS, C, ET, LA, MH, SH

Turning Point Birmingham

Drugline Rough Sleepers
Vulnerable Persons Team (RSPV)

0121 632 6363
Mon–Wed, and Fri: 9.30am–5.30pm; Thu: 9.30–10am

Service for adults (18+) who are affected by drug use, homelessness and/or the male sex industry

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Turning Point Birmingham

Drugline
Dale House, New Meeting
Street, Birmingham, B4 7SX

0121 632 6363
Mon–Wed, and Fri: 9.30am–5.30pm; Thu: 9.30–10am

Service for adults (18+) who are affected by drug use to reduce harm and support recovery

C, D, ET, NE, OL

EASTERN EUROPEAN

Polish Club Birmingham

Polish Millennium House, Bordesley St, Birmingham B5 5PH
Fri: 1pm–3pm

Advice on employment law, social benefits, housing and accommodation.

AS, BA, DA, H, LE

Fullwood House, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 0AA
01691 623756

Stonham (Ellesmere)

FF, LA

www.choirwithnoname.org

Choir for people who have experienced homelessness

07794 100938
Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX

08457 725 725
Ring the Legionline to see how they can help ex-service men and ex-service women

Royal British Legion

AS, H

sons@birmingham.gov.uk), email (HOU@vulnerablepeoplesupport.org.uk)

can apply directly. Phone or left, the armed forces, you

If you are leaving, or have 0121 675 1683

mirmingham B15 1DL
PO Box 13254B1, Bir-

Patways)

Birmingham City Council (Housing)

tion): Mon–Fri: 9am–10am

Alimen and Families Associa-

from SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Call the 'Reclaim Your Life' scheme

01380 738137

AWOL?

EX-FORCES

CA, ET

Employment and training.

0121 236 1936
Lane, Birmingham B19 3TN

Face House, 23–25 Summer

The Big Issue (West Midlands)

www.jp.org.uk/
0121 440 7919

B12 9LX

Birmingham

Balsall Heath

196–197 Edward Rd

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MEDICAL SERVICES

www.veterans-uk.info

one-to-one welfare service

0800 169 2277
Free help and advice for veterans and access to dedicated

Veterans UK

AS, BA, H, TS

Supported accommodation for ex-services personnel.

Mon–Fri: 8.30am–5pm

Community Mental Health

Homeless Team

3rd Fl, Morcome House, Ledzam St, Birmingham B16 8DN

0121 685 6970

Mon–Fri: 9am–7pm; Sat & Sun: 9am–5pm

Help with accommodation, benefits, employment and resettlement. Help with access to mental health services.

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The Health Exchange

William Booth Lane, Birmingham B4 6HA

0121 465 3965
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Wed & Thu: 9am–1am

Medical practice for homeless people in Birmingham.

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MS

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Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX

08457 725 725
Ring the Legionline to see how they can help ex-service men and ex-service women

0121 643 3577
Fri: 1pm–3pm

Advice on employment law, social benefits, housing and accommodation.

AS, BA, DA, H, LE

St Anne's Hostel
112 Moseley St, Birmingham B12 0RY
0121 772 4406
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
For single homeless men aged 25+, may accept dogs.
AW, BA, D, ET, F, MS, OL

Stonham (St George's House)
Old Hall St, Wolverhampton WV1 3AT
01902 420536
Mon-Sun: 8am-10pm
Single homeless men and ex-offenders.
AS, AD, ET, H, OL, TS

P3 - Bilston Hostel
53 Wellington Rd, Wolverhampton WV14 6AQ
01902 490050
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless men, inc. ex-offenders and rough sleepers, D

P3 - Dickens Lodge
89-95 Dickens Rd, Wolverhampton WV10 8SD
01902 572162
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless men, inc. rough sleepers, ex-offenders, people with mental health needs and those with alcohol or drug problems.
AS, AD, AW, D, ET, H, MH, TS

Women

Helen Dixon House
76 Leicester Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8BB
0121 449 3748
For women aged 16-45
Young people (16-25)

Coverity Foyer
Holyhead Court, Lower Holyhead, Rd, Coventry CV1 3AX
024 76251001
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
For young people 16-24 who require support around independent living.
AS, AD, CA, ET, H, IT, OL

CHADD - On Route Project

6 Dixons Green Rd, Dudley DY2 7DB
01384 455464
Mon-Fri: 9am-10pm; Sat & Sun: 7pm-10pm

Accommodation for men aged 16-27, inc. ex-offenders or those at risk.
AS, AD, ET, H, OL
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
For single homeless people 16-25.

Midland Heart - Gilbert Road
100-108 Gilbert Rd, Smethwick, Sandwell B66 4PZ
0121 555 6500
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (ring)
For young people aged 16-25 with low support needs.
AS, H, TS

Midland Heart - Grange Road
c/o 100 Gilbert Rd, Smethwick B66 4PZ
0121 555 6500 or 0121 558 5739
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (ring)
For single homeless 16-25-year-olds with support needs.
AS, H, TS

Midland Heart - Murdock Road
1-3 Murdock Rd, Smethwick B66 2LS
0121 555 8444
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (phone)
For young single homeless locals aged 16-25 with medium support needs who are home-less or in housing need.
AS, C, H, MH

Midland Heart - Rolfe House Foyer
69 Rolfe St, Smethwick B66 2AR
0121 558 5739
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (phone)
For single homeless 16-25-year-olds to engage with employment, education and training opportunities.
AS, CA, ET, H, IT

Macro - Allestey Old Road Hostel
43-45 Allestey Old Rd, Coventry CV5 8BU
024 7669 1229
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm (call)
Single people 16-25 with low support needs.
AS, AD, H, TS

Stonham (Morris House)
430-432 Chester Rd, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 0LF
0121 770 9360
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
For single local homeless aged 16-25 with support needs.
AS, AD, C, D, H, IT, SH

West Bromwich & District YMCA
38 Carters Green, West Bromwich B70 9LG
16-40 with support needs.
CA, ET, IT

Wolverhampton YMCA (Badger Court Foyer)
Cannock Rd, Wolverhampton WV10 0AD
01902 870382
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless people aged 16-25 who have support needs around life skills and are willing to engage in training and support.
AW, C, D, ET, IT, LF, OB, OL

Wolverhampton YMCA (Rugeley Foyer)
Aelfgar House, Church St, Rugeley, Staffordshire WS1 5 WH
01889 585232
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm
(call in or phone for appointment)
Young single homeless people 16-25.
AS, AD, BA, CA, C, ET

DRUG / ALCOHOL SERVICES

Addiction Birmingham
279 Gooch St, Highgate, Birmingham B5 7JE
0121 465 4030
Mon-Fri: 10am-6pm
Information, support and advice for those with alcohol or drug problems.
www.addaction.org.uk
MS, NE, OL, OB, SH

Aquarius
2nd Fl, 16 Kent St, Birmingham B5 6RD
0121 622 8181
Mon-Fri: 9am-4:30pm

Midland Heart – Gibbs Road

SIFA Fireside
48-52 Allcock Street, Birmingham,
B9 4DY
0121 766 1700
Mon-Fri: 9-10.30am (breakfast);
12-1pm (lunch); Sat & Sun:
10.30am-11.30am; (nurses
Tue & Fri: chiropodist Thu)
One-to-one help, accommodation
and support for people dealing
with alcohol issues; counselling;
resettlement and tenancy support;
training opportunities; help for
people on probation. Help access-
ing emergency accommodation.
AS, AW, AS, BS, BA, C, DA, ET,
FF, H, LA, MS, OB, SK, TS
St George's House
St George's Hub, St Marks
Road, Chapel Ash, Wolver-
hampton WV3 0TZ
01902 421904
Mon-Fri: 9:15am-4:30pm
Helps people 18+ to avoid
becoming homeless and to live
independently after resettlement.
Leisure and sporting activities.
AS, AD, BE, CL, F, H, LA, TS
St George's House Drop-in
1 Clarence St, Wolver-
hampton WV1 1WZ
01902 714746
Fri: 2:15pm-3pm; Mon-Thu:
2:15pm-4:30pm; Mon-Fri:
9:30am-1:30pm
For homeless people, ex-offend-
ers, substance misusers and others
who are often barred from other
services and facilities. Practical
advice, support and guidance,
and signposting to other ser-
vices. Big Issue distributor.
AS, AD, AW, BA, D, ET, F, H, LA, LF, OL
**DIRECT ACCESS HOSTELS/
NIGHTSHELTERS**
All with low-support needs
**Coventry and Warwickshire YMCA
– Daimler Green**
Endavour Court, 20 Chelmarsh,
Daimler Green, Coventry
West Midlands CV6 3LB
024 7659 7009
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless people and care
leavers with low support needs.
AS, AD, CA, ET, H, IT, TS
House
Gibbs Rd, (off Balds Lane),
Lyx, Stourbridge DY9 8SG
01384 423 771
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (phone)
for appointment)
For single people aged 17+
(83 men, 9 women).
AS, H, TS
Salvation Army (Eden Villa)
13 Charlotte St, Leamington
Spa, Warwickshire CV31 3EB
01926 450708
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm (call
for appointment)
Single homeless people with
support needs, and 1 room
for married couples. Residents
who have moved on can use
the drop-in advice centre.
AS, AD, BA, H, TS
SHARP Hostel
57 Edgbaston Rd, Smeth-
wick B66 4LG
0121 558 2104
Mon-Sun: 8:45am-11pm
(phone calls); Mon-Sun:
9am-8pm (referrals)
For single people or couples aged
18+. Considers people who are
overcoming dependency, but
active drug use is not acceptable.
AS, BA, H
Salvation Army (Lincoln St Centre)
1 Lincoln St, Coventry CV1 4JN
024 7625 1437
Mon-Sun: 7am-9pm
Staff provide help and advice as
required. Job seeking sessions,
computer literacy courses and basic
skill sessions are also available.
AD, AW, CA, ET, IT, LA, LF, MS
**Salvation Army (William Booth
Centre)**
c/o Homeless Single Point of
Access, Midland Heart – Home-
less Services Centre, 44 Brad-
ford St, Birmingham B5 6HX
0345 60 20 540 (24/7)
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 10am-
6pm; Thu: 10am-2pm
For single homeless men aged 18+
with low- to medium-support needs,
inc. refugees. Call in at Midland
Heart's Homeless Services Centre.
AS, H
House
Gibbs Rd, (off Balds Lane),
Lyx, Stourbridge DY9 8SG
01384 423 771
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (phone)
for appointment)
For single people aged 17+
(83 men, 9 women).
AS, H, TS
House
61 Stratford St, Coventry CV2 4NJ
024 7663 5105
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm (phone)
for application form)
Move-on accommodation for local
single homeless men 18+. Priority
to Irish people. Dogs allowed.
AS, H, TS
Midland Heart – Handwood House
Leopold St, Highgate, Bir-
mingham B12 0QB
0121 753 1386
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm (phone)
for appointment)
For single homeless men 25+.
AS, F, H
Midland Heart – Zambesi Project
185 Stratford Rd, Sparkhill,
Birmingham B11 1AG
0121 766 7645
Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm
For single homeless men aged 45+.
AS, AW, D, H
FP3 – Bilston Hostel
53 Wellington Rd, Wolver-
hampton WV14 6AQ
01902 490050
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless men, inc. ex-
offenders and rough sleepers. D
FP3 – Thornley Street
27 Thornley St, Wolver-
hampton WV1 1JS
01902 773721
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
Single homeless men. Must be sub-
stance-free at time of admission.
ET, H, LA, LF, MH, OL
Princp Street Hostel
Waterlode House, 33-35 Princp
St, Birmingham B4 6LE
0121 359 5953
Mon-Sun: Open 24 hours
For single homeless men aged 25+
with support needs, inc. mental
health and/or alcohol problems.
AD, AW, MH

Men

DAY CENTRES AND DROP-INS

St Martin in the Bullring Helpdesk

Housing Options (Sandwell)

The Bullring, Birmingham B5 5BB

Court House, 335-337 High St, West

0121 600 6536

0121 569 6000

Mon & Fri: 10:30am-12:30pm;

Mon-Fri: 8am-5:30pm

Tue & Thu: 10:30am-12:30pm &

If you are at risk of becoming

1.30-3.30pm; Sat: 10:30am-1pm

homeless, contact the Housing

Options Team for advice. Outside

office hours: 0121 525 4688 or

listening, advice and refer-

housing@sandwell.gov.uk.

support in a friendly environ-

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ment. Many people seeking help

Midland Heart - Homeless

are encountering homelessness,

44 Bradford St, Digbeth,

addition, mental health prob-

Birmingham B5 6HX

lems, bereavement and loss.

0345 6020 540; 0121 233 6370

Solihull Community Housing

(Chelsley Wood)

6/8 Coppice Way, Chelsley Wood,

10am-8pm; Thu: 10am-2pm

Solihull, Birmingham B37 5TX

Drop-in and telephone housing

0121 704 1515

advice. Welfare benefits advice.

Mon, Tues, Thu: 9am-5pm;

Outreach and tenancy support for

Wed: 10am-5pm; Fri: 9am-

refugees and asylum seekers, young

4:30pm; Sat: 9am-1pm

people with multiple needs, people

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with current or past drug problems.

Solihull Community Housing

(Kingshurst)

Church Close, Kingshurst, Soli-

AS, BA, H, OB, TS

hull, Birmingham B37 6HA

Alcohol and mental health referrals.

0121 717 1515

1st Fl, Koco Building, The Arches,

Mon, Tues, Fri: 9am-4pm;

Spon End, Coventry CV1 3JQ

AS, H

024 7671 5113

For people (18+) who are vulner-

Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm (call

able, including homeless, unem-

for appointment)

ployed, drug dependent, mental

Advice on homelessness and

health issues or socially excluded

finding accommodation. Tem-

Council (Homelessness and

Housing Advice Service)

2nd Fl, Civic Centre, Darwall

porary accommodation with

St, Walsall WS1 1TP

support for young people,

01922 653405

pregnant women and women

Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm

with a baby aged up to 2 years.

Call for an appointment or if it's

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urgent, call in 2pm-3pm. Out-of-

St Basil's Link

hours emergencies, call 01922

The Tollhouse, 180-182 Fazeley

650000 and speak to the duty

Street, Birmingham, B5 5SE

social worker. General advice

0300 3030099

will be available on the out-of-

Mon-Thu: 9am-5pm; Fri: 9am-1pm

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For people aged 16-25 who are

homeless or are facing homeless-

ness. Emergency 24/7 freephone:

PO Box 1427, Walsall WS4 2YT

0800 068 7499. Youthline (24/7

01922 746798

-0300 3030099) will give you

Mon & Wed: 10am-12am

emotional support and help

in Walsall to access private rents.

job, voluntary work or training.

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Emergency accommodation

Sat: 9:30am-11:30am

hotline (24/7): 0800 056 4034

Advice, support, signposting

(male); 0800 068 7499 (female).

and longer term housing.

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ADVICE SERVICES

Base 25

Castle House, Wheelers Fold, Wolverhampton WV1 1ST
 01902 572040
 Mon-Thurs: 12am-6pm; Fri: 12am-5pm; Sat: 1pm-3pm
 Advice for people aged 11-25 on housing, sex, drugs and alcohol, emotional wellbeing and job search. Groups for young women, fathers, asylum seekers and refugees.
 Free phone: 0800 073023
 AS, AD, AW, BA, C, D, ET, H, LA, OL, SH

Derbyshire Housing Aid

Milleshone House, 93 Green Lane, Derby DE1 1RX
 01332 642150
 Mon-Sun: open 24 hours (emergency); Mon-Fri: 1pm-4pm (assessment)
 Assessment service for all single homeless people in Derby.
 Emergency accommodation.
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CHADD Outreach Support Service
 98-99 Dixons Green Rd, Dudley DY2 7DJ
 01384 237555
 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
 Advice and assistance on benefits, debt, registering with a GP, schools, work and college etc. Tenancy-related problems. Info about local services.
 BA, DA, ET, OL, TS

Dudley Tenancy Guarantee

Dudley Housing Office, 15-17 St James's Rd, Dudley, Birmingham DY1 1JG
 0300 555 2345
 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
 Helps people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness to access private rented property. Phone 01384 815035 for details. TS
 AS, H
 If you find yourself homeless over the weekend or outside office hours, call 0300 555 8283 for help.

Dudley Area Housing Office

5 St James Rd, Dudley, Birmingham DY1 1HP
 01384 815035
 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
 If you find yourself homeless over the weekend or outside office hours, call 0300 555 8283 for help.
 AS, H