

Newsletter from the Weston Area CAP Debt Centre

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All visits now available virtually

Great news - all CAP visits can now be done virtually, by phone or video, and this may have to continue for some time. Following on from last month's news, 1st Visits can also now proceed virtually. Once again this has also involved trials, preparation of postal packs, approval by the authorities, and video training. This means that New Client Enquiry lines have also been reopened, so clients can book an appointment.

I said last month that, like many agencies, CAP has had to stop face to face visiting at present during this crisis. Everything has been given serious consideration to ensure CAP can do the maximum to help, while keeping all our clients, staff and volunteers safe. But this now means that 1st, Fact-Find and Budget phone-visits are taking place around the country so that clients can progress to becoming debt free.

Locally, we are completing 1st visits and Fact-Find visits and we are supporting and keeping in touch with clients that are already paying into a debt management plans. Please continue your prayers for those in the Weston-Super-Mare area, who are facing uncertain income during this time and who are worried about debt. Remember also Weston Foodbank together with Citizens Advice, StepChange and the other debt advice agencies.

Beat the Queues - encourage people to phone 0800 328 0006 NOW!

It seems likely that there will be increasing demand for help to deal with debts in the coming months. If you know of someone who needs help, the New Client Enquiries team can be reached on 0800 328 0006, or if you want to find out more, please call me on 07563 880577.

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Items for Praise

- That the wider population is gaining a new awareness and visibility about how difficult it is to survive on these DWP benefits
- Client G, has received a hardship payment to help reduce her Council Tax
- Praise God for those in the Weston area: for the 9 clients that are paying regularly into a debt management plan, for the 19 that are debt-free and for the 20 whose financial problems have been resolved.
- Thank God for the regular income that is being faithfully given by churches and individuals
- Give thanks for the amazing befrienders, who usually accompany us during client visits, but are not able to help in the same way at present

Items for Prayer

- Pray as we widen our referrals base, which includes JobCentre Plus, CAB, Housing Associations, Support Agencies, GP Surgeries
- Remember those in the Weston-Super-Mare area, who are facing uncertain income during this time and who are worried about debt. Several agencies are reporting that people are, understandably, relying on payment delays and more lenient repayment arrangements to get through this period.
- Continue to pray for Weston Foodbank, and Helping People, ROC and the 5 Church Hubs helping vulnerable people.
- Client Z, is still on-hold awaiting favourable terms for a loan repayment, but is making good progress
- Cheer-on Client Y in prayer as she continues to make repayments over three years
- Client O has been pre-approved for his Debt Relief Order
- Client W still awaits a long-term housing solution
- Client P is soon to receive their budget visit
- Client Q has sent in all documents and CAP are preparing the budget
- Pray for Paul and Caroline as we 'virtual' visit - that God will enable us to witness effectively

CAP Video Update: Would you like me to record a video update about the Weston Area CAP Centre for your church or group? If so, please could you phone Paul Larcombe on 07563 880577. I've recorded them for Worle Baptist Church and for Christ Church recently. There's also a video update on the Weston Area CAP Facebook page.

CAP Money: There are around ten people in the Weston-Super-Mare area who are trained CAP Money Coaches. They have learned how to deliver CAP's acclaimed three-week, flexible course on managing money well and saving for the future. If you know anyone that is interested, please contact me.

Substance: If you would like to personally support this initiative you can make a one-off payment through your bank account (Destiny Church CAP, Account Number: 71605925 Sort Code: 404618) or give a monthly amount by standing order. Please contact Paul for a Standing Order and Gift Aid form. There's also now a Donate Button on the Facebook page. We appreciate anything you can do to help us to reach more people.

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If you know anyone that is in debt and needs a visit, please ask them to phone the New Enquiry Team on 0800 328 0006. Contact Paul if you would like some helpful publicity leaflets and cards entitled, Weighed Down by Debt.

Where's the Centre? This isn't a physical Centre. Paul and Caroline work from home and visit people in their homes. Those needing help call our freephone number. Calls are sympathetically handled and an appointment or referral is made.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has been helping people to get out of debt and poverty for over 20 years. CAP's head office in Bradford is home to over 250 staff who form an incredible poverty busting team. Visit capuk.org to find out more.

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