



HOUSING ISSUES

Worried about your housing? Help is at hand. Remember - the sooner you take action to deal with any arrears or other problems the more likely you are to stay in your home.

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY HOUSING HOMELESS PREVENTION TEAM

Advice about your options and the accommodation support that may be available to you. For more information call 0121 717 1515 or visit www.solihullcommunityhousing.org.uk

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY HOUSING MONEY ADVICE TEAM

Provides debt and welfare advice for tenants. For more information call 0121 717 1515 or visit www.solihullcommunityhousing.org.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Helps provide debt advice, claiming benefits and understanding legal rights. For more information call 0870 120 2425 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk

SOLIHULL HOME OPTIONS

Solihull Home Options, a new way of allocating Council and Partner Housing Association properties for rent. For more information call 0121 717 1515 or visit www.solihullhomeoptions.org.uk

SHELTER

Provides support and advice on housing needs. For more information call 0845 458 4590 or visit www.shelter.org.uk

ENERGY SAVING TRUST

Improve the heat efficiency in your home. For more information call 0800 512012 or visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk



HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

Are you or a close friend or family member feeling low or are experiencing changes in your personal life as a direct or indirect result of the downturn?

SOLIHULL NHS CARE TRUST

Provides a one-stop-shop for health and social care in Solihull. For more information call 0121 711 7171 or visit www.solihull.nhs.uk

SOLIHULL CARERS CENTRE

Provides information, advice and support for people who look after family members and friends. For more information call 0121 788 1143 or visit www.solihullcarers.org

THE SAMARITANS

Confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people who are feeling low. For more information call 0121 704 2255 (8am-10pm) or visit www.samaritans.org.uk

FIND A LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP

SUSTAIN represents over 600 local groups in the Solihull area. For more information call 0121 711 3148 or visit www.Solihull-sustain.org.uk

MAKE A BETTER LIFE TRUST (MABL)

Domestic violence support. For more information call 0800 0326317 or visit www.mabletrust.org.uk

AGE CONCERN

Range of support for those over 50. For more information call 0121 705 69128 or visit www.ageconcernsolihull.org



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FAMILY CONCERNS

If you, your parent or your child are affected by recent events.

CHILDLINE

Help and advice at anytime for any problem you have. For more information call 0800 1111 or visit www.childline.org.uk

PARENTS HELPLINE

Offers specialist advice regarding your child's behaviour and development. For more information call 0121 770 6030

SOLIHULL ONE VOICE

Contains a wide range of information for parents and carers in Solihull. For more information call 0800 3898667 or visit www.solihullonevoice.org

CHILDCARE, ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Local information on support groups and services in Solihull. For more information call 0800 3898667

4 U 2 DO

Has a wide range of information for children and young people. For more information call 0800 3898667 or visit www.4u2dosolihull.org

SOLIHULL CHILDREN'S CENTRE NETWORK

Provides a range of services and activities for families with children aged under five. For more information call 0121 248 7606 or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/childrenscentre

For more information visit our walk-in Solihull Connect Centre or go to www.solihull.gov.uk/weatherthestorm or call 0121 704 6000

This information is brought to you by :



A group of organisations working together in partnership to meet the needs of local people.

Weather the Storm



Advice to help Solihull through the economic downturn



Support and advice guide

For more information 0121 704 6000

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Is the economic downturn causing you to worry and you feel you need some advice or support but don't know where to turn?

Weather the Storm helps to point individuals, families and businesses in Solihull, in the right direction during these difficult times.

This guide provides details of local and national organisations that can offer advice and support, through the economic downturn.



BUSINESS CONCERNS

Local businesses need advice on how to adapt and survive the emerging pressures.

BUSINESS LINK

Provides a free business advice and support service.
For more information call 0845 113 1234 or visit www.businesslink.co.uk

SOLIHULL COUNCIL BUSINESS SUPPORT & ADVICE

Provides advice on initiatives, business networking and commercial premises in Solihull.
For more information call 0121 704 6151 or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/businessadvice

WEST MIDLANDS FINANCE

Offers support to access funds to grow and develop.
For more information visit www.westmidlandsfinance.com

For more information 0121 704 6000

HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS

Advice and support for tax and VAT queries.
For more information call 0845 302 1435 or visit www.hmrc.gov.uk

BUSINESS DEBTLINE

A confidential and free helpline offering independent advice on how to deal with debt problems.
For more information call 0800 1976026 or visit www.bdl.org.uk

BUSINESS RATE RELIEF

Offers advice if you are struggling to pay business rates.
For more information call 0121 704 8175 or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/business/reductions

JOB CENTRE PLUS

Offers business recruitment and pre-employment training.
For more information call 0121 255 8351 or visit www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

SOLIHULL COLLEGE

Access to funding stream to support training and suit business needs.
For more information call 0121 678 7000 or visit www.solihull.ac.uk

REGIONAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Help and advice to support businesses through the downturn.
For more information visit www.supportwm.co.uk



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EMPLOYMENT

Are you struggling to find work? Have you been made redundant or are you looking to update your skills or re-train?

JOB CENTRE PLUS

Provides advice on benefits and financial support, along with job search.
For more information call 0845 6060 234 or visit www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

SOLIHULL COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT TEAM

Discover what training and support is available in Solihull, see the Employability Team's information pack.
For more information call 0121 704 8582 or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/employmentsupport

VOLUNTEERING

Interested in volunteering opportunities?
For more information call 0121 711 3148 or visit www.solihull-sustain.org.uk

ADULT LEARNING GRANT

You may be entitled to receive financial assistance whilst you train.
For more information visit www.direct.gov.uk/enEducationAndLearning

NEXT STEP CAREERS ADVICE

Free careers advice, including changes, practical advice on CV writing and interview techniques.
For more information call 0121 432 8292 or visit Website www.bxlworks.org.uk

CONNEXIONS

Careers advice for 13-19 year olds.
For more information call Chelmsley Wood 0121 770 1861 Solihull 0121 704 6711 or visit www.connexions-bs.co.uk

SOLIHULL COLLEGE

Offers re-skilling and training support.
For more information call 0121 678 7000 or visit www.solihull.ac.uk

For more information 0121 704 6000



FINANCIAL CONCERNS

If you are worried about your financial circumstances the following may be able to offer you support and guidance.

SOLIHULL COUNCIL TOP TEN TIPS

Offers practical help on benefits, budgeting, energy efficiency, mortgage payments, borrowing and savings and emergency support.
For more information call 0121 704 6000 or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/moneycounts/top10tips.htm

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Helps provide debt advice, claiming benefits and understanding legal rights.
For more information call 0844 826 9716 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY HOUSING MONEY ADVICE TEAM

The team can provide debt and welfare benefit advice for tenants.

For more information call 0121 717 1515 or visit www.solihullcommunityhousing.org.uk

NATIONAL DEBTLINE

Offering free debt advice.
For more information call 0808 808 4000 or visit www.nationaldebtline.co.uk

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CHELMSLEY ADVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE

Advice on welfare benefits and debt.
For more information call 0121 770 3773



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