

Signposting for people struggling financially in Great Yarmouth Borough June 2025

I've gathered together links to a number of different websites and local services which may be able provide support to people who are struggling financially. Please note, this is not financial advice, and the organisations are not endorsed by Imagine Norfolk Together.

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1 GENERAL HELP AND ADVICE

DIAL Great Yarmouth

DIAL Great Yarmouth can provide help and support regarding benefits and employment at their office in Great Yarmouth

DIAL website

Citizens Advice Bureau

Great Yarmouth CAB operates from Great Yarmouth Library 'The Place', 37-39 Market Pl, Great Yarmouth, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 1LX and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 12 noon for appointments.

The national CAB also have a website which provides lots of information about financial issues.

CAB local office details

CAB debt and money website

Turn2us

Turn2us provide a Benefits calculator and sign-posting to funding which might be available to individuals

Turn2us website

Stepchange

Stepchange have a page which helps you to know where to go for help if you are in a financial emergency

StepChange website

Money Helper

Money Helper provides free and impartial money advice, set up by government with advice and guides to help improve your finances, tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead, support over the phone and online.

Money Helper website

Money Saving Expert

Website set up by Martin Lewis and focused on finding deals, saving cash and campaigning for financial justice.

Money Saving Expert website



Money Help Hub

The Money Help Hub contains short guides which give practical ideas for cutting costs, getting support and keeping track of spending. If money problems are affecting your mental health or family relationships, we've got tips for looking after your wellbeing and having conversations about money.

If money worries or debt are becoming unmanageable, you will also find suggestions for where to get additional help and support.

Money Help Hub website

Money Wellness

Money Wellness provides free financial advice tailored to your particular situation.

Home - Money Wellness

Norfolk Community Law Service

Norfolk charity which works with partner agencies to provide a free service to meet unmet legal need. Particularly target services at disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, e.g. offenders, migrant workers and people with mental health issues. Support available for issues including debt advice and benefits advice.

Norfolk Community Law Service website

2 DEBT

DIAL Great Yarmouth

DIAL Great Yarmouth has trained Debt Advisors who can provide help at their office in Great Yarmouth

DIAL website

StepChange

Free Debt Advice online or over the phone

StepChange website

Christians Against Poverty

Although CAP don't have a debt centre in our area at present, they do provide a 'self-help pack' for those struggling with debt.

CAP self-help pack

National Debtline



Free advice from experts online or on the phone, including emergency advice.

National Debtline website

PayPlan

Free debt advice online or over the phone.

PayPlan website

Money Wellness

Free debt advice online or over the phone.

Debt help: Get free advice today

Debt Advice Foundation

A specialist charity for supporting with debt advice

Debt Advice Foundation - Call Our Debt Advisers Free On 0800 043 40 50

Citizens Advice Bureau

Information about managing debt on their pages, and personal advice if you attend in person to the centre at Great Yarmouth Library.

CAB local office details

CAB debt information website

3 HELP WITH FOOD AND GOODS

Foodbanks / Social Supermarkets

You can find a list of the Foodbanks in the Great Yarmouth Borough and how to make referrals here:

Great Yarmouth Borough Church Foodbanks - Imagine Norfolk Together

There are also a number of social supermarkets (also known as community pantries / larders) in the Great Yarmouth Borough which provide food at a lower price than in commercial shops. You can find details on the webpage below for the Caister Community Larder, Shrublands Food Club, Shepherd's Purse and Sally's Store.

Great Yarmouth Borough Food Hubs - Imagine Norfolk Together

Free cooked meals



You can find a list of the churches providing free meals here:

Meals in Great Yarmouth - Imagine Norfolk Together

Client Hardship Service

The Client Hardship Service (previously known as Norfolk Assistance Scheme) helps people who are in financial hardship and cannot pay their living costs.

If you are eligible, they may:

- Provide emergency financial help from the Crisis Support Fund
- Supply essential household goods and furniture
- Give support, guidance and advice

Client Hardship Service (CHS) - How to get help from the Client Hardship Service - Norfolk County Council

Crisis Support Fund - Norfolk County Council

Healthy Start

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops to buy milk / food.

Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)

Free School Meals

Find out if your child is eligible for free school meals

Free school meals - Norfolk County Council

4 Mental Health and Money

Improving Lives Together

A collation of links to websites which support with financial situations or mental health or both.

Money and Mental Health - Norfolk and Waveney ICS (improvinglivesnw.org.uk)

Wellbeing

Online workshops covering the topic of 'Coping with Financial Stress.'

Coping with Financial Stress - Norfolk and Waveney Talking Therapies



Mental Health and Money Advice

The website provides free and impartial information, support and advice for anyone affected by mental health and money issues.

Mental Health & Money Advice website

MIND - Money and Mental Health

Find out more about organising your finances, claiming benefits when you have a mental health problem, dealing with services, and looking after your mental health when you're worried about money.

Money and mental health - Mind

5 ELDERLY

Friends of the Elderly

Friends of the Elderly's grants programme is designed to assist older individuals facing financial difficulties. They aim to provide support to older people who are struggling to make ends meet, and to ensure they are able to live with dignity and in comfort.

Friends of the Elderly grants page

Age UK

Age UK have a page specifically around financial advice for older people

Money and legal advice for seniors | Age UK

6 Care Leavers

The charity provides grants for people who are in care / have left care:

Spark Foundation

FAQ's | Spark Foundation

7 ENERGY BILLS AND UTILITIES

Energy Cost Calculator

Find out how much it costs to run common household appliances and compare them against each other.

Go Compare Energy Calculator website



Warm Spaces

Find information about places which provide somewhere warm to go free of charge with free refreshments.

Great Yarmouth Borough Warm Spaces - Imagine Norfolk Together

NCAB Energy Support

Contact a team of energy advisers about issues relating to your energy supply.

<u>Energy Support — Norfolk Citizens Advice</u>

Your Energy Supply - Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice have produced webpages of advice on every aspect of your energy supply.

Your energy supply - Citizens Advice

Energy Saving Trust

Find out how to save money on your energy bills.

Energy Saving Trust website

8 SCAMS AND ECONOMIC ABUSE

Stop Loan Sharks

Emotional and practical support for people experiencing problems with loan sharks.

Stop Loan Sharks website

Friends against Scams

Information to help protect against being scammed, including a downloadable guide and a fortnightly scam alert.

Friends Against Scams - Home

9 VETERANS

Support for Veterans

This government webpage lists support for those who have been in the Armed Forces, including financial advice.

Support for veterans and their families - GOV.UK



10 SAVING AND BORROWING

Credit Unions offer savings accounts and loans which are focused on what is best for the consumer rather than profit. The links below can direct to some local options.

Norwich Credit Union

Norwich Credit Union operate out of DIAL Great Yarmouth on Friday mornings (see information for DIAL above)

Norwich Credit Union website

Find your Credit Union

Find a credit union which covers your area

Find your credit union website

11 HOMELESSNESS

Housing Options

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, complete the form online for Great Yarmouth Borough Council housing options to be able to triage and work out what support you need

How can you help me if I am homeless or at risk of homelessness? - Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Affordable Housing

You can register to be considered for affordable housing by filling out the Great Yarmouth Borough Council's form using the link below

How do I make a housing application? - Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Herring House

Herring House provides hostel accommodation for single individuals who are experiencing a housing crisis. They also provide support to help residents move on from homelessness.

Welcome to Herring House Trust | Housing Association in Gt Yarmouth

StreetLink

Use StreetLink to report if you or someone you know is sleeping rough

<u>StreetLink - Connecting people sleeping rough to local services</u>