

St Andrew's Church
Paddock Wood

Housing & Homelessness

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Abacus Furniture Project
Abacus is a registered charity, recycling unwanted, pre-used furniture and household items, preventing them from going into landfill and selling them on at low cost to people in need.
T: 01732 743365
E: abacus@wkha.org.uk
W: www.westkent.org/help-for-residents/cost-of-living-support/help-with-furniture

Affordable home ownership schemes
You may be able to get financial help from the government to buy a home. You could get:
- a home for less than its market value if you're a first time buyer
- a home through shared ownership (UK wide)
- lower rent payments to help save for a deposit if you're a tenant
- a loan to help with the cost of building a home or hiring someone to build one

W https://www.gov.uk/affordable-home-ownership-schemes

Catch 22
Catch 22 supports care leavers with the transition from the care system to adulthood and independent living, including accessing suitable and secure accommodation.
W: www.catch-22.org.uk

Citizens Advice
Citizens Advice provide a free, confidential, independent advice service. You may have money, housing, employment problems, facing a crisis or considering your options.

- Cranbrook (Library) Wednesdays 10am - noon
  T: 01580 714936 Advice / 0808 278 7810
  E: advicecranbrook@catwd.org.uk
  W: https://www.citizensadvicenwk.org.uk

- Tunbridge Wells
  Unit 311, 8th floor, Royal Victoria Place, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2SS
  T: 0808 278 7810
  W: https://www.citizensadvicenwk.org.uk

Help for Hoarders
Help for Hoarders is an online resource providing information, support and advice.
T: 0203 239 1600
E: info@hoardingUK.org
W: www.helpforhoarders.co.uk

Home Improvement Agency (HIA)
HIAs offer reliable information and advice and support people to make modifications to their homes as their health and needs change. Services inc:
- Housing options
- Disabled adaptations
- Home repairs/handyperson
- Hospital discharge and re-ablement
- Making homes more energy efficient

T: 0800 028 3172 Peabody South East (HIA)
W: www.findmyhia.org.uk

Homegroup
As one of the UK's largest providers of high quality housing and integrated housing, health and social care, we're helping people live happily in our homes and working with the NHS to improve lives.
T: 020 7430 1168
W: www.homegroup.org.uk

Homeless Link (search for hostels)
Search for hostels and homelessness services in England.
T: 0207 8404430
E: info@homelesslink.org.uk
W: www.homeless.org.uk

Housing Care
For guidance on accommodation services for older people, including the option to search for retirement housing and care homes.
W: www.housingcare.org

Lookahead
Offer specialist homelessness advice and support for people with multiple and complex needs (mental health, learning disability and/or autism. Services include supported housing, outreach, training schemes and lifelong learning services.
T: 0207 368 4600
E: getintouch@lookahead.org.uk
W: www.lookahead.org.uk

MacIntyre (Learning Disability Supported Housing)
Provide supported living services to promote independence for young people and adults who have a learning disability and/or autism.
T: 01908 230100
E: hello@macintyrecharity.org
W: www.macintyrecharity.org

Moat
Housing association providing affordable homes & services for people in housing need.
T: 0845 600 1006
E: customer@moat.co.uk
W: www.moat.co.uk

Orbit
Build and provide a range of homes inc. rented and low-cost home ownership options.
T: 0800 678 1221
E: info@orbit.org.uk
W: www.orbit.org.uk

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre (PWCAC)
PWCAC provides free and confidential advice on a wide range of issues including benefits, debt, employment, healthcare, housing / homelessness, relationships, and tax.
T: 01892 838619
E: info@pwadvice.org
W: www.pwadvice.org/home/

Porchlight (Homelessness)
Porchlight offers a free telephone 24 hour helpline for people who are street homelessness, sofa surfing or about to lose their home.
T: 01227 760078
E: headoffice@porchlight.org.uk
W: www.porchlight.org.uk

Residential Care and Nursing Homes
Directory of care, nursing and residential homes throughout and near Sevenoaks District.
W: www.carehome.co.uk

Rethink (Mental Health Supported Housing)
Supported accommodation services providing people with a high quality home and a therapeutic and recovery focused environment with the support to live independently.
T: 01215 227007 / 01732 742351
E: info@rethink.org
W: www.rethink.org

Sevenoaks District Council
Advice and signposting on housing options and homeless support inc:
- Homelessness & finding a home
- Housing benefit & Council Tax support
- Home energy efficiency
- Disable facilities grants
- HERO service inc. advice on housing options.

T: 01732 227000
E: housing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
W: www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20045/homelessness_and_finding_a_home

Shelter
Shelter helps people struggling with bad housing or homelessness through advice, support and legal services.
T: 0808 800 4444 (regular helpline)
T: 0808 1644 660 (emergency advice)
W: www.england.shelter.org.uk

Supported Housing (Kent County Council)
For help to find a new home which gives you the support you need to live a more independent life. Speak to your case worker or contact for an assessment if you feel you have a need for supported housing.
T: 03000 416161 (M-F 9am-5pm) 03000 419191 (out of office hours – emergencies)
E: social.services@kent.gov.uk
W: W: https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adult-social-care/housing-and-care-homes/extra-care-housing

The Bridge Trust (Homelessness)
The Bridge Trust provides a range of services that a single homeless person may need in their journey from homelessness to independent living.
T: 01732 368363
E: info@thebridgetrust.org.uk
W: www.thebridgetrust.org.uk

Town & Country Housing Group
We provide more than 9,500 affordable homes in 15 local authority areas in Kent and Sussex. In addition to general needs homes, we offer a wide range of housing, including key worker, shared ownership and specialist accommodation including a women's refuge, housing for people with learning and physical disabilities, and a hostel for ex-offenders.
T: 01892 501480
W: www.tchg.org.uk

Trading Standards Checked (TSC) - Vetted Traders
The Trading Standards Checked Scheme is a fair trader directory for trades in the home maintenance sector run by Kent County Council (KCC). Trading Standards Checked carries out checks on traders so customers can have peace of mind when choosing a tradesperson to do work in their home.
T: 03000 421870
E: tschecked@kent.gov.uk
W: www.tschecked.kent.gov.uk

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
TWBC offers a range of housing & property services online:
- Affordable housing
- Housing Register
- Kent Homechoice
- Homeless, vulnerable or at risk of homelessness
- Private sector housing
- Housing Benefit
- Energy advice
- Problems with your home

E: Rough Sleeper contact: chris.white@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
W: www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/housing

West Kent Housing Association
To provide homes in Kent for those who struggle to afford them in the open market. To nurture the communities around those homes.
T: 01732 749400
E: help@wkha.org.uk
W: www.westkent.org