

SUPPORTED HOUSING 16-25 YEAR OLDS

If you are between 16 and 25 years old you may be eligible for the supported housing listed below:

YMCA HOSTEL REDDITCH

The YMCA Hostel in Redditch provides accommodation for single men and women between 16 – 35 years of age.

Tel: **01527 61643**

THE FRY HOUSING TRUST

The Fry Trust have shared houses for single homeless young men who are over 18 years of age, with support needs in Bromsgrove District. The Fry Trust specialise in providing support to ex offenders and those at risk of offending.

Tel: **01527 578449**

This leaflet can be provided in large print, braille, CD, audio tape and computer disc.

If you require interpretation and translation services please phone
01527 881288

USEFUL NUMBERS

Bromsgrove District Housing Trust

Buntsford Court, Buntsford Gate, Bromsgrove, B60 3DJ.
Tel: **01527 557557**

Emergency out of hours tel: **0800 0304254**

8.30am - 5.30pm Mon - Thurs, 8.30am - 4.00pm Friday

Telephone service available Monday - Friday

The Basement 'Drop In' Centre

Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum,
The Basement Project, New Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2JD.

Tel: **01527 832993**

Email: **basement@bromsgroveyouth.fsnet.co.uk**

The 'Drop in' centre is open Monday 10.30am - 3.00pm

Tuesday - Friday 11.30am - 4.00pm

Connexions

Amphlett Court, Windsor Street, Bromsgrove, B60 2BN.

Tel: **01527 882960**

9.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Thursday

9.00am - 4.30pm Friday

Telephone service available Monday - Friday

Citizens Advice Bureau

50-52 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0DD.

Tel: **01527 557397**

Appointments: Monday-Thursday 9.30am and 11.00am

Drop-In: Monday 1.00pm-3.30pm

Tuesday-Thursday 1.00pm-3.00pm

Telephone Service also available Monday-Friday



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The Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove B60 1AA.

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Leaving Home ?

A guide for young people who find themselves threatened with homelessness or homeless



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WHERE YOU CAN GO FOR HELP

If you find that you are threatened with homelessness or actually homeless please contact **Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT)** on **01527 557557**.

BDHT can offer advice and assistance on how best to deal with your situation. BDHT will try to prevent your homelessness by negotiating with your family and relatives, visiting you and your family at home or offering access to a mediation service.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE HOMELESS ?

If you do find yourself homeless and you meet the requirements under homelessness legislation **BDHT** will find accommodation for you. You will need to be homeless, eligible for assistance, have a local connection, not intentionally homeless and in 'priority need'.

Priority Need is considered in the following main ways:

- Households with Dependent Children
- Pregnant Women
- 16 & 17 year olds
- People who are vulnerable because they are suffering violence.
- People who are vulnerable because of mental/ physical illness or disability
- 18-21 year olds leaving foster care when Childrens Services were responsible for them until their 18th birthday.

WHAT HELP CAN YOU GET ?

The Basement Project, run by Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum, beneath the Baptist Church on New Road, provides information and support to young people on a variety of issues and concerns, like managing money,

benefits, finding affordable furniture and any other issues that might arise when moving away from home for the first time. The 'Drop In' centre is open;

Monday 10.30am - 3.00pm
and **Tuesday - Friday 11.30am - 4.00pm**

Staff at the Basement are available to help give you training in budgeting, healthy living, taking responsibility, personal hygiene and cooking. There are facilities available, if needed, such as washing machine, a shower cubicle and kitchen area. Tel: **01527 832993** or email:

basement@bromsgroveyouth.fsnet.co.uk.

Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum advise you to:

- Plan your move.
- Look at what money you have got and who can help you.
- Think about why you are leaving
- Talk to people: Friends, Youth Workers, Connexions Personal Advisers or other family members might be able to help.
- Let family/friends/work colleagues know that you are looking for accommodation.
- Look in your local newspaper/shop notice board/ letting agents.
- If you are a Student contact the college or Student Union for help with accommodation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE NOT IN PRIORITY NEED ?

If you are aged 18-25 years, Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum may be able to offer you financial help to find privately rented accommodation.

Tel: **01527 832993** or email:

pts@bromsgroveyouth.fsnet.co.uk.

You can also contact these hostels:

Birmingham City Mission 0121 643 6182

St Pauls, Worcester 01905 723729

YMCA, Worcester 01905 423197

If you wish you may contact these numbers daily to see if there are any vacancies.

You can consider applying to the Housing Register. People over the age of 18 can hold a tenancy in their own right.

If you are 16 or 17 years old you may need a guarantor to enable you to hold a tenancy with a Housing Association.

HOUSING BENEFIT

You could be entitled to housing benefit to help you out with the rent. If you are under 25 and need to claim Housing Benefit, there may be a restriction applied to the level of help you will get. This is called Single Room Rent. It is set to encourage young people to share homes. Some landlords will rent out individual bedrooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.

If you need any further advice Bromsgrove Council has a Welfare Benefits Officer who can be contacted on **01527 881288**.

There are also other benefits available such as Job Seekers Allowance if you are unemployed, or in some cases, Income Support.

More information about benefit entitlements can be obtained from:

- Connexions
- Bromsgrove District Council's Customer Service Centre, The Dolphin Centre, Bromsgrove
- Citizens Advice Bureau