

# HELP YOURSELF DIRECTORY



*(Solihull Community Housing, Solihull MBC)*



## **Purpose**

Information in this directory provides a guideline to furniture organisations, services, and networks available to local people.

## **How to use the directory**

The directory can be used as a guide to charitable furniture organisations and networks that are available in Solihull for those that are in need of furniture and housing essentials, alongside links and information to grants and funding.

## **Please note:**

The directory is not exhaustive and there may be other support available locally, regionally, and nationally as services develop.

## **If you have any enquiries about this directory, please email:**

[furnitureproject@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:furnitureproject@solihull.gov.uk)

# Table of Contents

Potential Available Funding.....	3
Faith Groups.....	5
Upcycle Birmingham.....	6
SCH Furniture Project.....	7
North of Solihull.....	8
West of Solihull.....	10
East of Solihull.....	12
Extras – Shops out of Solihull.....	14
Extras Online.....	15

## Potential Available Funding

---

### ***Discretionary Crisis Fund (DCF):***

DCF is a final safety net if you are experiencing a crisis and cannot resolve your financial difficulties any other way. DCF provides essential items for people in urgent need. It does not provide cash.

*You can apply for this grant by clicking on this link and filling out the form :*

### [Apply for Discretionary help](#)

Or complete a [DCF application form](#) and email to [financialinclusion@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:financialinclusion@solihull.gov.uk)

### ***Department for Work & Pensions (DWP):***

Budgeting Advance – If you are already receiving Universal Credit, or other eligible benefits, you may be able to get a Budgeting Advance to help pay for emergency household costs, for example, buying a new cooker or for help getting a job or staying in work. Apply by contacting your job center plus work coach.

**Tel:** Universal Credit helpline 0800 328 5644

To apply for a Universal Credit advance you can:

- Speak to your Jobcentre Plus work coach
- Apply through your online account
- Call the Universal Credit helpline

### ***Family Action's Welfare Grants Programme:***

Family Action's Welfare Grants programme aims to help prevent an immediate crisis from spiraling and threatening the stability of families and individuals.



All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency. Suitable referring agencies include statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GP's.

*For more information go to:*

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/>

***Homeless Prevention Fund (HPF):***

The Homeless Prevention Fund (HPF) is a pot of money that can be used to prevent a customer from becoming homeless or support a customer who is already experiencing homelessness. The funds can be used to cover a range of different situations, but the Officer will have to demonstrate that the funds will effectively resolve a customer's Homelessness.

*(Contact your Housing Officer for a HPF referral form or for more information)*



***Talisman Charitable Trust:***

Assists individuals in the UK of small means who the trustees consider to be deserving and may be described as “going short”.

In general, the relief of poverty includes grants for education, health, housing disablement or disability.

Applications should be made on behalf of individuals by a local authority, another charitable organisation, or a non-profit organisation such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

***For more information go to:*** <http://www.talismancharity.org/>



***TURN2US:***

Turn2Us is a charitable service which helps people access advice on money, benefits, grants, and other help. Their website includes a benefits calculator and a grant search database.

**Website:** <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

## Faith Groups

---

### ***Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness:***



Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness (SCAH) is a registered charity helping those in our community who are homeless or disadvantaged.

A '**starter pack**', generally consists of new, value-for-money, non-food, household items such as bedding, crockery, cutlery, kitchen, and cleaning items etc. The '**starter pack**' helps those people of limited resources, those

leaving homelessness, those leaving prison etc. to set up home in a new tenancy.

Request a starter pack form: <https://www.scah.org.uk/request-for-support-form>

### ***Church Homeless Trust:***



Raises funds for homeless individuals, some of whom have high support needs, who would not otherwise receive extra support.

Gives personalised grants, tailored to individuals' circumstances.

**Phone Number:** 020 7269 1630

**Email:** [info@churchhomelesstrust.org.uk](mailto:info@churchhomelesstrust.org.uk)

**For more information go to:** <https://churchhomelesstrust.org.uk/>

# Upcycle Birmingham CIC

---



**FINDING A NEW HOME FOR YOUR DONATIONS...**

DONATE TO **UPCYCLE** AND SEE HOW YOU CAN **SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY...**

Upcycle Birmingham is a social enterprise that re-uses and recycles furniture that they provide to local residents, based on the Castle Vale estate. Working with a small staff team and lots of great volunteers who help to run a large showroom based at St Gerards Church Centre, together with a small charity shop based on the High Street at Castle Vale.

As a social enterprise, Upcycle Birmingham is committed to supporting local people by selling low cost, secondhand furniture that has been given a new lease of life.

Renfrew Square, Castle Vale, Birmingham B35 6JT

[www.upcyclebirmingham.org.uk](http://www.upcyclebirmingham.org.uk)



## Our Furniture Recycling Project aims to stop good quality housing items from going to waste

Often items are thrown out when they are still in good condition and could be used by someone else.

We want to stop these items from being thrown away and share them with people who need it.

You can donate to the project or request for any items you may need.

**This service is free. We will collect and deliver donations and furniture at no cost.**

If we have your requested item in stock, we will deliver it to you. If we don't, we will contact our partner charity organisations who may have it.

They will charge an affordable fee for the item and delivery.

For more information please visit our website.



Scan the QR code using your phone camera and it will take you to our website!





## NORTH

---

*(Bickenhill, Castle Bromwich, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge, Kingshurst, Marston Green, Smith's Wood)*

**acorns**

*Your local children's hospice*

**Acorns:**

Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Bosworth Drive, B37 5TS

Tel: 0121 788 8580

12 Timberley Lane, Castle Bromwich, B34 7EH

Tel: 0121 730 1936



**Age UK:**

6 Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, B36 0EU

Tel: 0121 776 7460

**CHARITY  
SHOP  
CARE AND  
COMMUNITY**

***Charity Shop Care and Community***

535 Green Ln, Birmingham B9 5PT

Tel: 07706 106646



***Upcycle Birmingham:***

Warehouse:

Renfrew Square, Castle Vale, Birmingham B35 6JT

Shop Address:

Unit 1, 4 High Street, Castle Vale, B35 7PR

Tel: 0121 748 5795



***Shelter Erdington Furniture Shop:***

193-197 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6SY

Tel: 0121 667 9761



***Welcome Change Charity Shop Lea Village:***

289b, Kitts Green Road, Lea Village, Birmingham, B33 9SA

Tel: 0121 786 2154

eBay: <https://welcome-change.org.uk/2014/02/15/february-2014/>



***YMCA:***

Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Greenwood Way, B37 5TL

Tel: 0121 7796803

## WEST

---

(Blythe, Cheswick Green, Dickens Heath, Elmdon, Lyndon, Olton, Shirley East, Shirley South, Shirley West, Silhill, St Alphege, Tidbury Green)



***Betel UK Restored Furniture:***

245-251 Stratford Road, Shirley, Birmingham, B90 3AL

Tel: 0121 744 9179



***British Heart Foundation Furniture & Electrical:***

7 Shirley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XU

Tel: 0121 222 1360

eBay: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/britishheartfoundationshop>



***DEBRA UK – Acocks Green Store:***

1718, Warwick Rd, Birmingham, B27 6BP

Tel: +441217073647

***DEBRA UK - Shirley Store:***

162-170 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3BQ

Tel: +441217441486

***Second Chance Furniture:***

123 Bridge Walk, Woodcock Ln N, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 6SN

Tel: 07933 922884

eBay: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/secondchancefurniture>



***Sue Ryder:***

143 High St, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 6DG

Tel: 0121 4432180

eBay: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/sueryderpreloved>

[\(move to extra\)](#)

# The Children's Society

***The Children's Society Shop:***

168, 170 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3BQ

Tel: 0121 744 5799

## EAST

---

*(Balsall Common, Barston, Berkswell, Bickenhill (Rural) Chadwick End, Dorridge, Hampton in Arden, Hockley Heath, Knowle, Meriden)*

**acorns**

*Your local children's hospice*

**Acorns:**

12-14 St John's Way, Knowle, B90 0LE

Tel: 01564 774 464



**British Red Cross Furniture & Electric Store:**

44 Regent Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5EG

Tel: 01926 883316

eBay: [https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/bhf\\_shops? trksid=p3692](https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/bhf_shops? trksid=p3692)



**Emmaus:**

70 Red Lane, Coventry, CV65EQ

Tel: 024 7666 1666

Online Shop: <https://emmaus.org.uk/preston/our-shops/online-charity-shops/>



***Mind Charity Furniture Shop:***

1687 High St, Knowle, Solihull B93  
0LN

Tel: +441564898731



***The Shakespeare Hospice - Avenue Farm  
Furniture & Homeware Store:***

Unit 1, Avenue Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon,  
CV37 0HR

Tel: 01789 205333

## Extras - Shops Outside of Solihull

---



***Betel Furniture Superstore:***

14-16 School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, B14 4BJ

Tel: 0121 436 5562



***Birmingham St Mary's Hospice Furniture Shop:***

15 Pershore Rd S, Cotteridge, Birmingham B30 3EE

Tel: 0121 459 0168



**British Heart  
Foundation**

***British Heart Foundation Birmingham Furniture & Electrical Store:***

98 Corporation Street, Birmingham, UK, B4 6SX

Tel: 0121 222 1350

***British Heart Perry Barr Furniture & Electrical Store:***

Unit 45 One Stop Retail Park, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, UK, B42 1AA

Tel: 0121 514 7756



***CT Furniture:***

780-784 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2NN

Tel: 0121 773 2858

Online Shop: <https://www.communitytransport.org/shop>

eBay: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/ct-furniture>

## Extras Online - Reuse Networks

---



### **eBay:**

Online marketplace to buy secondhand furniture or electrical items.

[https://www.ebay.co.uk/b/Second-Hand-Furniture/3197/bn\\_7023490999](https://www.ebay.co.uk/b/Second-Hand-Furniture/3197/bn_7023490999)



Facebook Marketplace

### **Facebook Marketplace:**

Online website to either buy or sell items with people in your community.

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace>



### **Freecycle:**

A non-profit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own towns.

<https://www.freecycle.org/>





**Freegle:**

Online website to either donate or ask for items and arrange to pick the items up.

<https://www.ilovefreegle.org/>



**Gumtree:**

An online marketplace based in the UK, used to either sell or buy items.

<https://www.gumtree.com/>



**Shpock:**

Shpock is an online marketplace that uses a mobile and browser-based platform for private buying and selling of things in the area.

<https://www.shpock.com/en-gb>