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Launch of the Warm Spaces online database



An online database of welcoming, warm locations and places where you can get help and assistance with the cost of living crisis has been launched in our borough.

The database – www.warmwelcome.info - will enable anyone to find a welcoming venue close to them this autumn and winter.

It's one of the initiatives of partnership working between SBC, Beyond Housing, North Yorkshire County Council, charities and community groups.

It will be continually updated as more organisations come forward with offers of help and will include a facility for local groups to add their own cost of living support activities.

As well a place to get warm and see friendly faces, anyone attending one of the venues will have access to a range of support including housing, benefits, tax and financial advice.

Changing Places—New Facilities

Three new changing places toilets are to be built in Filey, Whitby and Scarborough.

The new facilities will be built on Filey Fore-shore, at Whitby Marina and in Scarborough's North Bay.

The investment will bring the number of changing places toilets available in our main seaside towns to five. It's hoped the three new toilets will be open in time for next year's main holiday season.



Yorkshire Coast Christmas Events



We're excited to point you towards all the fantastic programme's of festive entertainment coming to the borough this December.

The entertainment includes carol singers, local choirs, crafts and storytelling workshops, so we think there is something for all ages.

If you want to find out more about what Christmas activities and events are going on in and around you just visit:

<https://www.discoveryorkshirecoast.com/discover/whats-on/seasonal/christmas/christmas-events>

Have you got an interesting story or an event/group you'd like us to promote?

Get in touch and we'll include it in our next newsletter, for free!* Please contact us at:

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S.M.I. Discount ?

Money Saving Expert, Martin Lewis has pointed out yet another massive saving that so many eligible people are missing out on. One family was able to claim £15,000 in overpaid council tax!

The 'severely mentally impaired' (SMI) council tax discount is a reduction off of a household's council tax bill, worth, at a minimum, 25%, all the way up to, in some cases, the entire bill being wiped.

There are two steps to qualify. First, someone must be medically certified as being 'severely mentally impaired' – defined as having "a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent". It's a horrible term, so it's referred to as SMI in the online guide.

SMI is a medical diagnosis in itself, but the underlying cause could be a condition such as dementia (including Alzheimer's), profound learning difficulties, the result of a severe stroke or something else.

Second, in England and Wales, the person must also be receiving at least one of a number of benefits (see full list on website), such as disability living allowance. In Scotland, some councils consider it fine if you're just eligible for the qualifying benefit, but with others you'll need to be receiving it.

Visit: www.moneysavingexpert.com/reclaim/severely-mental-impairment-dementia-council-tax-rebate to see if you qualify.



WARM WELCOME SPACE

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visit www.warmwelcome.uk

Scarborough Library

Free Christmas Event



Christmas Choir & Mince Pies

Thursday 8th of December

from 2:30pm



Vote for Scarborough DAG at Tesco

Scarborough Disability Action Group is in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant!

It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500.

Voting is open in October until 31st January 2023 and if you are a Tesco customer you can vote for DAG using the blue token given to you at the checkout each time you shop. The tokens will decide how much funding DAG gets, more tokens means more funding so please support DAG next time you shop at Tesco!

You can vote in the following local Tesco stores:

- Tesco – Westwood Scarborough
- Tesco Express – Castle Road Scarborough
- Tesco Express – Burniston Road Scarborough

Funds raised from this grant will help ensure more treats & activities can be run.

We wish Scarborough DAG all the best.

Christmas Craft Fair



15 DECEMBER
FROM 8.30AM
GRAND HOTEL
SCARBOROUGH

DONATIONS BEING MADE FOR

SAINT CATHERINE'S HOSPICE



Everyone is welcome at the Christmas Craft Fair at Grand Hotel Scarborough. Lots of stalls with interesting, unique and homemade craft items, perfect for gifting at Christmas. With free mince pies and a special surprise. Donations being made for

St Catherine's Hospice