

ASK! YOU MAY FEEL THE BENEFIT.

Drop-in advice sessions from July 2002 - Nov 2002

Citizens Advice Bureau, Scarborough
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Open for drop-in advice on Fridays 9.30am - 1.30pm

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Filey Community Advice Centre
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Open for drop-in advice on Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm

If you live in a rural area there may be a drop-in session nearer to you.

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Claiming benefits is complicated. Every year people miss out on around 3 billion pounds of welfare benefits. You may be one of them.

Why?

Perhaps because: -

- you may not know they exist
- you may think your savings are too high
- you may think that you earn too much
- you may have tried before and been turned down
- you may not think that you have care needs

You could claim benefits if: -

- you are sick and unable to work
- you, your child, or another member of your family have care or mobility needs
- you are a carer
- you are in or out of work
- you are returning to work after a long period of sickness
- you are over 60
- you have children

All of these people could be missing out: -

Maud is 75. She is widowed but still lives in the family home. She only has a Retirement Pension and small Occupational Pension to live off but she does have around £11,000 savings.

Mike and **Nishma** have a young baby. Nishma works part-time. Mike is off sick at the moment and only gets Statutory Sick Pay. They also have a son Joshua who has recently been diagnosed as having Autism with behaviour problems.

Dawn had a long period of illness from work. She has been on Incapacity Benefit and Income Support (including help with her mortgage) for several years. She now feels a lot better and hopes to return to work but she's worried about her benefits.

Ernie is 72 years old and has angina and severe arthritis. He lives on his own but his daughter visits most days to help him. Ernie has savings and investments amounting to £50,000.

Mary and **Alan** tried to claim Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) last year but they were turned down because their income was too high.

Richard is single and employed. He lives in a rented flat but struggles to pay the rent on his low pay.

Barbara and **Chang** both work full time. Barbara has mobility problems, which severely restrict her ability to walk.

Paul and **Sarah** have two children. Paul works full-time earning around £20,000 gross per annum.

Here are some changes in circumstances that may affect whether or not you are missing out: -

- if your income or savings go down
- if your rent or council tax goes up
- if your health has deteriorated
- if the cost of your child care increases
- when you reach 60
- if you start to receive a disability benefit
- if someone leaves or joins your household
- if you start caring for someone
- if you start or finish work

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