



## CAP DEBT CENTRE UP & RUNNING

The Wharfedale & Aireborough debt centre – a partnership between the Methodist Circuit and Christians Against Poverty – is up and running and needs your support.

Involvement in the project is open to all local churches and we're already encouraged by support from ecumenical partners.

### MANAGER APPOINTED

Samantha Burnley has been appointed as our debt centre manager and she's doing her initial training in March & April. Sam lives in Otley and attends Guiseley Methodist Church. She will be making contact with people around the Circuit and can be contacted at [samanthaburnley@capuk.org](mailto:samanthaburnley@capuk.org) or 07935 223663. Sam's normal working hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am – 5.30pm.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Local befrienders are vital to the work of the debt centre.

When someone seeks help from CAP, an appointment is made for the manager to visit them accompanied by a befriender from a local church. CAP provides all the expert financial help; through the befriender, the local church offers friendship and support. We also need people to undertake to pray for the work of the debt centre.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sam.

### FUND RAISING

We need to raise the debt centre's annual running costs of £20,000. This covers the part-time manager's salary, associated expenses and a £600-a-month contribution to CAP. Our first aim is to meet the costs for the first year and to date 3 Circuit churches have pledged £11,000. Churches' financial situations vary greatly but we invite all Circuit churches to consider how they might support this project reaching out to people in crisis in our local communities.

Individual donations are also welcome. Please contact the Circuit finance officer, Carol Tooke, at [catooke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catooke@hotmail.co.uk) or 0113 267 3995.

The Circuit is also seeking grant aid and has applied to a Connexional Methodist fund (we won't hear the outcome until December). We need a small network of people looking out for grant possibilities – if you'd like to play a part in this, please contact Rev Roger Smith at [roger.smith@methodist.org.uk](mailto:roger.smith@methodist.org.uk) or 01943 874735.