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Release... unemployment & debt

Unemployment is on the increase and a lot of people in the UK are getting into debt as a result.

The problem is that we need to spend money paying the interest payments on debts, with little money coming in, to avoid receiving negative entries on our credit files.

The benefit system actively provides support for the unemployed. There is no actual help from the government for people paying interest on their unsecured debt though. As much as three quarters of all the unemployed are in debt, but only a fraction of these are seeking the best advice.

Debt Facts

- People on lower incomes – below £500 per month after tax – were struggling the greatest under the burden of debt.
- On average, people with low income owed several times their monthly income.
- The average debt, excluding mortgages, for buyers was £23,000 compared with £14,000 for tenants in

rented properties.

- Banks are encouraging borrowers to take on more debt, leaving them exposed to any downturn in the economy stemming from current uncertainty.

There are many entitlements available for us if we are unemployed including possible assistance with housing costs and council tax bills. There are also various agencies available to offer support in helping us to seek employment.

To seek further help and assistance regarding the matters raised in this article please contact us.

For free, confidential, and non-judgemental advice on creating a budget and dealing with debts, contact RELEASE (Financial) Charitable Trust on **01773 306289 or **07805 795748****

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