

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

NewstrAid can offer a wide range of services to anyone with a news trade connection facing hardship during the current Coronavirus Pandemic. If you find you are coping with reduced income due to illness, quarantine or redundancy we may be able to help.

Debt Advice

Free professional debt advice is available to anyone who needs to talk to someone in confidence about their options. This free debt advisory service is open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm.

0800 987 5685

Wellbeing Support

If you are feeling overwhelmed and are worried about your mental health, our Wellbeing Suite offers access to a Freephone Helpline and provides online resources for you and your dependents.

0808 196 2016

State Benefit Advice

For those who

- (a) are not well enough to work
- (b) are self-employed
- (c) are struggling financially due to the long term impact of Covid and need advice on entitlement to Universal Credit

Ask our team for an assessment and guidance on how to maximise household income.

oldben@newstraid.org.uk

Signposting & Information Services

We can advise on a range of family and welfare issues and signpost to specialist organisations where necessary. This includes guidance for people working from home and those who are looking after the vulnerable and dependent children.

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Financial Support

One off hardship grants are available, subject to a financial assessment:

- **In Work Support Scheme** for employed people facing hardship
- **Fresh Start Assist** for trading newsagents with welfare/family related issues
- **ACE Children's Fund** specifically to support the needs of dependent children

Contact our Welfare Team for further information

Freephone **0800 917 8616** or email oldben@newstraid.org.uk

Please note that all applicants for financial assistance will be required to complete an application form and provide documentation to support their financial situation. Each application is considered on its individual merits.

Full details of all the help and support available from NewstrAid can be found on our website www.newstraid.org.uk and regular support updates will be posted on social media.