## **Bromley Christians Against Poverty**

Bromley CAP is a local hub of the nationwide debt-counselling charity Christians Against Poverty. Supported by local churches, CAP Bromley runs job clubs and debt counselling; this involves visiting clients in their home at least three times.



On the ground, a trained debt coach is alongside the client, walking them through the process, and then working with trained staff in the CAP head office, who negotiate with creditors and recommend a route out of debt. Visiting with the debt coach is a volunteer befriender from a local church, who continues to support the client, accompanying them to appointments and offering a listening ear.

'Many clients report being able to sleep and have some light at the end of the tunnel after our first visit. We offer reassurance and encouragement, non-judgemental support and debt advice which is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our service nationally has won many awards, including Personal Debt Provider of the year 2017, and is often recommended by Martin Lewis.

During 2020 and lockdown, CAP Bromley have continued to support people with a telephone-based system. Creditors have been showing some leniency, but we are concerned that more people will be coming into debt and needing our services. We are currently training 2 new debt coaches in Bromley and seeking more support and funding to meet this raised demand.'

CAP have engaged with over 120 households in the last 3 years, 20 of whom are now debtfree, 11 in 2020.

For new clients to book in with the Centre Manager, call the freephone number at head office 08003280006

If you would like to know more about CAP's work, call 07754934722 or visit their website