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*This month we see National Baking Week and Chocolate Week fall together, so we thought a delicious gooey chocolate cake would fit the bill nicely. To counter act all that sinfulness (sorry not sorry), finding out how much we should be eating is really helpful. We're all guilty of piling a little too much food on our plates and it's surprising to find out what actually constitutes a portion size. We've got a helpful guide so you'll always have to hand a way of remembering!*

Stay cosy!

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Sometimes, the hardest part of dieting can be understanding portion sizes. How much is too much? We've taken the guesswork out of eating healthily by finding out easy ways to determine the portion sizes you should be eating...

## Cereals & Grains



1 cup is the amount that fits in a mounded pile in the palm of a medium adult hand or about the size of a tennis ball. It provides approximately 200 calories.



This rule excludes granola. Granola is best used as a topping or mixed in with cereal, instead of eaten by the bowl-full as it contains a lot of sugar. A correct portion of granola should just cover the center portion of your palm.

## Nuts & Dried Fruit



1 serving of dried fruit or nuts is 1/4 cup (40 grams), which fills the center of the palm of a medium adult hand. Similar to granola consume these sparingly. Avoid dried fruit that contain added sugar.

## Fresh Fruit



One medium piece of fresh fruit is about the size of a small fist or 3–4 inches in diameter. Aim for 3–5 servings of fruit per day — and since dried fruit is so calorie-dense, opt for fresh first.

## Leafy Greens



A serving of leafy greens is technically 1 cup, but this is one time where we recommend doubling or tripling the portion — 2 cups is about what two medium adult hands can pick up in a single go.

## Non-starchy Veggies



Non-starchy vegetables include broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, asparagus, peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes and onions. 1 cup of chopped, non-starchy vegetables creates a mounded handful in a medium adult hand.

## Starchy Veggies



Starchy vegetables like corn, peas, parsnips, potatoes, pumpkin, squash, zucchini and yams are higher in carbohydrates and therefore more calorie-dense — all the more reason why knowing the portion size is important. As with non-starchy vegetables, a serving of starchy vegetables fits in an average adult hand.

## Meat, Poultry & Fish



An 85g piece of fish, poultry or meat is about the size of a deck of cards or the whole palm of your hand. Focus on lean proteins such as chicken, turkey, fish, seafood or lean cuts of beef and pork.

## Cheese



A serving of cheese is about the size of your index finger. This size serving is around 150–165 calories, so a little goes a long way.

## Milk



Depending on what variety you buy 1 cup of milk provides anywhere from 90–145 calories. In an average-size glass (not a tall and skinny one), 1 cup measures about the size of a small fist.

## Fruit Juices & Smoothies



Fruit juice is around 150 calories and smoothies can be anywhere up to 500 calories so consume with caution! 1 standard measuring cup is about the size of a small fist.

Being able to assess servings visually is a big help when you're trying to lose weight, especially when it's time to eat out.



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# Help Society's Homeless

**W**e'll soon be heading into Autumn, the temperature will soon begin to drop and the evenings close in. With the mayhem of the school routine and all the other things that take up our time and energy it's easy to forget that there are vulnerable people who will soon face their most difficult time of the year.

An estimated 320,000 people are homeless in the UK, according to research by Shelter – that's one in every 201 Brits and homelessness in the UK is on the rise.

Rough sleepers are just the visible tip of the iceberg when it comes to registering and understanding the homelessness crisis. At the end of December 2017 78,930 households were in temporary accommodation, these are people or families are that are put into shelters, hostels, B&Bs, refuges or other social housing but do not have a secure, permanent home. This included 120,510 children. Shockingly, this figure has now risen to 130,000 children.

In addition, there are an uncertain number of 'hidden homeless' who are unknown to authorities, staying with relatives or friends, sofa surfing or sleeping in cars or the countryside – places official counts don't cover.

Members of the public

in Burton are becoming increasingly aware of homelessness in the area. At this particular time of year, the YMCA in Burton is often asked "Should I give money to someone on the streets?". This can be a very personal decision, but they suggest a few things to consider:

- Not every homeless person will ask you for money, and not every person asking you for money is homeless.

- You could offer to buy them a hot drink and a hot meal.

- Tell them about the services of the YMCA at 'Reconnect' for their immediate needs. They can access a hot shower and a change of clothes, laundry services and hot drinks food and a chance to rest and get warm. This also helps the YMCA connect with them.

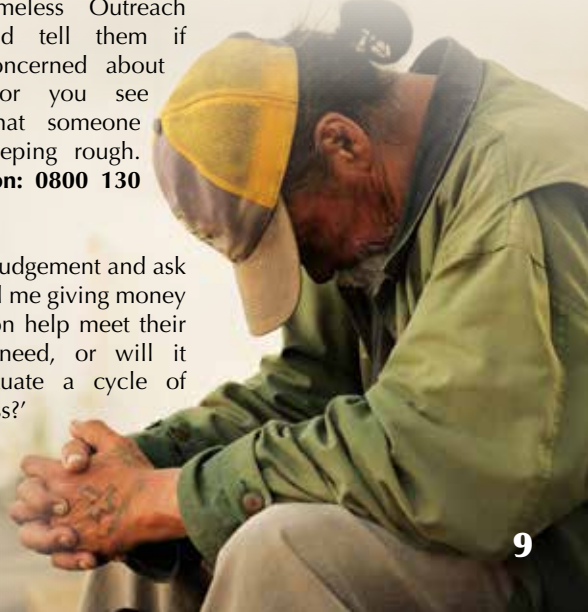
- You can phone the YMCA Homeless Outreach number and tell them if you are concerned about someone, or you see evidence that someone may be sleeping rough.  
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- Use your judgement and ask yourself 'will me giving money to this person help meet their immediate need, or will it help perpetuate a cycle of homelessness?'

- Remember that there are various reasons that lead to someone becoming homeless, and that not every homeless person has an addiction (although ironically becoming homeless can actually cause this problem too).

The generous spirit found in Burton means that there is a good network of organisations and places to go for homelessness support. The YMCA Burton believes that if they can link with someone who is rough sleeping, or in some other need, they are more likely to be able to help them off the streets and into accommodation with support.

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# By The Barn *by Angela Sargent*



**M**oving into September and we need a settled bout of weather to allow us to bring in the harvest. We've had a record (for us) crop of silage this year and so we have plenty for winter feed but now we need plenty of corn and straw for winter feed and bedding!

Our oats and wheat have taken a battering from heavy downpours at times and if the straw isn't strong enough to withstand it, the crop flattens, making it more difficult to

combine and may also cause 'lodging'- breakage just below the seed head, causing loss of yield and, therefore loss of return for the time and finance invested in the crop. Neither does the straw dry so well if it's flat or has grass growing through and the straw can turn mouldy.

Store lamb sales have begun and we are keen to buy some as we have plenty of grass for them to eat, the idea being they get fit for market with little input, but as this will happen after Brexit, who knows if our market will be there! It's important that trade continues with as little disruption as possible, whether it's old or new markets.

Our own lambs have been weaned and are sorted regularly for market prospects and also an eye kept on them for flies, a warm and wet September can also mean many problems with fly strike (and on ewes as their fleeces are regrowing now).

Hedge trimming can begin as there are no nesting birds now but judiciously, allowing berries and fruits to provide food for birds over winter. We usually leave ours until the end of winter. The fallen fruit in the orchard will also provide food for insects, birds and animals. Quite a job picking windfalls that haven't been nibbled by something and dodging drunken wasps!

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# Eye Care For You

Looking after your peepers is important, but did you know that your eye check-up can also shine a light on other health issues you may have? This year's National Eye Health Week is set to take place from the 23rd to 29th September 2019. So many of us neglect our eyes but it really is worth your while to prioritise your eye health!

Often our eyes do not hurt when there's a problem. Having an eye test will not just tell you if you need glasses or a change of prescription – it's also an important eye health check.

An optician can spot many general health problems and early signs of eye conditions before you're aware of any symptoms, many of which can be treated if found early enough.

## How often should I have an eye test?

The NHS recommends that you should get your eyes tested every 2 years (more often if advised by your ophthalmic practitioner or optometrist).

## What should I do if I notice a change in my sight?

Visit your opticians or GP if you're concerned about any aspect of your vision at any time.

## Are some people more at risk from eye disease than others?

Some people are more at risk. It's particularly important to have regular eye tests if you're:

- older than 60
- from a certain ethnic group – people from African-Caribbean communities are at greater risk of developing glaucoma and diabetes, and people from south Asian communities are also at greater risk of developing diabetes (diabetic retinopathy, where the retina becomes damaged, is a common complication of diabetes)
- someone with a learning disability
- from a family with a history of eye disease

## What health conditions can also be detected during an eye health checkup?

**Dementia:** Specific types of dementia can damage the visual system and cause visual difficulties, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Rarer forms of dementia, such as posterior cortical atrophy can also cause visual difficulties.

**Diabetes:** An eye test can detect the condition before you notice any changes to your vision. Diabetes can affect small blood vessels in the eye, damaging the retina, which is vital for sight. Early characteristic changes, such as tiny leaks from damaged blood vessels can be detected.

**High blood pressure:** Patients with high blood pressure can develop a condition called hypertensive retinopathy. In this condition blood vessel

walls can thicken, narrowing the vessels and restricting blood flow. In some cases, the retina becomes swollen and the blood vessels can leak.

**Cardiovascular disease:** Having high cholesterol - which can lead to heart problems or a stroke - doesn't usually have any symptoms. However, it can cause blockages in any of the body's blood vessels, including those in the eyes. Little lumps of cholesterol can be spotted running through the blood vessels. These can block blood vessels resulting in short episodes of visual loss.

**Arthritis:** Autoimmune forms of the disease, like rheumatoid arthritis, as well as causing inflammation in your joints, can also cause inflammation in your eyes. This inflammation can very commonly cause dry eye, occasionally it can cause more serious conditions like inflammation of the iris.

**Tumours:** You may know that eye tests can detect cancers of the eye such as melanomas, but they can also detect signs of brain tumours. Swelling of the optic nerves can be visible during an eye test and can indicate that a brain tumour is present.



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# The Coffee Question

Every year on 1 October, the world comes together to celebrate coffee. Coffee has never been more popular, with an estimated 3 billion cups consumed every day. But is coffee good or bad for you?

## How does it work?

Coffee contains caffeine. Caffeine works by stimulating the central nervous system (CNS), heart, and muscles. Coffee also contains other chemicals that might have other benefits.

However coffee containing caffeine can cause insomnia, nervousness and restlessness, stomach upset, nausea and vomiting, increased heart and breathing rate, and other side effects. Consuming large amounts of coffee might also cause headache, anxiety, agitation, ringing in the ears, and irregular heartbeats.

Drinking unfiltered coffee can increase total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), and levels of another type of blood fat called triglycerides. This might increase the risk of developing heart disease. Using coffee filters helps to reduce these effects on cholesterol.

There is some concern that drinking more than 5 cups of coffee per day might not be safe for people

with heart disease. But for people who don't have heart disease, drinking several cups daily does not seem to increase the chance of developing a heart problem.

Coffee has been around for a long time and blamed for many ills — from stunting your growth to causing heart disease — but newer research shows that it may actually have health benefits.

People most commonly drink coffee to relieve mental and physical fatigue and to increase mental alertness. Coffee is also used to prevent Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and cognitive decline. It can also help to prevent gallstones, gout, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

Some studies have found an association between coffee consumption and decreased overall mortality and possibly cardiovascular mortality, although this may not be true in younger people who drink large amounts of coffee.

Why the apparent reversal in the thinking about coffee? Earlier studies didn't always take into account that known high-risk behaviours, such as smoking

and physical inactivity, tended to be more common among heavy coffee drinkers.

Studies have shown that coffee may have health benefits, including protecting against Parkinson's disease, type 2 diabetes and liver disease, including liver cancer. Coffee also appears to improve cognitive function and decrease the risk of depression.

However, the research appears to bear out some risks. High consumption of unfiltered coffee (boiled or espresso) has been associated with mild elevations in cholesterol levels.

In addition, some studies found that two or more cups of coffee a day can increase the risk of heart disease in people with a specific — and fairly common — genetic mutation that slows the breakdown of caffeine in the body. So, how quickly you metabolize coffee may affect your health risk.

Although coffee may have fewer risks compared with benefits, keep in mind that other beverages, such as milk and some fruit juices, contain nutrients that coffee doesn't. Also, adding cream and sugar to your coffee adds fat and calories — up to hundreds of calories in some cases.

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# Beside the Sea *by Deborah Walker*

As summer fades and shadows lengthen, we are drawn to the direction of light, stunning sunsets and sparkling water. 'Beside the Sea' is an exhibition of seascapes, large and small, opening on Saturday 14th September, by resident artist Deborah Walker RI RSMA alongside work by invited artists. 'the gallery @ Ridware Arts' is situated at Blythe House Farm in Hamstall Ridware, just off the A515 between Yoxall and Kings Bromley.

Specializing in watercolour, Deb is a landscape artist with a fascination for painting 'watery subjects'; from rivers to the sea. Elected to Membership of the Royal Society of Marine Artists in October last year,

Deb paints the sea and coast in all its moods, from the cliffs to the water's edge. While Deb exhibits in galleries throughout the country, she welcomes visitors to her studio gallery Thursday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm, throughout the year.

While featuring the sea, this Autumn collection also includes many small paintings from closer to home of watery locations surrounded by woodland. As well as paintings, the gallery exhibits beautiful glazed ceramics by John Stroomer from Victoria in Australia and Silver jewellery by local silversmith Lynn Kendall from Tutbury.

Coinciding with this exhibition here at 'the gallery' Deb will

also be exhibiting her first collection as a Member of the Royal Society of Marine Artists at the Mall Galleries in London from 10-19 October. All the latest paintings and many more can be viewed on her website at: <http://www.walker-art.co.uk>

For further information about the forthcoming exhibition 'Beside the Sea', classes or workshops, please contact Deb at 'the gallery' on T: 01889 504102 or E: [deb@walker-art.co.uk](mailto:deb@walker-art.co.uk)

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# What's On Guide

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### Shakespeare Group

Interested in Shakespeare? Limited spaces available. The group read and watch Shakespeares works Tuesdays 10 to 12 noon Call 01543 251556

## WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

### Burton Amateur Radio Club

Burton Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday evening at 7-30pm New members are very welcome and we meet at Stapenhill Institute 23 Main St, Burton-on-Trent DE15 9AP Contact Bob 07812 146333 [www.g3nfc.co.uk](http://www.g3nfc.co.uk) or [club@burton-arc.co.uk](mailto:club@burton-arc.co.uk)

## THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

### Burton Jazz Club

Every Thursday, at Marstons' Sports and Social Club, Shobnall Road, we present some of the best Jazz Bands in Britain, and occasionally Europe. We book as wide a variety of jazz as possible, but are mostly Traditional, Swing and Mainstream. Admission £9 on door from 7.30pm, for 8:30pm start, no membership, all welcome.

## FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

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## MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

### Meno Class with Sam

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## TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

### Carers + Cafes

Carers + cafe meets in the Brewhouse every Tuesday from 10 o'clock to 12.30 pm organised by the Rotary club of Burton upon Trent it is for Carers and the cared for to meet with and make new friends, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in a safe and friendly environment.

## WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

### Burton Abbey WI

Meeting at the Brewhouse on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am to 12 noon. Good Speakers, refreshments, also days out organised. New members welcome. For more information contact Pauline Gaskin 01283 565620

### Burton Folk Dance Club

Burton Folk Dance Club meet every Wednesday (except 2nd Wednesday each month) at Rough Hayes Community Centre, Henhurst Hill, DE13 9PX. From 7.30 to 9.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01283 812645.

### Barton-Under-Needwood WI

1st Wednesday of every month at The Village Hall, Crowberry Lane. Meeting 7.30-9.30 with good speakers, refreshments and fun. Organised events and trips throughout the year. New members and visitors always welcome.

## THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

### Beginners Ballroom & Latin Dance

With the Strictly season starting, follow in the footsteps of your favourite producer or celebrity, and come and learn to dance yourself! In a relaxed and informal setting you will soon learn to waltz, cha-cha, and foxtrot your way around the dance floor. The 8 week course costs just £40, or £6 per class per week. 6.30pm to 7.15pm, no partner necessary. Location: Want2Dance with Victoria, Wharf Road, Burton, DE14 1PZ. For more information please contact: 07791204903

## FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

### Burton Flower Club

We meet at The Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton DE13 0HE on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm Visitors are always welcome. Contact 01283 704180/ 01283 348754, visit [www.flowersnorthmidlands.co.uk](http://www.flowersnorthmidlands.co.uk)

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## MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER

### Burton Prostate Cancer Support Group

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## TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

### Branston Womens' Institute

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### Walton-on-Trent WI

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm Walton-on-Trent WI. We are a small friendly group who meet in Walton Village Hall. Come and join us for fun, friendship, learning and sharing. For more information contact Joan on 01283 713380

## WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

### 1st Burton Guides

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### Stretton & Claymills Women's Institute

Meeting in the back room of the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton at 7.15pm on the second Wednesday of every month and new members are very welcome. For info www.strettonandclaymillswi.wordpress.com or strettonandclaymillswi@gmail.com

## THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

### Beginners Ballroom & Latin Dance

Learn to waltz, cha-cha, and foxtrot your way around the dance floor. The 8 week course costs just £40, or £6 per class per week. 6.30pm to 7.15pm, no partner necessary.

### Burton Belles Women's Institute

From 7.15pm-9.30pm. We meet at the St Chads Centre DE14 2SS on the 2nd Thursday of the month. First timers can visit for free. £4 a month or £41 a year. Come along, make new friends, try something new and have fun. Contact: Wendy Plant Tel: 07772 548230

## FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

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## SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

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## SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

### Barton Bowls & Social Club

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## MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

### Three Spires Lace Group

3 Spires Lace is now a Lacemaking self help group which meets at the Community Room - Lichfield Fire Station, every Monday 1 -4 p.m. and also monthly on the fourth Saturday, 10.30 -15.30 .

### Briz Valley WI

Meeting at Violet Way Academy, Violet Way, Stapenhill on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30-9.30pm. We like to keep our meetings informal and friendly with an interesting programme of events. New members and visitors are always welcome, so why not come along and see what you think. For further details please contact Pat 07580568883

## TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

### Anslow Art Classes

At Anslow Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3pm. Discover how to draw and paint, use colour with confidence and create beautiful art in a friendly group with experienced artist and tutor Helen Tarr. All levels are welcome. Fees: £11 per class paid on the day or £9 per class for 6 weeks. For further details and to book your place please phone or text Helen on 07791 228 881 or email: helentarr2002@yahoo.co.uk

## WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

### Priory Art Group

We are a small friendly group of artists meeting at the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton, every Wednesday morning, 9.30 to 12 noon. New members are always welcome, whatever your level of experience, so why not come and have a chat to see what we have to offer. Contact Sandra: 01283 329743

## THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

### Holland Tug of War Club

Suitable for all abilities, aged 14 upwards, girls, boys and adults all very welcome. No matter what level of fitness. Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm, at the Holland Sports Club off Efflinch Lane, Barton Under Needwood, DE13 8ET. Contact Emily on 07500352329 hollandtowc@gmail.com

## FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

### Doveside Women's Institute

Meet at the Rolleston Club, 15 Burnside, 9.30am on the 3rd Friday of every month. We're a large, friendly group with interesting speakers at the meetings and varied, numerous outings you can join in with. Why not come along for free and see what it's all about? Just turn up or email us at dovesidewi@gmail.com.

## SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

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# Ultimate Goey Chocolate Cake

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Do you ever think that sometimes a chocolate cake can just end up disappointing? A bit too dry or with grainy chocolate frosting? Well we've found the ultimate recipe! What better way to celebrate both than by baking the gooiest most indulgent chocolate cake?!...

## Super Goey Chocolate Cake

### Ingredients:

245g plain flour  
450g granulated white sugar  
95g unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
2 large eggs  
225ml buttermilk  
115ml melted butter  
1 tbsp vanilla extract  
225ml hot coffee

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 175c. Grease and flour two 9-inch baking tins (or line with parchment paper circles) and set aside.

In a large bowl stir together flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Add eggs, buttermilk, melted butter and vanilla extract and mix until smooth. Stir in hot coffee with a spatula. Your batter will be very runny.

Pour batter evenly between the two cake tins and bake on middle rack of oven for about 35 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean with just a few moist crumbs attached.

Allow to cool 15 minutes in the tins, then run a butter knife around the edges of each cake. Place a wire cooling rack over the top of each pan. Wearing oven gloves, use both hands to hold the racks in place while flipping the cakes over onto the racks. Set the racks down and gently thump on the

bottom of the pans until the cakes release. Cool completely before handling or icing.

### Extra Glossy and Indulgent Chocolate Ganache:

100 ml heavy cream  
1/2 cup chopped dark chocolate  
2 tbsp glucose

### Instructions:

Heat cream until very hot, or almost boiling and add the chocolate. Let sit for 2-3 minutes to allow the chocolate to melt. Stir with a whisk or a spoon until glossy. Add the glucose & stir until it's well incorporated into the chocolate & smooth.

Place the bowl or cup with ganache into another bowl or cup filled with cold water. Stir the chocolate slowly allowing it to cool to room temperature, or until it's thick enough that it will form a drizzle. Spread some on one of the cakes and top with the other cake to form two layers. Pour the remaining ganache down the sides of the cake.



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Try to calm the cat by speaking to them gently and offering them water or strong smelling food such as fish.

Usually when cats are unable to see, they should relax. Therefore it may be a good idea to place a light blanket



over them before moving them. Once covered, with no way to see what's going on, the cat should feel secure and will begin to relax.

If they are in the road, then you need to move them before anything else, or they may get

struck by a car. Try to move them gently onto a board or flat surface and move them that way, so as to not make any injuries worse.

Please contact the RSPCA on 0300 123 4555 then take it to a vet quoting the reference number given to you by the RSPCA.

You will not be charged as the vet has a duty of care to stabilise the animal and try to find its owner via the RSPCA, Cats Protection etc. If you would like a copy of the RSPCA / BVA agreement, send an email to enquiries@derbybranch.cats.org.uk



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