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Close to the breadline

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Malcolm Ferey, chief executive of the Citizen's Advice Bureau, admitted that the number of Islanders struggling financially was a concern.

He said: 'There is still a significant minority who are having problems with regards to day-to-day living.'

'The positive side is that there is a small improvement and I would like to think that is down to the help people are receiving and the small signs of economic recovery.'

A fifth of households surveyed said that they had had to avoid buying their children new clothes because of money restrictions, while 31 per cent reported having difficulties heating their home in the past 12 months.

Mr Ferey added: 'We do see people come to us, particularly at this time of year, with the old adage of "heating or eating", and it is a very real problem.'

'People can suddenly find their financial situation changes – very often through no fault of their own – and finding a way to cope with that would be very difficult for anybody.'

'What we do find is that once those people are on the road to recovery, they do tend to take that advice forward, but no one can afford to think they are not vulnerable to a situation like this, as they can get into deep water very quickly.'



One in ten families are having to make do with a sandwich for a main meal at least 'sometimes'

Anne King, chief executive of the Jersey Consumer Council, said: 'It is extremely alarming to read that one in ten households reported going without a cooked main meal every day at least "sometimes" due to a shortage of money. Food prices remain a concern to the council.'

'The survey reports that "almost a sixth had no idea how much they spent on a monthly basis to heat their home. We urge consumers to review their

home energy costs to ensure they are spending their money wisely.'

The survey was sent to 3,200 randomly selected households and is regularly used to help shape government policy.

• Do the figures represent reality for you? Are you struggling or are you finding that things are improving as the economy recovers? Have your say on jerseyeveningpost.com.

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In brief

Approach had no criminal intent

DETECTIVES investigating a report that an elderly man approached a young girl during the summer have now ruled out any criminal activity. An investigation was launched in June after the man, believed to be in his 70s, allegedly took a seven-year-old by the hand after she became separated from friends in St Martin. In a statement released yesterday, the force said: 'Police have now identified the elderly man involved and have established there was no criminal intent and rather just a genuine misunderstanding.'

Lodging house rights review

THE rights of people living in lodging houses will be reviewed over the next few months, Housing Minister Anne Pryke has said. In response to a States question from Deputy Sam Mézec, asking whether there were any plans to improve security of tenure for lodgers, Deputy Pryke said that although most rental accommodation was already covered by the Residential Tenancy Law, this only covered 'self-contained' units such as flats and bedsits. 'I am keen to see what can be done for the minority,' she said, adding that a report would be made available in the first quarter of next year. She said she would be looking to improve minimum standards and security of tenure.

Same sex marriage 'historic milestone'

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SAME sex couples will be able to marry from 2017 if proposals from the Chief Minister's office are accepted by the States.

The plans, which are due to be lodged in the States today, will legalise marriage for same sex couples, who can only have a civil partnership under current Jersey law.

During the run up to the elections, same sex marriage was a highly debated issue at hustings and earlier in the year the Chief Minister's Department launched a consultation on the introduction of equal marriage legislation earlier in the year.

Martin Gavet, chairman of LGBT charity Liberate, hailed the proposals as a major step forward for equality in the Island.

'This is an historic milestone in our quest for true equality under the law for all persons, regardless of their gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race or belief,' he said.

'We at Liberate want Jersey to get this right, and that means changing many of Jersey's laws and policies to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally in dignity and rights. 'Soon everyone in Jersey will be able to marry the person they love, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.'

Mr Gavet, who together with Liberation vice chairman Christian May and committee member Vic Tanner-Davy, have been in regular contact with the Chief Minister's Depart-



A rally to support the legalisation of marriage for same sex couples was held in July

ment since a public rally through St Helier at the end of July, said that discussions had been very positive.

'We at Liberate are grateful to Senator Gorst and his team, and impressed by the thoroughness of the research and thought that has gone into this exercise. Most of all we are delighted that today we are on the

verge of making history in Jersey,' he said.

'We understand that some may be disappointed at the timetable for legislative change, but one has to consider the impact such changes will have in terms of the effect on other laws such as taxation laws, which will need to be amended by legislative draftmen.'



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