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A Dismal Attraction?

Dismaland has been a huge success for our town in terms of visitor numbers both to the exhibit and the town generally. £20m additional revenue has been brought into Weston with 4,700 visitors a day and Banksy could now be considered our most popular living artist. The creators of Dismaland claimed to make you think and to defy the consumer society. The novelty of this clearly stirred the curiosity of many.

We will leave the artistic debate to those who will do it much more justice than us, but we did smile at the notice saying that Disney lawyers were prohibited on the site. If you would like to talk to real lawyers rather than Disney lawyers please get in touch.

Thinking of contesting a Will?

When someone close to you dies, taking legal advice about the contents of their Will is probably the last thing you want to be thinking about but it is important that you do, or you may lose the chance to challenge the content – or the validity – of the Will. There are strict time limits operating and you could miss out if you don't act quickly.

At PowellsLaw, we can advise you on whether you have a valid claim against an estate and we offer a fixed fee consultation for £100. Our specialist team will be able to make an initial assessment of your claim and will also be able to provide you with an idea of the costs if you wish us to proceed on your behalf.

If you would like to talk to someone about contesting a Will, please contact us at HelpForYou@powellslaw.com or telephone **01934 623 501** and ask to speak to our Litigation Team.



Our latest Question and Answer

Question: I need some advice regarding my relationship and children. Is legal aid still available?

Answer: Since the 1st April 2013, Legal Aid is only available in cases if you are or have been a victim of domestic abuse. Domestic Abuse is defined as “any incident, pattern of incidents, controlling behaviour, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (whether psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between individuals who are associated with each other”. In order to qualify for Legal Aid a solicitor will need certain evidence from you. This could be documentation relating to police prosecution or caution of your partner or an injunction within the last 24 months or any documents relating to ongoing criminal proceedings. If these are not available you’ll need to provide confirmation from any domestic abuse organisation you have been involved with or GP/ health professional that the condition or injury could only have been caused by domestic abuse. If the case relates to an allegation that a child may be at risk of abuse, again the evidence required will be proof of conviction or caution against a child or ongoing case of abuse of a child which can involve neglect, maltreatment and exploitation of a child under the age of 18. If there have been injunctions to protect the child taken out in the last 24 months then this can also serve as proof. The Legal Aid Agency will also accept any findings made by a court within the last 24 months that the child has been abused by the person you are seeking advice about or a letter from the Social Services Department stating that a child has been assessed as being, or at risk of being a victim of child abuse. These documents should be produced at the first meeting as without them the solicitor cannot act.



For advice regarding the above please contact a member of our Family team on **01934 637 904** or e-mail hopkin@powellslaw.com

Coffee and Cake

On Friday
25th
September,
here at
PowellsLaw
we got our
aprons on,

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our bowls out and made some magic happen all in the name of Macmillan. Joining in with the World’s Biggest Macmillan Coffee Morning we went all out on cake and even held a cake inspired competition which was enjoyed by all of us here and our clients.

We’re delighted to announce that from this event we raised £153.77 for Macmillan Cancer Support. This money goes towards Macmillan’s continued hard work in reaching and improving the lives of everyone living with cancer. The Macmillan Coffee Morning has now been running since 1990 and in this time has risen over £138 million.

Look out for more details on our next fundraising event on 13th November celebrating with Pudsey for Children in Need.

Sponsorships

Weston-super-Mare Swimming Club, powered by PowellsLaw, are about to commence this years’ round of Arena premier league fixtures against the likes of Millfield, Cardiff and Plymouth. We wish them the very best of luck, for a small club they are punching well above their weight.



Taking to the air

Listen out for PowellsLaw who will be taking to the air for the first time with a range of radio adverts coming soon to The Breeze.



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