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They're no street urchins

The Young And Homeless (BBC1, 10.45pm)

Stacey Dooley rarely covers British topics, but she makes an exception for this report on the teenage “hidden homeless” who elude official statistics. Josh, 18, works sporadically in Blackpool but can't afford a flat. Fifty-odd miles southeast, in Manchester, Shelby and Caitlin, both also 18, sleep on a friend's sofa and in a tent respectively. In Devon, 17-year-old Millie, who had to leave home at 14, has been rescued by a host family scheme.

Some viewers may be surprised that a Children in Need-linked programme should focus on a group of whom three are no longer advocate, countering preconceptions — most young homeless, she says, are so due to conflicts with families, not addiction issues — and pointing out that they become lower priority for councils upon turning 18.

John Dugdale