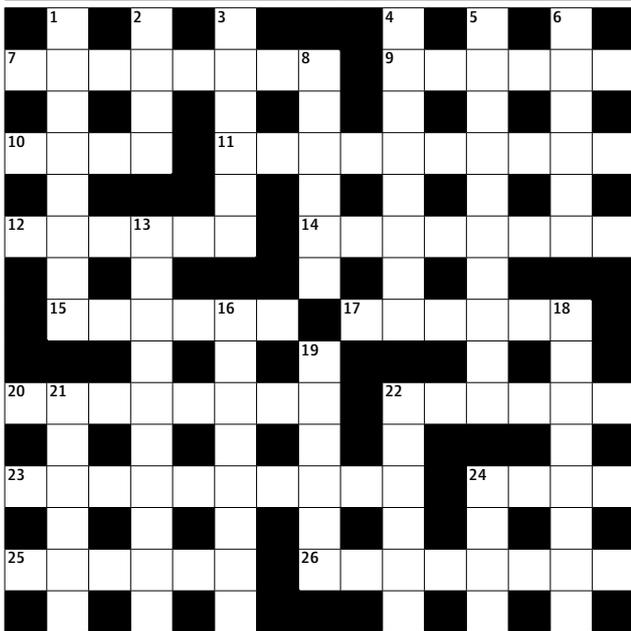


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,555 set by Boatman

## Across

- 7 Went out before snow-storm in Telford and Harlow, perhaps (3,5)  
 9 Cold drink (6)  
 10 Welcome sign of cold weather (4)  
 11 Rendition: a treatment that's excessive (10)  
 12 It's cold: first frost on hilltop (6)  
 14 Always remove injured soldiers (8)  
 15 Adverse weather report overlooked (6)  
 17 Constancy of saint, unaltered (6)  
 20 An island in the sun, after Boatman views report of adverse travel conditions (3,5)  
 22,8 Succeed with attempt to set out, turning about in burst of sleet? (6,6)  
 23 Spooner's call for unlikely defrosting – it's needed to ease transportation (7,3)  
 24 An end to snow? What nonsense! (4)  
 25 Iron alloy beneath surface of fake pound coin (6)  
 26 They may be right; the alternative is to embrace evidence, ultimately (8)

## Down

- 1 Star puts curse on a music industry award: Boatman's lost (8)

- 2 Delayed, held up with other people ... (2,2)  
 3 ... for some time in hail, we broke down (6)  
 4 As a good dog with bone, it deliberated (8)  
 5 Rock artist's sound, supported by two family members (10)  
 6 Filthy weather, not warm? At first you'll need this (6)  
 8 See 22 across  
 13 Exhibition of Spode's "Troy" ersatz vessels (10)  
 16 Imagine letters circulating about the end of the pencil! (8)  
 18 She runs stark ere collapsing (8)  
 19 Company goes in to move rest of convoy (6)  
 21 Freezing cold, as the Downs are (6)  
 22 Change after end of snowman (6)  
 24 Some sleet or snow on the hills (4)

Solution No. 25,554

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