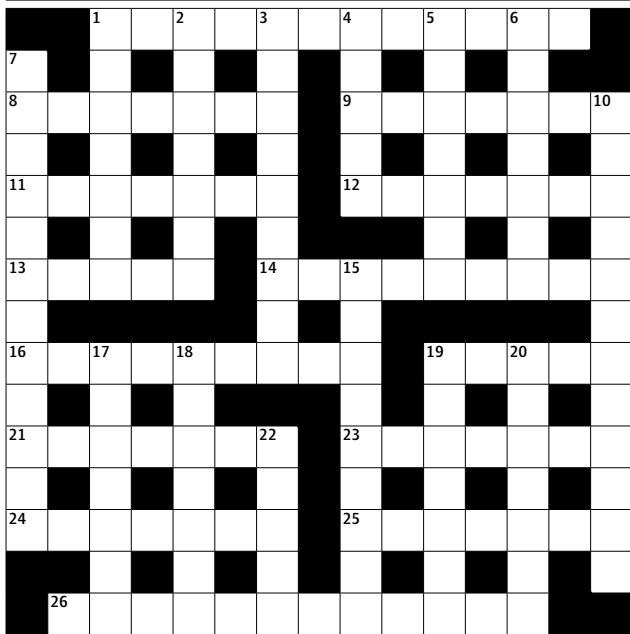


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,235 set by Shed

## Across

- 1 Composer of 23's "fine and private place", embracing a total reversal (4,8)
- 8 City governed by thug (7)
- 9 Heads of ulna and tibia extracted from beautiful broken bones (7)
- 11 Back of Alton Towers changing direction (7)
- 12 Trendy – right-on at heart – yet enduring (7)
- 13 Last bit of face powder turned to striking effect (5)
- 14 Dull paper about Hitler's rewritten (9)
- 16 Highly influential, if admitted to part of penultimate round (4-5)
- 19 Poet finding way round Luxembourg (5)
- 21 Family member dropping head case (7)
- 23 Wonderland minus/plus poet? (7)
- 24 Child, originally gentle, disturbed by lack of attention (7)
- 25 Shirt –  $2 \div 1,000$ ? (7)
- 26 A cur ill-disposed to get into festivity – more so than usual (12)

## Down

- 1 Shoot nurse with endless stream (7)
- 2 Caustic electronic mouse, maybe (7)
- 3 Homunculus's missile? (9)

- 4 Mystic cheerleader, albeit American, uplifted (5)
- 5 Hour in which ethnic group rises for fresh start (7)
- 6 Fringe of troubled enclave (7)
- 7 Honest genius ditching one misguided one? (12)
- 10 Flower arrangement of Eliza Doolittle's second to be interrupted by school, twice (12)
- 15 Hero from Biblical kingdom (Eastern) turning up in list (4,5)
- 17 Compiler's seaweed absorbing compiler's pain (7)
- 18 Snow White, say, is quick to suppress anger (7)
- 19 Reader's country home shortly erected (7)
- 20 Spike Milligan initially standing in vote for something useful (7)
- 22 Bluestocking's secret weapon (5)

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