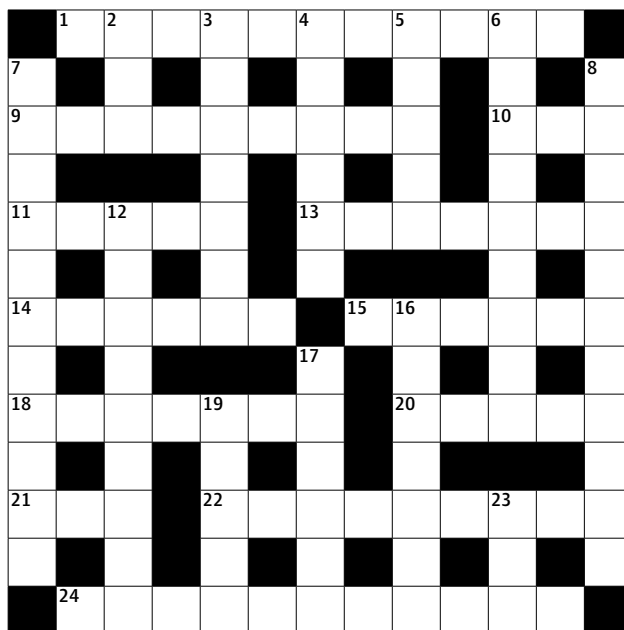


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Across

- 1** Powerful and wealthy (11)
9 Spontaneous (9)
10 Colour (3)
11 Sizeable (5)
13 Big mistake (when dropped) (7)
14 Pulpit speech (6)
15 Declare one's commitment (to) (6)
18 West London exhibition venue – Washington state capital (7)
20 Material – or any (anag) (5)
21 Engage in a winter sport (3)
22 Commotion (9)
24 Football's box (7,4)

Down

- 2** Circuit (3)
3 Hunting cry (5-2)
4 Drive home (an argument) (6)
5 Entertainments venue (5)
6 Disgrace (9)
7 Creamy soup, served chilled (11)
8 Manipulate constituency boundaries (11)
12 Old single (5-4)

- 16** Recipe (7)
17 Bird (that repeats) (6)
19 High-class – permanent (5)
23 Exclamation of mock dismay (3)

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