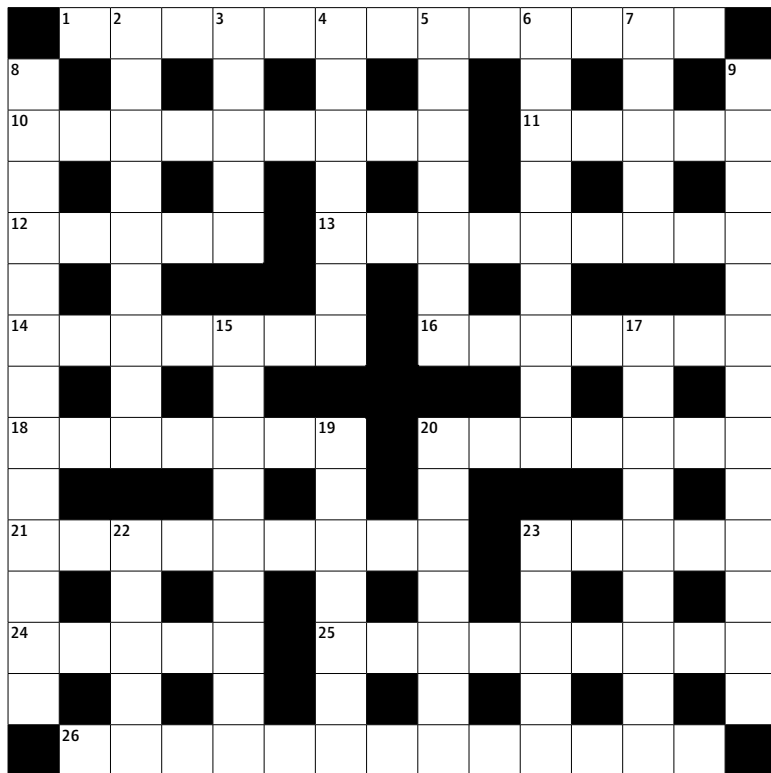


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,034 set by Vlad



The middle letter of 20dn was corrected at 0730 on 16 June 2026.

Across

- 1 How many setters start the day in chaos? (4,9)
- 10 A long lens ultimately keeping Lenny's body in range (9)
- 11 Supports while accepting risk (5)
- 12 Check Republican's been sacked - result! (5)
- 13 Awkward our being close to Spanish border (9)
- 14 Is company taking on somebody as playwright? (7)
- 16 Enjoyment's over - ready to leave for good (5,2)
- 18 'Gathered government's not productive' (Davey) (7)
- 20 Keep boss cut off, exactly as ordered (7)
- 21 Go with girl to collect a little cabinet - it should contain drawers (4,5)
- 23 Load coach before journey (5)
- 24 See 26
- 25 I made a mistake taking heroin during journey - 19s might be on it (9)
- 26/24 Prices down, cleaners refurbished undesirable address in Norwich? (6,7,5)

Down

- 2 Honour thrilled niece - ASBO! (9)
- 3 Confess, having originally eaten char (5)
- 4 Drive home to meet (3,4)
- 5 Lays into American behind troubles (7)
- 6 Gordon, comically tight, sent back shooting accessories (9)
- 7 Take responsibility for diatomic carbon, they said (3,2)
- 8 Women doctors taking train east nervous - 'Where can one get a drink?' (8,5)
- 9 Dire prospects unsettled group morale (6,2,5)
- 15 Students about to have sex endlessly - nurse providing some sort of protection (9)
- 17 Shocks on the way in cabaret (5,4)
- 19 Crazy English repeatedly defending king - one chosen to serve (7)
- 20 Idiot stops benefit - blow it! (7)
- 22 Cake maker with large number over (5)
- 23 Skip picked up more packing cases (5)

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