

M3 Project

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Funding success

WE ARE delighted to announce the M3 Project has been awarded a major grant securing our supported lodging project across East Lancashire for the next two years.

However, we still have a significant shortfall if we are to maintain the current level of service so please keep supporting M3.

Meet the team



Joanne

I have worked for the M3 Project for 8 years now. Originally I worked with single young people aged 16-25 years old in training flats to assist them with learning independent skills in order to have confidence to move on to independent living.

I now work with teenage mothers and families and this vulnerable group can present with many different issues and need support around complex needs.

We have fully resettled 34 families in the East Lancashire area over the last three years.

Opening the doors - our story

HOUSEHOLDERS

Chris and Peter, from Rawtenstall, have been working with us to provide supported lodgings for young people for nearly four years. Here they tell their story.

"When we started with the project we were apprehensive and thought maybe we wouldn't be able to assist with the young people. Alan, the project manager, came round and explained how the project works and how they also provide support for the young person emotionally and with all the paperwork involved, which made us feel more confident to being able to provide a suitable placement for the young people of East Lancashire.

"When the young person moves into the house they are provided with a small welcome pack from M3, which aids and helps the householder and the young person get to know each other and also learn some vital and important skills for when they move out after their placement ends.

"This can be a scary thought to the young person, as often when a young person becomes homeless they can become lonely, isolated from friends and family. They can also get involved with short term loans. All of these can lead to health and mental health issues and a low esteem at such an important time in their lives.

"As householders we try and get to know the young person and assist in any issues they might have.



"We work closely with the M3 Project making sure the young person's key-worker is involved throughout so if there's anything we, as the householders can't assist with, the M3 project may be able to. We provide a warm and comfortable room which the young person can call home whilst assisting the young person to come to terms with living on their own and teaching them basic life skills in which they need to live an independent life.

"Over the years we've provided accommodation for several young people, the majority of these have progressed to live on their own, completed their studies at college and either gone onto further education or other avenues they wanted to pursue whilst they are young.

"The majority of them still stay in touch and feel they have become part of the family. We really enjoy being householders and advise anyone considering in helping young people to get in touch to see if they can help with something long or short term."

So what is M3?

M3 is a specialist charity that offers a variety of accommodation services to homeless young people aged 16-25.

Accommodation is provided throughout Pennine Lancashire in Rossendale, Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn using supported lodgings as well as independent supported properties.

From our office base in Rawtenstall, we offer up to 12 supported long-term places and four emergency places.

We also run a teenage family project across East Lancashire.

Click to support

THANK you to our landlord NCS Support Services, in Rawtenstall, who helps us with office premises and IT support.

If you want to help on our website there is a donations section where you can select how you would like to help the project.

Just click your choice and follow the simple instructions.

M3 facts

IN 2014 the M3 Project provided emergency supported lodgings for 40 young people.

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