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Malcolm

As we arrive at Ropewalk Gardens, Malcolm greets us with a huge smile welcoming us into the building. Later he tells us: “I really like living here. The staff are all really nice. While I am here I am going to look into more things I could do like gardening.” Having previously lived in a residential service, Malcolm proudly shows us the building and his home, explaining that he is looking forward to his new couch being delivered which he has chosen.

Adele

Adele invites us into her new flat explaining she is working to personalise it to her own taste with a new carpet. Adele is also hoping to get a cat, which is something her team are supporting her with.

Andrew

Andrew is enjoying his own home at Ropewalk Gardens. “I love living here. One of the best things is that I am surrounded by friends and neighbours and the space is my own,” he says. Andrew, who has a love of music, shows off his DJ set which has taken pride of place in his living room: “I like to DJ and have the opportunity to perform locally. It is a good location.”

A new era

Brindley Moss: a new supported living development nears completion

Brindley Moss, Timperley’s first purpose-built supported living development was topped out by the Mayor of the Borough of Trafford, Ejaz Malik, on the 4th September 2014.

The development is designed for adults with learning and physical disabilities and other complex needs to live independently.

To celebrate the topping of this progressive development, the Mayor was joined by Deputy Leader of the Council, Michael Young, and Lifeways Chief Executive, Paul Marriner, along with Lifeways’ development partners HB Villages and Inclusion Housing and key members of the local community and press.

Paul Marriner, Chief Executive of Lifeways, said: “Lifeways is delighted to be part of such an exciting and innovative development. The facilities, opportunities and support on offer at Brindley Moss are second to none and provide each tenant with the confidence and independence to choose how they live their lives.”
Idreace

Idreace laughs with his Support Worker Lewis as he tells us about his new home: “I am familiar with all my support workers, me and Lewis really get on with each other,” he continues: “My favourite thing about living here is I have my own space, I feel more independent.” Idreace is in his final year studying Business and Finance at Blackburn College: “I am hoping to study accountancy after I graduate college; it is an exciting time for me.”

Naseem

Naseem, who previously lived in a private home, couldn’t be happier about her move to Moorgate Mill. She tells us: “The staff can’t do enough for me. They are excellent, I am in control of my support and only get help when I need it.” Naseem has a wrist pendant to alert the Tunstall system, she can press this using her wrist when she requires support. Naseem tells us: “I feel more independent, I am so happy here.”

Moorgate Mill

Moorgate Mill offers independent living for adults with learning and physical disabilities. This new development, in the heart of Blackburn, comprises 20 bespoke apartments.

Joanne Murphy, Service Manager says: “I think the creation of bespoke supported living apartments like this one is so important. They allow people with a learning disability to become part of their local community, living in their own homes, under their own tenancies.”

The service demonstrates our commitment to delivering quality and innovation - through assistive technology we can help the individual make the most of their potential, empowering people to be as self-sufficient as possible, in all aspects of their lives.

Vicky O’Hara Team Leader says: “Moorgate Mill has such a positive environment. Moving house can be an overwhelming experience, however the tenants have settled in really well and seem really pleased with their new homes.”

Achieving independence

Top marks for new supported living project

In 2015, Moorgate Mill was voted the best supported living service at the Specialist Care Awards. The awards recognise outstanding innovators and performers in the UK care sector.

Janine Forshaw, New Build Project Manager for Moorgate Mill, collected the award on behalf of Lifeways. Janine told us: “I am delighted to accept this award on behalf of Moorgate Mill and Lifeways. It demonstrates the hard work and dedication of the team, which has enabled people to benefit from truly personalised supported living.”

Lifeways defeated strong competition to earn the award in recognition of the outstanding innovative approach in developing Moorgate Mill. The award is testament to what can be achieved when organisations work in partnership to meet the needs of a local community.

Janine continues: “Working in partnership with the local authority, we wanted to ensure that the focus for the service was around the people who live there. Everyone’s wishes were captured from the type of staff employed at the scheme, down to the choice of paint colour used in each individual’s flat. This was then incorporated into the planning and development of the service. This ethos continues to drive the scheme in order to provide individuals with a tailored package of good quality support that promotes their independence wherever possible.”

Joanne Murphy, Service Manager added: “I am thrilled that the team has been recognised for the work they do on a daily basis. They have faced a number of challenges that we have overcome together in order to help individuals achieve their goals and to live the lives they want. The team continues to grow and develop, looking forward to new challenges that will result in positive outcomes for the people we support. We are currently working with individuals to identify ways to fundraise in order to create a new sensory garden that will be accessible to everyone who lives at Moorgate Mill.”

Janine Forshaw collecting the award presented by Bill Turnbull

Celebrating success

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Chris’ new found freedom

After taking the leap to move out of his parent’s house, Chris is enjoying his independence in his own apartment at Scholes Croft. Chris tells us: “Before my social worker referred me to Lifeways I was looking for somewhere to live for a while. For me it was a case of finding somewhere that met my needs. I looked at other places but the support was more intense, I needed somewhere that would help me to learn and develop to become as independent as possible.”

Chris has developed a love of cooking and when we visited he was in the middle of preparing a well-loved favourite – beef stew. Cooking was something Chris was unable to do previously due to accessibility but with his new home tailored to meet all his needs he is learning new recipes all the time. Chris continues: “I am now much more independent and feel in control of my life, I try to keep busy.” He loves grabbing a drink at his favourite new local with a few of the other guys from Scholes and likes to stay active through swimming.

Chris’ support worker, Anne explains: “Chris has achieved a great deal since moving into Scholes Croft. He is continuously developing new skills to maintain his home and his independence has significantly increased. He is an inspiration and shows what can be achieved with determination and positivity.”

Anthony’s home

Finding a place to live where he could feel settled and at home was on the top of Anthony’s wish list. In November his wish came true when he moved to Scholes Croft.

Anthony tells us this is the first time he has felt settled and says he values his independence and space: “It is a relaxing environment where I only get the support I need to let me enjoy my independence.” For Anthony it is an ideal location close to his family so he can still go on regular fishing trips with his brother.

Anthony’s favourite pastime is hunting for bargains in the local charity shops and looking for cool things to kit out his apartment with. This includes a full-sized air hockey table which takes pride of place in his living room. Anthony explains: “My confidence has increased, I would have never socialised with people before I moved to Scholes Croft but now I am happy to call the other tenants my mates. It’s a whole new world for me.”

Pat shares her story

Pat, 59, previously lived in a nursing home; she tells us her story about finding her ideal home at Cobblestone Corner.

Pat’s sister Susan tells us: “Pat can no longer be cared for at home and has lived in residential homes for the past four years. She was then placed into two different nursing homes, but they were more focused around elderly people.”

Her sister Mary continues: “It was horrible to see my sister in a nursing home, with no appropriate options available to her. When we heard about Cobblestone Corner we were very excited to find somewhere suitable for Pat. ‘Pat’s home is personalised to her, assistive technology aids Pat with her personal care, ensuring dignity and comfort.

One of Pat’s support team, Gemma Munjic says: “Through assistive technology we can help Pat become more independent, empowering her to be as autonomous as possible, in all aspects of her life. We can provide affordable solutions that offer ‘arms length’ support. For Pat this means a wrist pendant to press to let us know if she needs support and technology to aid with personal care.”

Pat continues: “I have had choice and control over everything, including choosing my own new furniture. I love living here and I am happy to call it my home.”

Ground breaking ceremony for Hazeldene Gardens was a great success

In September 2014, Lifeways and partners for the development Inclusion Housing, invited key members of the local community to the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new purpose-built supported living development at Hazeldene Gardens. Councillor Val Gugliemi, Chairman of Tendring District Council cut the first sod for the development in what proved to be a great day for all involved.

Hazeldene Gardens will offer adults with a range of diverse and complex support needs the opportunity to live safely and independently within their community with a 24/7 on site support presence. Adam Penwarden, Lifeways Operations Director, commented: “It’s great to see this innovative scheme evolve and develop at the heart of the community. We are all looking forward to returning for the opening ceremony and to meeting the tenants who will call Hazeldene Gardens home.”
In December 2014, the first sod of ground was cut by Councillor Sharon Briggs JP, Deputy Mayor of Bury Council, during the ground breaking ceremony for Bury’s first purpose-built supported living development.

Canalside Gardens, on Whittaker Street, is a £2.3 million development consisting of 14 apartments which have been designed in partnership with Inclusion Housing CIC and Lifeways Community Care.

The development will provide a safe environment for local adults with learning and physical disabilities allowing them to live independently and give them the freedom to manage their own home, budgets and lifestyle with support as and when required.

Councillor Sharon Briggs JP, Deputy Mayor of Bury Council, was joined by all partners involved in the project to celebrate the work starting on this progressive scheme.

Jemima Taylor, Group Director of Development and Communications at Lifeways, said: “Co-production is at the heart of everything we do. Lifeways are thrilled to be part of finding a solution to meet the needs of people wanting to move onto greater independence. From the overall building design to the design and layout of each individual home, Canalside Gardens will provide people with high quality and adapted accommodation.”

David de Silva, Chief Executive of Inclusion Housing, said: “Canalside Gardens is to be a fantastic example of what can be achieved through innovative partnership working between Statutory, Not for Profit and Private sectors. Inclusion Housing is proud to be part of this scheme and the best bit, is yet to come; welcoming the tenants into their new homes. We look forward to working in partnership with Lifeways and Bury Council in making this a valued resource for years to come.”

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