

## Grant success means M3 future is secure

AFTER being granted three funding bids, M3 Project has not only secured its future but also increased the workforce.

We were successful in securing grants from Comic Relief and the Lloyds Bank Foundation totalling £68,000 over two years to cover core costs and develop new projects.

In addition, we have just received £96,000 over three years from Children In Need.

This money will pay for an exciting new project in prevention and mediation. Young people who have been helped by M3 will become peer mentors to work with other young people who are facing a housing crisis.

Project Manager Alan Dorrington said: "They will provide a listening ear and will be given mediation training to work with



small groups of young people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

"There are three aims: to try to help young people stay at home if possible; to help with the transition between living at home and into supported accommodation; to signpost the young person to where they can find emergency accommodation support."

A mediation service from

Wigan will be training the young people and M3 is currently recruiting a new member of staff to run the project and they should be in place by June.

There has also been an extension to Lancashire County Council's Supporting People Budget, our funding will now be in place until September 2018 covering the teenage families and supporting lodging provision.

## First of two new staff members at M3

**NEW charity development worker Lynn Haworth has worked in the housing business for 27 years.**

She was facing redundancy from Twin Valley Homes, now Together Housing, when she saw the job advertised at M3.

Lynn said: "I have a background of working with the homeless and as a homeless officer and moved on to managing teams around housing support for people of all ages.

"This job appealed to me because it was my way of giving something back particularly within my own community, it was also near to home and was part-time.

"My role is to promote M3 and what it is all about, to look at the referral pathways and I am interested in linking up with larger businesses and hopefully helping to support people who want to fundraise for us."

Lynn, from Waterfoot, has three grown-up children.



## School news

PUPILS from Fearn's Community Sports College, Stacksteads, who raised money for the M3 Project through a £10 challenge wrote about the charity for BBC School News Report.

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## 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 13 supported lodgings places alongside nine teenage family places across East Lancashire.

## Click to support

**HELPING M3 couldn't be easier – it is just a click away.**

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

**AFTER Easter, mums and their babies and toddlers being supported by M3 will be able to access a new group at Longholme Methodist Church, Rawtenstall.**