

M3 Project **N E W S**

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Get on our bikes

RAWTENSTALL'S Marks and Spencer Food Hall has selected M3 as its charity of the year.

To kick-start our fundraising at the store at Newhallhey, on Saturday September 24 we will have two static bikes being pedalled to raise money for M3.

We are looking for volunteers to help ride the bikes in our Homeward Bound challenge and we will be collecting as the cycling takes place.

Call 01706 216600 to book your place on one of the bikes.

Future funding

M3 is currently undergoing a restructuring process and bidding for funding from a variety of different organisations and trusts.

Our main source of income from the Supporting People budget administered by Lancashire County Council is being slashed but how projects like M3 will be affected by the changes brought about is still not clear.

However although the M3 model will change, it will still be a major provider for accommodation for young homeless within Rossendale.



Appeal for more homes

AN APPEAL is being made for householders to join M3 Project from the Rossendale and Hyndburn areas.

The Rawtenstall-based charity provides supported places for 13 young people aged between 16 and 25 and nine places for teenage families.

Project Manager Alan Dorrington said: "As part of our restructuring we need additional householders for our Community Lodgings project.

"The process to become a householder is fairly easy and often involves a series of meetings before a final assessment.

"At these we establish what is expected from a householder, what we provide in terms of support both to the young person and the householder as well as why the householder wants to get involved with M3. We also carry out all the necessary and relevant checks."

Once a placement is agreed, the young person is allocated a key worker to provide support and 24-hour on-call assistance, seven days a week.

Alan said: "All we ask is that the householders keep us informed of how the young person is doing and we will

do the same."

Chris and Peter provide supported accommodation in Rawtenstall for young people on M3.

They said: "The majority of the young people stay in touch and feel they have become part of the family.

"We really enjoy being householders and advise anyone considering helping young people to get in touch to see if they can help with something long or short term."

M3 was established 13 years ago and has supported hundreds of young people over the years.

It was set up because it was realised that young people needing accommodation were often being housed outside of the Valley. This could lead them to sever their ties with home and the area they had been brought up in.

Alan added: "Our Community Lodgings project is about bringing people together, sometimes older people, to help and support young people to remain in a community that is familiar to them and that they already have a vested interest in."

Anyone who wants to find out more about becoming a householder can contact Alan on 01706 216600.

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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.

Thank you for all your donations to date.

M3 facts

IN 2015 42 per cent of the young people who were helped by M3 were aged 16 or 17.