

Moments to Cherish

SALFORD SUPPORTED LIVING

Steven gets a birthday message from David Beckham

Steven in our Salford Supporting Living service recently celebrated his birthday. He is a huge, Manchester United fan and his staff team organised for him to receive a message from his hero David Beckham.

Steven was delighted his big smile says it all.

Tracey, Steven's sister said. "Steven comes from a family of Manchester United fans. When Joanne Shaw,

Steven's support worker offered to get Steven a signed United top from David Beckham, we were blown away. Steven was very happy and kept laughing whenever we mentioned David.

The fact that such a major star took the time to record a video and sign a top for Steven is amazing. Steven is one very happy man and we as Steven's family can't thank Jo enough for arranging it for him."



BOLTON OUTREACH

Mike achieves his DIY goal

Mike lives independently in his own home with his parents nearby. One of Mike's key goals is to socialise more and the Bolton Cares Outreach team matched him with staff who could help him achieve what he wanted.

Mike's support team helped him make a list of all the different things he wanted to experience.

On the list was trying some DIY and he decided he wanted to make new seat covers for his dining room chairs. With the team's support Mike measured the chair, chose the material he liked, went shopping, explained the amount of material he needed and purchased everything. He then excitedly set about making four new seat covers.

Mike did all the hard work himself; he followed instructions perfectly and did the last two seats without any support.

Mike said "I feel happy when I get to do arts and crafts with staff"

Jane his support worker said "This was an absolutely fantastic outcome for Mike. What a superstar he is."



Graham is happy in his new home



Graham had a fantastic life at home with his family but he got to a point in his life where he felt he was ready to move out. Green Lane in Bolton was identified as a possible home for him,

He met with Lesley and Ben and straight away it felt like a perfect fit. Graham visited the property several times with his family and was keen to move in straight away

Later he found out that he already knew someone living there, making him feel even more at home.

He's a keen traveller, visiting Florida regularly and he's been on Caribbean cruises. He is very keen to show his new staff team the world and is showing them his pool playing skills and introducing them to his local pub The Morris Dancers.

Graham said "I'm happy here, it already feels like my home."

Graham then went on to ask if his new staff could take him to Disneyland Paris.



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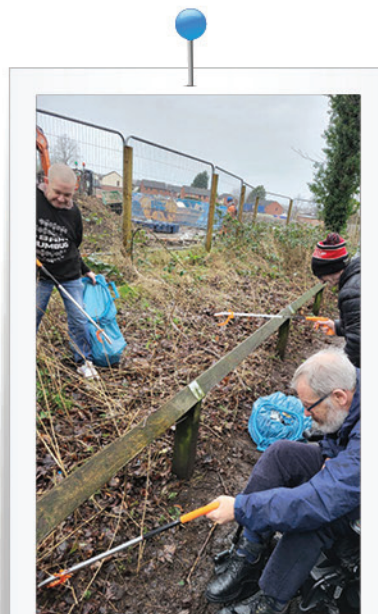
GARETH, DAVID, JAMES AND GRAHAM SPRUCE UP THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Gareth, David, James, and Graham who we support at Eliot Gardens our Extra Care services in Wigan like to take pride in their local community. Recently David had noticed that due to ongoing building works in the area they thought the streets had started to look untidy and uncared for.

They felt so strongly about this that through their Support Worker Julie, they contacted their local councillor

to ask for support with litter picking equipment. Their request was granted, and the gents enjoyed an afternoon recycling, tidying, and sprucing up their community

David said "Litter picking is a help for my mental health and my neighbours and friends coming along made it better."



CRAWFORD STREET

Karl receives help to get his new home

Karl came to Crawford Street due to an emergency. The staff team quickly responded and put together a support package that made him feel safe.

Karl fitted in well, met many new people and enjoyed a variety of activities.

During his time at Crawford Street, the support team encouraged him to talk about what he wanted his future to look like. Karl was told about one of our Bolton Cares Supported Living Services and support workers from both teams worked together to make this happen and help get Karl where he wanted to be.

He moved into his new home in February this year and the support teams are truly thrilled for him.

He is now happy and looking forward to the future.



ARTWORK AT BRAZLEY MAKES AN IMPACT

The people we support at the Brazley Centre have been busy with two arts and crafts projects. One creating the 'Together Love Grows Tree' – displayed at the centre and the other working on new decorations for the upcoming spring display.

We think they look amazing. Thank you to everyone involved for sharing your wonderful creations.



LIFE OPPORTUNITIES COMMUNITY

Our amazing new Community Hub has a great vibe

Our new Community Hub opened in February.

The hub offers a range of fun educational and workplace related activities to help people develop their skills. It is also a place to chill and catch up with others in-between the hectic schedule of events and activities.

All the community team, people we support, their families, and many more Bolton Cares staff have all been involved in designing the new hub and we are very pleased with how it looks.

We are looking forward to enjoying our new, amazing space. Come and join us.





Leone takes a bus into town

Recently Leone in our Supported Living service in Wigan took a bus into town for a trip around the local shops with his support.

This was a key milestone for Leone. He overcame lots of personal hurdles. He waited patiently for the bus to arrive, paid his fare and sat in a noisy environment with people he'd never met before. He enjoyed the journey and loved looking around the shops.

Well done, Leone, an amazing achievement.

KEV'S PIZZA FUN

Making pizza is one of Kev's favourite sessions at the Jubilee Centre and he's quite the expert. He loves choosing the ingredients and putting them all together for a tasty meal.



Michael and John sign a new tenancy agreement at Ellesmere Road

Michael and John at Mobberley Road recently signed a new tenancy agreement at Ellesmere Road.

The staff team encouraged Michael and John to access respite at New Lane and there they had a glimpse of what a safe and happy home should look like.

They both visited Ellesmere and Michael spent a Friday evening with

the other people we support and had a takeaway with them. Both have now moved in and had this to say about their new home.

Michael said, "I like it at Ellesmere and I am getting on with the people I live with and my support team who I can speak with if I have any problems. I am looking forward to getting out more than I was, and I'm

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starting to get my room how I would like it, including a new TV!"

John said "I have only just moved into Ellesmere Road but so far I love it, I am just settling in at the moment and am enjoying arranging my own space the way I like it."

SHARED LIVES

Nicola is feeling fantastic at 50



Nicola said this about her 50th birthday party.

It was great weren't it, all my friends were there too"

Nicola had always wanted a big party so with the help of her Shared Lives Carer Michelle she organised one for her 50th. She enjoyed every minute of it singing on the Karaoke and seeing all her friends.