

Beacon Housing Project

The Beacon Housing Project, under the Beacon Church in Havant, has partnered with Green Pastures to purchase and run a four-bedroom house in Wecock Farm, Cowplain, for the supported living of young men aged around 21-35 at risk of homelessness.

The Beacon Housing Project will be leasing the house bought by Green Pastures and take care of the support and personal development of the tenants, while Green Pastures acts as a liaison and manages the more financial aspects.

After a referral and interview process, the Beacon Support Team will write out a personalised Support Plan for each resident - which includes each need and goal necessary for the tenant's development throughout their stay. A key part of this will include assigning each resident a Support Team member as a mentor who will provide a minimum of 3 hours of support each week, alongside learning skills and spending time with a range of other people. The long-term goal of this supported living is to help the residents on their way to achieve independent living.

Each resident will claim Housing Benefit to cover the costs of the property, such as rent. While residing at the house, each resident will work with the Beacon Support Team and volunteer at the Acorn Community Centre to develop social and professional skills.

So far, the house has been bought, refurbished and redecorated, and two young men have moved in: Jordan, and Aaron. Ann met another possible tenant Friday 16th October, called Daniel - who has decided to move in also. Daniel and Ann plan to fill out his forms by the end of this week.



Work being carried out on the garden and outside walls of the property by Bea and Jordan.

The new wall built in-between the two bedrooms on the left allows for a fourth tenant. Before this wall was built the fourth room was too small for a tenant to legally live there, therefore extending it into the other bedroom allows the house to maximise space for a fourth tenant.





Before

This was the bedroom on the back-right side of the house with the original wallpaper – which was stripped so damaged places on the wall's underneath could be plastered and then painted.



After

This is the same bedroom re-painted and furnished.



Before

The kitchen before it was painted



After

The painted and refurbished dining area of the kitchen, where the tenants can socialise through shared meals and cooking lessons. It also includes a new fridge.



The living room has been repainted and furniture has been donated to make the space homier.

A TV was also found to allow socialisation between tenants in the shared living room, where they can watch TV or play video games.

A big thank you to everyone who has given their time and contributed to this project – we're looking forward to working together further and seeing the amazing impact the project has on people's lives.