

LIFE BUILDER



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iNbiz AWARD for Adullam & Dane Housing

iNbiz Griffiths Independent Living Award.

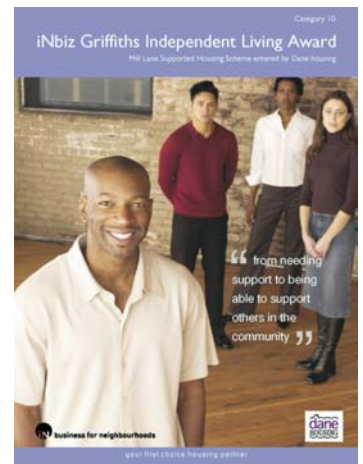
Adullam & Dane Housing.

**Mill Lane Supported Housing
Scheme.**

**A solid partnership between Dane,
Adullam Homes and Macclesfield
Borough Council provides a much
in demand, high quality,**

**transitional supported housing scheme for clients to
integrate back into the community following
completion of an alcohol/substance detoxification
programme. Mill Lane is about providing a supportive
environment , while at the same time enabling people
to make their own decisions and choices.**

The scheme is unique, as residents make the transition from needing support themselves to being able to support others in the community, including working in charity shops and staffing a young persons drop in centre. Another major innovation associated with this scheme is the 'Steps Project' to combat the high re-offending drug culture in the Macclesfield area. Mill Lane is the epitome of diversity. It provides homes for a wide variety of clients. Residents include those who have been homeless and living on the streets, those with relationship breakdowns , those with broken careers, and those with mental health support needs. Mill Lane has many success stories. Former residents have gone on to maintain a home of their own, have become independent, re-built relationships, returned back home to their families and successfully gone back into employment.



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David receiving his award from Broxtowe M.P. Dr. Nick Palmer.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

FROM BROXTOWE COLLEGE

David has been a member of the college since May 2002. He started collected requiring one to one tuition with his subject lecturers. Since then, David progressed into working on his own and as part of a group.

David has achieved O.C.N's in the following subjects:

- Developing number skills entry level
- Decimal numbers level 1
- Developing fractions and decimals entry 3
- Art and design level 1
- Discovering the media
- Introduction to keyboard skills

David has worked extremely hard to achieve this. His hard work and dedication paid off as in 2003 David was nominated for 'Student of the Year' and it was announced that he had in fact won the award.

David was invited to a presentation evening at our main site Broxtowe College, Chilwell where he was presented with his award. 'The Alan Isherwood' silver plate engraved with David's name. He was also presented with a certificate for being 'Student of the Year 2003'.

David is now currently working towards O.C.N's in:

- Punctuation and grammar
- Media studies
- Fractions, decimals and percentages level 1
- Basic computer skills

David is a valued student who's determination to achieve is inspiring. We hope he continues with his studies and achieves his goals, as he has the ability to reach his full potential.

C. Bennion, Broxtowe College.

ROUNDERS CHALLENGE FOR GAP PROJECT

The organisers of the Rounders tournament in Leicester recently approached local teams drawn from schools, groups and community organisations. Adullam's GAP project team in Leicester consisted of 3 residents, 5 staff and 2 friends.

Everyone enjoyed the day and the experience of linking up with other local groups - even though Adullam's team came last!

Viv Mitchel, GAP project.



RESTORING LIVES (and furniture!)

AT BETHANY, BURY

My name is Graham Barwise. I am an ex heroin addict and I had used drugs since my late teens - eventually, like many people, falling into the trap of heroin.



After years of drug abuse and neglecting my diabetes I awoke one day in hospital again. I had been in another diabetic coma. Being homeless, I stayed there for 9 weeks. I then did a 6 week de-tox directly after leaving hospital. I then moved into Chatterton drug rehabilitation centre. Whilst in there, I found out that the drugs were not the real problem! There was more to it than that. I left Chatterton after an invaluable 15 months, feeling physically and mentally revitalised.

Going back into the real world was somewhat daunting. I still thought I could do with some assistance. I eventually entered Adullam's Bethany project in Bury, Greater Manchester. I was welcomed by professional and friendly staff and was awarded a flat of my own. I felt great. I was visited regularly by my support worker and could ring the office and speak with other staff if necessary. Whilst in the project, I began some voluntary work which many others have found very helpful.

In the not too distant future I will be moving on and getting a place of my own, making me totally independent. The stage after that is to get back into full employment. Fortunately for me I am a qualified electrician. I have to say that so far, life just seems to get better, but you have to be very patient!





NEWSTEAD SUCCESS STORY

I was living in a bail hostel for 11 months since being released from prison. It was actually like a prison living there having to follow certain regimes and being on a curfew of 8.00pm. I was also told to attend their groups five days a week. It started to seem that my life was not my own and consequently I began to sink deeper into depression.

My life finally changed on 9th June 2004 when I was accepted by Adullam. Both the staff and residents welcomed me into the project and made it feel like home for me. Life was starting to look up for me. As things progressed I started to date a lovely looking girl who lived nearby. It got to the point that I felt I couldn't live without her. Finally, I asked her to marry me. Thankfully she said 'yes' and we are now both looking forward to next year when we plan to wed.

All I can say to Adullam is 'thank you' for having me. I don't think I could have stayed in that bail hostel much longer. If I had, I would almost certainly have gone back to prison.

Keep up the good work all of you.

***Note:** the author also attends a EDCL course, is involved in tenant participation meetings, attends numeracy/literacy classes and is a helpful member of the local community.*

I.T. AWARD FOR COACH HOUSE



The whole staff team have benefitted personally and professionally from Clait Plus IT Training, delivered by Solid Systems. The tutor, Philip Simpson, brought all the equipment each week to the Coach House along with a whole lot of patience and a sense of humour which was much needed!

Complete novices alongside super-doooper players, like Joan, all learned new skills and are now enjoying putting them into practice on a daily basis. Fear factor removed - so watch out Jon (Heyes - Adullam's I.T. Manager).

The achievements were recognised at a Presentation evening at Derby County Ground, Pride Park, on Saturday 18 September 2004. Not everyone could attend but those of us who did had a good meal, a dance, a few glasses of 'mineral water' and an excellent time. Margaret Beckett MP awarded certificates to all students, but the surprise was we also received a rather lovely Valuable Skill glass paperweight in recognition that training employees makes a positive contribution to business.

Not only was the training hard work, positive and enjoyable but informative and didn't cost real money, in fact they paid us for taking part! How's that for Best Value?

Judi Combe, October 2004.