



Case Study 2

Matthew was one of the first residents at Salisbury House in Buxton. He successfully moved on into his own flat provided by a general needs Housing Association. He continues to receive support from Kaye Croghan, a project worker, who asked Matthew about his experience of Adullam.

Who introduced you to Adullam?

“In 2003 my Social Worker and a Housing Officer from Buxton told me about a new house opening, Salisbury House. I was due to be homeless within the month and had all sorts of issues. I had an interview with Susan Wolton and within about four weeks I moved into a top floor flat in Salisbury House.”



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How was your time at Salisbury House, how did it help you?

“I stayed at Salisbury House for nearly two years until June 2005. When I went in I was homeless, felt anxious and low, took too many drugs and suffered from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). I achieved life changes. I learnt how to deal with people better; how to talk to people. I also stopped panicking about things as much. My time at Salisbury House helped to build the confidence to move on.”

How did the move on from Salisbury House go?

“Staff assisted me to join the waiting list and when I was ready to move on, they wrote a reference. After a few months, I was offered the flat I am in now at Thornwood Court. I didn't know this area of Buxton. I was assisted to move by staff at Salisbury House. The Furniture Project helped move my furniture and belongings and Salisbury House staff helped me get settled and set bills up.”

What support do you receive now from Adullam?

“Kaye visits me and helps me ease the pressure and worry I feel about bills etc. She is assisting me in my future and helping find out about college and the Army. I worry when things aren't going smoothly; Kaye is there and helps with this. Just knowing someone is there to ask helps.”

Any other comments?

“I would recommend Salisbury House to anyone. I think there is a lot of need amongst young people, like myself, for this sort of accommodation and support. Salisbury House is the only place I know of in the Buxton area. More places like it would be great.”

Kaye Croghan

Project Worker, Floating Support for young people