

NET get a brand new Mini Bus

The Trust is delighted to take possession of a fabulous new mini bus recently donated by the BNA Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The generous donation will enable our residents to go on more trips and residential visits and will offer our young people many worthwhile experiences outside of Newark.

BNA also kindly donated £12,000 to be used for decorating and new furniture. This additional contribution will be used to help the young people to decorate their rooms and communal areas, providing them with valuable skills to help them towards their move on to independent living.



Pictured with our new mini bus are Keith Girling and Richard Vigar from BNA with NET CEO Nikki Burley

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Here's a big thank you to Nationwide



Nationwide Grantham Branch Manager Joanne Hetherington-Field and local Director David Barker present the cheque to NET CEO Nikki Burley

We were delighted to receive a donation of £45,398 from the Grantham Branch of Nationwide Building Society as part of their scheme aimed at tackling housing issues in local communities.

CEO Nikki Burley said "We are ecstatic to receive this grant which will help us to support our residents after they move on to independent living. We will be able to continue to support them in their new homes, which is vitally important in ensuring that they manage their tenancies and fully integrate back into the community. Thanks to Nationwide we can carry out this work for at least two more years."

Introducing: Sharon Richardson ...a new face at NET



The dedicated team at NET are delighted to welcome Sharon Richardson. Sharon will be involved in the important role of Fundraising and Communications.

Sharon has been tempted out of retirement by our CEO Nikki Burley. Nikki says: "We are delighted to welcome Sharon to the team. Together we can nurture the Trust's existing relationships and we will now have the capacity to develop new partnerships; these will be vital for the life of the Trust. Sharon worked with me on fundraising events and helped me to raise more than £100,000 for the Help a Nottinghamshire Child campaign; this project helped young people to stay away from crime and out of prison and so she is well placed to assist me here at NET."

NET are grateful to the Lloyds Bank Foundation which has fully funded this new position for a two-year period. Sharon has considerable experience in her new role here having spent many years in the advertising and marketing profession. Several of these she shared with Nikki at the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. We are fortunate that her wealth of experience will be of great benefit to the vital work we undertake with young people here at NET.

Born and bred in Nottingham, Sharon now lives in a village near Retford, North Nottinghamshire where she is involved with the Business Forum and the Community Rail Partnership. She also runs her own lifestyle blog called Savour the Moment.

Sharon tells us at NET News: "I am very happy to be involved with the Trust. It is a genuine and very worthy organisation that does commendable and valuable work with vulnerable young people. NET makes a positive contribution to the lives of homeless young people - and also to the community of Newark. I am very much looking forward to this new challenge."

Christmas Celebrations at NET

Residents enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch donated by RWE Generation UK PLC, Staythorpe Power Station along with kind donations received from The Old Theatre Deli in Southwell. The splendid lunch was prepared by the staff on duty and the residents were kept entertained over the whole festive period with games, quizzes and Christmas films.

Presents were donated for the residents and their young children from Carriages Café in Newark, the Mansfield Homeless Shoebox Appeal as well as many Christmas donations from the general public, schools and churches.



Residents enjoy historic York



November saw Louise, Senior Support Worker and Carl, Healthy Lifestyles Worker take six of our young people on a three day residential trip to York.

On day one we arrived at the Youth Hostel, as the rooms were not ready we headed into York walking along the tow path into the City. It was a bright, if rather cold day and the trees looked lovely in their autumnal colours.

After lunch we headed to the famous National Railway Museum which they really loved!

Following some free time in the city we all met up for our evening meal which everyone enjoyed and after walking back to the Hostel a relaxed evening was spent playing pool and Uno before retiring for the night.

After breakfast on day two we headed back into York and to the Castle Museum taking in life in York Castle Prison. The residents really got a flavour of what life was like in the eighteenth century and experienced first hand the conditions in the original cells.

We then went through to the World War One exhibition which describes

a time when the world changed forever. The museum also showed the contrast of the swinging sixties; looking at fashion, art, music and social history such as the changing popularity of toys over the last 150 years from bikes to computer games.

The residents enjoyed the whole experience including the old fashioned Victorian street, Kirkgate with its Christmas Dickensian theme.

After lunch we headed off to the York Dungeons to live and breathe York's darkest history. Were we brave enough? Yes we were!

We met Guy Fawkes, Dick Turpin, the plague doctor and Isabel Billington who was waiting to be hanged for being a witch, all through brilliant special effects and real actors who led us through an interactive experience we won't forget in a hurry!

After our evening meal we headed back to the Hostel where we completed an AQA unit on fire safety (including a real fire drill which thankfully was a false alarm) and then chilled out until bed time.

As we departed York we headed off to the Yorkshire

Wildlife Park where we enjoyed seeing lions, tigers, giraffes, polar bears and baboons to name a few of the animals in the extensive grounds as well as being able to walk through the wallaby and lemur enclosure where we saw two wallabies having a boxing match! We also had some fun in the adventure playground!



Local business supports NET residents

We say a huge thank you to Aarsleff Ground Engineering Newark who presented our CEO Nikki Burley with a cheque for £1140.00 to fund swimming lessons for our parents with children and yoga sessions for all of our residents to support our Healthy Lifestyles programme.

Nikki Burley said:

Support from the business community is very much appreciated and vital to our programme. If any other businesses would like to help then please contact me at:

nikki@newarkemmaustrust.org.uk



Harrison Marshall-Lack, marketing Assistant at Aarsleff, presents the cheque to Nikki Burley, CEO

Moving on

**We wish our resident
Danni good luck in her
new home**

Having previously lived here Danni moved back into NET in August 2016.

Danni was supported to get back on track when she returned to us and was given further support with budgeting, job search, CV writing, employment and preparing for moving on. She also excelled in her City & Guilds Employability Skills Level 2. Danni is now a confident and enthusiastic person who gained benefit from guidance to get back on track with her life. Whilst here she also learnt many transferrable skills to help her towards living independently.

Danni received support from the staff here when signing up to her new home and took the required documentation to manage her



Danni says "I appreciate everything the staff at the NET have done for me on this journey since I was 18 and finally I have my own fantastic place, thank you"

sign up, moving in September 2019.

We are still supporting Danni in her new tenancy with the Local District Council and so helping her with her transition from supported housing to living independently.

If you would like to support us either by fundraising, naming us as your charity of the year, providing donations or pro bono help please contact Nikki,

John or Louise at the number below as we would love your support in helping us to transform lives and help local young people to live independently.

Newark Emmaus Trust:

provides accommodation, support and training for single homeless young people aged 16-25 including pregnant teenagers, young parents and their babies. All accommodation is in Newark and includes shared houses for young people of the same gender, shared houses for young people of mixed gender, self-contained flats and houses for mothers and their babies or family units. All the accommodation is fully furnished and ready to occupy. An agency can refer a young person for an interview and the project also takes self-referrals.

If you need help or know somebody that does then please contact us by telephone or email.

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