

# Jubilee House Special Edition

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### Restoring Dignity, Rebuilding Lives

In April 2025, we opened the doors to Jubilee House — a unique supported living facility designed for those who have nowhere else to turn. This fully refurbished property offers round-the-clock care for people facing extreme emotional crisis, substance dependency and long-standing trauma.

Our residents have often been excluded from other services in Calderdale due to the severity of their needs. Many live with complex mental ill health, endure the consequences of untreated injuries and are at risk of overdose, self-harm and suicide.

At Jubilee House, we meet them where they are with acceptance, emotional support and practical care. Here, every resident has access to their own self-contained bedsit, a dedicated care team, and an integrated network of health services, including medical support, prescribing service and trauma informed psychotherapy. We've created a safe space for people who've never truly known safety.

Jubilee House is already having an impact demonstrating how this model of care is rooted in compassion, realism and unshakeable belief in the possibility of change.



We are extremely grateful for your continued support of Happy Days Homeless Charity. Whether you donate regularly or occasionally, please know that your generosity makes a significant difference in the lives of those who use our service. We simply could not sustain our work without the kindness of people like you. THANK YOU!

It would be a pleasure to show you around our charity and give you an overview of how your donations are making an impact. If you're interested in visiting, please don't hesitate to contact us; we would be happy to arrange a tour at your convenience.

## **Photo Diary**

The former office space was shabby and water damaged, with ageing electrics and signs of neglect.













Seven new studio flats, with replastered walls and ceilings, new en-suite bathrooms and kitchenette areas with new appliances. A purpose-built office space and security post have been created. All wiring and plumbing is newly installed. Old window frames have been replaced with new double glazing.













# A Letter from the Residents of Jubilee House

#### Dear Supporters,

We want to say a heartfelt thank you — not just on behalf of Jubilee House, but from each of us who now have the dignity of calling it home.

Because of your generosity and the support you have given to Happy Days, Jubilee House is now a fully functioning service. Each flat here is more than just a room. It's safety. It's stability. It's a lifeline for those of us who've faced the chaos of homelessness, battled addiction and lived through deep emotional pain and mental illness.

"Absolutely wonderful, really homely
- like you've got family around you.
Halifax has needed a place like this for
years, I'd be dead without you all."

"It is good, it's friendly, it has given me a boost."

"It has given me a new lease of life."

Thanks to you, we now have:

- A roof over our heads and a place where we feel safe
- Consistent support to manage our health and recovery
- The peace of mind to reconnect and begin again

You may never meet all of us, but please know this: what you've given is real, and it matters deeply.

Jubilee House isn't just helping us survive. It's giving us the space, support and belief we need to rebuild. That's possible because of people like you.

From all of us — thank you.

You've given us more than a place to stay; you've given us hope.

With gratitude,

### The Residents of Jubilee House, Halifax

"I can just plod along, it's much better here because I don't have to worry about idiots coming round. I think I'll eventually be ok living on my own once I get all my benefits sorted. I feel healthier and safer."

"I feel more settled, I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. I'm feeling positive. I can have my daughter to visit here, I wouldn't have been able to do that elsewhere."

"It's lovely, I love it. I'm very grateful. I feel safe and I like it here. I feel lucky."

## With Grateful Thauks

The journey to create Jubilee House has only been possible because of the unwavering support and shared vision of dedicated partners who have stood with us every step of the way.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

#### Mark and Caroline Lee, and the team at ONE17 Design

For bringing our vision to life with extraordinary professionalism, creativity, and care. Your architectural expertise and enthusiasm have been invaluable in shaping spaces that feel not only safe and functional — but dignified and deeply human.

#### Lucas Lee

As our chartered building surveyor and project management - for your belief in the mission and ongoing support of our work through each stage of development.

#### **TE Beaumonts**

For your commitment to ensuring the legal and structural foundations of our project are as strong and secure as the walls we build, and acting as our main building contractor and managing sub-contractors.

#### Approved Inspector, Clive Kirkpatrick

(RBI Class 2a/b/c/d/e and Class 4), BSc (Hons), C.Build E, FCABE, AIFireE, MCIOB, AssocRICS, Associate Director, Building Control

Your specialist guidance, diligence, and collaborative spirit have ensured our buildings meet the highest standards of safety, compliance, and integrity — without ever losing sight of the people they're designed to serve.

To each of you: thank you for helping us create more than buildings. You've helped us build hope.

To those of you who gave generously to the 'Breaking the Crisis Cycle' section at our Ball in 2024

Thauk You

Glynn Johnson – Yorkshire Packaging Services

James Smith - A Safe

Gareth & Rachel Henderson – Core Facility Services

William Redman

Clare and Darren Hall - Halls Reactive Maintenance Ltd

Amanda and Owen Pedder

Mark and Caroline Lee - One 17 Design

Gary Beaumont - TE Beaumonts

"Happy Days has been our chosen charity for a number of years now and It's been a privilege to support a project that is transforming lives in such a direct and powerful way. Eloise Riva Project Managed the conversion from offices and meeting rooms and Andy Musvaburi dealt with the Quantity Surveying; they have done an amazing job in a short period of time."





"Jubilee House isn't just about bricks and mortar, it's about dignity, safety, and second chances. We loved working with the Happy Days team and I'm proud to have played even a small part in helping bring that vision to life."

Eloise, Building Surveyor, Lucas Lee

"From the outset, we were inspired by the ambition and compassion behind Jubilee House. Designing spaces that are not only functional but restorative is a challenge we wholeheartedly embraced. It's been an honour to collaborate with Happy Days on a project that is already making such a profound difference."

Mark Lee and the ONE17 Design team

"Jubilee House represents a major milestone in our mission to stand alongside people facing the most complex challenges. It's proof of what can happen when vision, compassion and community come together. As we look ahead to the Complex Lives Hub, we're not just building a facility—we're creating a permanent, central space for healing and transformation in Calderdale. I'm deeply proud of what we've achieved and even more excited for what's to come."

Gareth Henderson, Chair of Trustees, Happy Days

"Jubilee House has already changed lives by providing what so many of our residents have never truly had: safety, support, and belief in their worth. As we move into Phase Two with the Complex Lives Hub, our focus remains the same: person-centred care that meets people where they are. With the right backing, we can scale this impact and ensure no one in Calderdale falls through the cracks."

Ellen Boothe, CEO, Happy Days

## Looking Ahead

#### Phase Two — The Complex Lives Hub

As Jubilee House begins to transform lives, we are ready to take our next bold step.

Our vision for Phase Two is the creation of the Complex Lives Hub — a dedicated, multi-service centre in the heart of Halifax, designed to meet the urgent and complex needs of people facing overlapping challenges: homelessness, addiction, trauma, and severe mental ill-health.

To make this vision a reality, we are seeking to raise £2.5 million to fully refurbish and re-purpose The Gathering Place on James Street. This prominent four-storey building will provide a permanent, central base for our expanding services — and a much-needed lifeline for some of the most vulnerable individuals in our community.

We have a unique opportunity to develop a space that reflects the scale and ambition of our work. The Complex Lives Hub will bring together medical support, therapeutic services, outreach teams, recovery specialists, and lived-experience staff — all under one roof, all working together to reduce harm and rebuild lives.

With your help, we can raise the £2.5 million needed to transform The Gathering Place into the Complex Lives Hub — a place of hope, healing, and support for those who need it most.

Donate today and support our vision www.happydaysuk.org fundraising@happydaysuk.org



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