



STOCKDALES

**Supporting Children & Adults
with Learning Disabilities in Manchester**



Home Sweet Home - Grant Report

A HUGE thank you to:

Parry Family Charitable Foundation for your generous grant of £13,145.00 which was spent on a shower bench and specialist bath. The Home Sweet Home project would not have been possible without your kind help.

We hope you enjoy reading about the difference you have made!

Thank you from everyone at Stockdales.



The project

In 2017 we bought a property on Fownhope Rd, Sale. The total cost of buying and converting the house was £1.6m, our biggest financial commitment ever. We successfully fundraised over several years to meet these huge costs.

The house was carefully chosen because it has all the right ingredients - in the heart of the community, scope to be adapted for disability and a great location. Excellent transport links, shops and leisure opportunities are all nearby.

Designed to be a 'home for life' for 6 adults who need round the clock care, the service will meet people's health and wellbeing, interests and social needs. Like our other residential houses, Fownhope will be a modern, safe space for people to enjoy their lives. Bedrooms with individual personality and comfortable shared living areas are standard here. And we only use the best state-of-the art specialist equipment too.

Fownhope will run like any other busy family house, with plenty of activities at home and in the community to get involved with. It won't be all go though. People will have time to relax as well. Stockdales is about helping people live the lives they want. That's at the centre of everything we do.

We are delighted that building work is now finished and we're looking forward to welcoming our first residents in early 2022.

Before.....

The house needed to be re-configured and extended to meet all regulations and requirements.

The building was literally pulled apart and put back together again in different way. But in keeping with its original design.

We had to find a way to fit a lift inside the property too.

Working with our architect, surveyor and building contractor, we have been able to achieve our goal! It was a long journey with many challenges along the way.



Project Timeline

December 2017

Property was purchased from Stockdales charitable resources

Spring 2018

Fundraising for the building/conversion work began and continued for 2 ½ years

Architect appointed and design work began

Planning process began

March 2019

Planning permission granted with conditions which meant building work couldn't start straight away

Summer/Autumn/Winter 2019

Worked towards meeting the conditions of the planning

Fundraising continued with some excellent support from Charitable Trusts and the local community



Spring 2020

We were ready to appoint a contractor but then the Pandemic happened and delayed things by several months. Contractor Rosslee were appointed

June 2020

Building work began

Summer 2021

Assessments for potential places from the list interest already put together

October 2021

All building work finished and fundraising target reached

CQC registrations began

November 2021

CQC registration approved.

First residents to move in over the coming weeks



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There was lots to do:



Look at the end result!



The next part of the journey

It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication to get this stage of the journey. And we are delighted with the results. Our aim is to create a comfortable space for people to enjoy. A home rather than a care home.

But our work doesn't end here. In fact, this is just the start. Our offer of a 'home for life' is exactly that. We've been proud to support some of our other service users for over 40 years. So, you know we're in it for the long term.

Thank you so much again for helping us make this much needed project a reality. While it's come with hefty costs, we can't put a price on how it will make a difference to people with high needs and their families..

Thank you!

