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## Statistics Jan 18—Nov 18

- 3 Apprenticeships completed
- 4 Volunteers
- 2800+ Training hours delivered
- 18 Community work projects finished
- 6 New tenants provided with accommodation
- 39 Ad-hoc support services provided
- 5 Tenants positively moved on into independent living
- A total of 26 people have been tenanted in an affordable home
- 48 enquiries for accommodation received

### Sirius Minerals Apprenticeship Grant

Christmas came early for the Trust this year after being awarded a grant to create at least two new 24 month construction apprenticeships.

*"It is a source of great pride to everyone involved in both the Foundation and Sirius Minerals itself that we are able to provide support to projects such as yours".*

**David Archer Chairman**

Our training and education program had another outstanding year, with 3 apprentices completing their chosen NVQ's and passing multiple site qualifications including IOSH and CSCS qualifications.

We have now begun recruitment for 2019/20. and have already filled a plastering position following a successful traineeship.



*“ECYH have given me the chance to show off my skills. I’m learning all the time and gaining experience that you just don’t get when you’re stuck in a classroom”.*



## Case Study - Kieran

*“I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent at ECYH and would recommend them to anyone who is in the position I found myself in”.*

Kieran Morgan  
Plastering  
Apprentice

**We first met Kieran at an apprentice open day in Loftus. He had recently returned to the area and was living with his grandparents. Kieran came across as a confident young man and spoke passionately about gaining the qualifications he needed to access construction sites.**

Kieran’s experience of mainstream education had been fraught with truancy and unfulfilled potential. He eventually left school without any qualifications.

Aged just 16, Kieran had moved to London where he hoped to ignite a relationship with his Father who had split from the family.

Kieran found work as an electrician’s apprentice but soon began to struggle financially and the connection with his Father did not materialise.

Kieran’s first few months were challenging. His time keeping was not great and we realised early on that the academic side of his apprenticeship was going to be difficult to achieve. We worked closely with his Grandfather and Auntie to help Kieran with his finances and to get him settled into a home of his own.

Whilst on site, Kieran’s work ethic could not be faulted. Always the first



to jump head long into new tasks and more than willing to give something a go at least once. Kieran’s forte was clearly plastering. A skill that does not come naturally to most people.

The change we witnessed in Kieran a 24-month period was phenomenal.

He focussed on his college studies and became an ever present, trusted member of the building team. Kieran approached us for support with his CV and began applying for jobs in the Summer. A local building firm offered Kieran full-time employment provided he gained his NVQ and IOSH Health & Safety at work qualifications by the end of his apprenticeship.

Kieran passed all his exams and as promised, had a job waiting for him. He left the Trust in August to pursue his plastering and learn new skills in kitchen fitting.



# Age UK Handyperson Partnership



In August we announced the start-up of a partnership with Age UK Teesside that will see us deliver a handy person scheme for elderly residents.

The aim is to support over 65's who are at risk of isolation, experiencing fuel poverty and are in need of home

maintenance.

The Home Energy Programme 2018/19 will initially run for 6 months across Redcar & Cleveland and has the potential to reach all 5 boroughs of Teesside. Previous programs have highlighted the need for home support and were greatly over-subscribed. Due to this demand, we wish to offer an increased service throughout the Teesside area.

Our aim is to help residents stay healthy and live independently in their own

home for longer, whilst building up positive connections within the community and raising awareness of loneliness.

If you are concerned about an older person during the winter months. Please refer them to Age UK – Teesside 01642 805500 for a free home energy check.



## Case Study - Kelsey

Kelsey (Aged 19) contacted the Trust in September 2017. She had been a young carer for her father for several years. Her parents had separated when she was young and due to both having mental health issues, Kelsey had been raised by her Grandparents.

We began pre-tenancy work to ensure that Kelsey could afford

her own home, give her a better understanding of a tenancy rights and responsibilities and introduced her to bill payments. A one bed property was available in Carlin How and Kelsey was ready to move away from the shared property she was living in. To begin with Kelsey received weekly support visits to help

her claim housing benefits and access a higher education course in Music.

Kelsey is confident in her independent living skills and is adept to living on a budget. Support has declined steadily, although Kelsey will contact us if she is experiencing a dip in her mental health.

*“The ECYHT team have been great. It was hard for me to find a place that was affordable, and I needed help to manage my bills and money. If it wasn't for ECYHT I would have been homeless.”*

## Co-op Local Community Fund

Over £19 million has been raised by Co-op members in the UK during 2018.

A grand total of £3499.39 was donated to the Trust to help support our tenants and apprentices.

Everyone here at ECYHT would like to thank store manager Chris Blenky and his team for their continued support. The funding has been used towards essential property maintenance and repairs throughout the year.



*“By building up a trusting relationship with tenants, we can address issues and intervene at an early stage for positive outcomes”.*

Amanda  
McWilliams  
Tenancy Support  
Leader

## Greggs - North East Core Funding

Back in the Summer we were delighted to be awarded a 3 year grant towards the salary of our Tenancy Support Leader. The funding will help 80 young people manage and maintain their tenancies; Positively move on 40 young people into independent living and help to add 3 more properties to ECYHT’s asset base.

As the Trusts asset base grows, the need for tenancy support increases. All our tenants receive an individually tailored package of support that is reviewed on an ongoing basis. The level of support they receive steadily decreases as their emotional well-being and foundation for a safer and

more secure lifestyle is greatly improved.

Young people in England today face numerous challenges. The risk of poverty and destitution, reductions in welfare benefit entitlements and discrimination in the housing and labour markets can all impact their transition into independence and adulthood.

Young people face significant barriers to owner occupation, and within a constrained social rented sector are now more likely to rely on the private rented sector for accommodation.

For many the sector is overpriced and of poor

quality. Strict interpretation of homelessness legislation has left many young people approaching local authorities as homeless being classed as non-priority.

Council accommodation for single people in East Cleveland is non-existent and Housing Associations have limited single person’s accommodation in the area. This shortage of affordable accommodation means that many young people are leaving the community and migrating to larger towns where they lack the support of friends and family.



## John Healey MP - Shadow Minister for Housing

In September we were delighted to be visited by Lauren Dingsdale, Labour candidate for the area. Lauren invited along the Shadow Secretary of State for Housing the Rt Hon John Healey MP.

Ms Dinsdale is keen to promote ECYH Trust and wanted Mr Healey to hear first hand

about the work the Trust does in East Cleveland.

Mr Healey commented “It was useful for both Lauren and I to hear from you about the broader pressures that your tenants and trainees face which can clearly only be dealt with by Government and changes in national level policy”.



# Where it all began...

Charlotte Street in New Skelton was the first property ever purchased way back in May 2000. The owner of the property could not afford to renovate it, and the Trust had no money. An agreement was reached for the Trust to renovate it and in return would lease the property for a peppercorn rent and generate income by renting it to young people in housing need.

The renovation became a seven month project, led by founder Steve Stevenson and a team of local volunteers. It is estimated to have housed over 60 tenants.

Having received countless makeovers throughout the years, the property was showing severe signs of wear and tear that could not be ignored.

The first quarter of 2018 was dedicated to a makeover. Involving kitchen, boiler and bathroom renewals. An electrical rewire, reworking the downstairs layout and livening up the exterior.

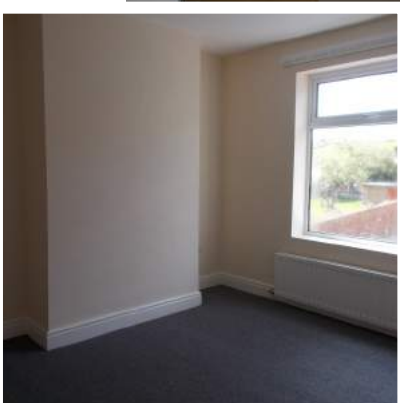
This property is a shining example of the Trust achievements and shows just far the Trust has come in 18 years.



The property in 2000.



## Charlotte Street Today



## Community Work - Saltburn Scout Hut

Saltburn Scout Hut has been rejuvenated from a cold, draughty, unsafe building, into a bright and welcoming space thanks to ECYH Trust. Dusty carpet tiles have been removed and the wooden floor has been sanded down and varnished. This has proved to be a hit with the Scouts, seeing how far they can slide!

The exterior has been transformed from a boring grass slope into an allotment style area where the Scouts can grow their own fruit and vegetables in newly built bedding boxes. This year potatoes,

strawberries and corn have been produced and enjoyed. ECYH also installed a water-butt for water conservation and put their joinery skills to good use making tiered garden shelves.

Their latest project is the kitchen area. The electrics are updated and safe and the room is fully fitted out with brand new kitchen units and sink. It is now hygienic, fresh and an enjoyable room for everyone to use.

All these improvements are turning the Scout Hut into a

valuable community hub, used by many local groups and organisations for the benefit of the entire community.

Hazelgrove Caravan Club commented "You're doing a great job" and Group Scout Leader John G Hannah has been "Extremely impressed" with the changes. Secretary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saltburn Scout Group Karen Higgins has been "Over the moon" not only with the developments but with the work ethics of the Trust. One Beaver Scout, aged 6, said "It's beautiful".



### Simon Clarke MP Visit

Simon Clarke MP paid a visit to the Crown flats on Brotton High St in November to meet up with tenants.

Simon was interested to hear their stories and spent time discussing affordable rents, the prospects of getting onto

the property ladder and employment opportunities.

"It was brilliant to see the positive difference the Trust's fantastic work is making to young people's lives in our area".

**Simon Clarke MP**

## Gannett Foundation & The Northern Echo

A funding scheme to improve local neighbourhoods and advance youth development answered our request for help to purchase a new work vehicle by granting £10,000 to the Trust.



The Trust's work van was over 10 years old, lacked space for the safe transportation of apprentices and was frequently costing money to maintain and repair.

The funding was used to purchase a 5 seat Peugeot Partner van and design and fit a vinyl wrap to enhance the overall appearance.

Thank you to all our supporters including:

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# Future Plans

ECYHT aim to purchase a 3-storey property on Brotton High St early in the New Year. The building will become our latest housing project, creating apprenticeships and training opportunities for 7-9 months of 2019.

The property was identified through a local estate agent as it was about to go to auction. The pictures show the amount of work needed to bring in back into full use,. Having stood empty for the best part of 10 years, this project is the perfect challenge for our team.

Once renovated. A 2-bed maisonette and single bed ground floor flat with patio garden will help to increase the affordable, supported housing stock available within the area.



This project has been made possible through the support of Quaker Housing Trust, Ballinger Trust and LandAid.

Thank you,  
From all at ECYH Trust.

