



Preventing Youth Homelessness Together



Who are we?

SASH (Safe and Sound Homes) is a youth homelessness charity that works across York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire. Since 1994, we have been working with volunteers in the community to prevent youth homelessness in 16-25 year olds. Our focus is on prevention and our ambition is that all those we help never have to experience homelessness again.

What do we do?

We prevent young people from becoming homeless by offering them a room in the home of a volunteer 'host'. We run an emergency Nightstop scheme which helps young people at a time of crisis, and a longer-term Supported Lodgings scheme for those unable to live at home but who do not yet have the skills to live independently. Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to provide a community response to the problem of youth homelessness.



**"SASH has changed so much
for me - now I feel happier"
George, 18**

How?

We recruit, train and support hosts in the local communities where we work, who have a spare room and who want to help. Our hosts are ordinary people from all walks of life who want to make a difference to young people locally. They are fully supported by our dedicated Host Coordinators to carry out their role. The vulnerable young people that we help are all referred to us by partner agencies. We risk-assess and police-check all the young people who are referred to us before placing them with a volunteer. By working closely with our partners, we can support the young people to find the accommodation that is most appropriate for them.

Why?

We believe that the best place for a vulnerable young person who has nowhere safe to stay is in a home environment. Placing young people with a host and working with them to deal with their problems early on minimises the risk of them falling into an ongoing cycle of homelessness and unemployment. By supporting young people early on, we enable them to overcome their challenging circumstances and can empower them to live successful independent lives.

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