Darren’s Story

Darren’s story is a prime example of how when life takes a turn for the worst, L&H Homes can be depended on to offer care and support to those who need it:

Being one of the very first residents to be helped through the L&H Homes, Harp Scheme, Darren’s progress is promising and should offer hope to everyone else in his position. At the age of 22, the last eight years of Darren’s life have been dominated by being escorted in and out of secure units, young offenders’ institutes and finally prison. Even at the young age of 14, as a minor he was stealing cars and breaking into homes too. Over these eight years, Darren carried out more than 200 burglaries, but now he’s back in control of his life- looking to the future with optimism where once he would look with dread.

The Harp Scheme consolidates several expert partners such as probation, police, drug agencies and housing support. When they first found Darren he had served two and a half years of five year sentence: a massive piece of his life, lost… When he was finally released he was housed in an area of Grimsby that he was very unhappy with. He told his probation officer and the Harp Project listened- he was relocated to the YMCA and has now been offered accommodation with Shoreline Housing. Darren truly is getting his life back on track and has attained qualifications in English, Maths and PACT test training. He has also passed his forklift license which will help his career immensely. At last, for Darren, the future looks bright.