

# About Brandon Trust



Brandon Trust is a registered charity providing individualised support to adults, young people and children with learning disabilities and autism. We believe that everyone should be free to live their life in the way they choose, and our job is to support them to make this happen.



We support people in the South West and South East of England, from Warwickshire down to Cornwall, across to London and in between.

Everybody is different. We work with people to make sure they get a Life that is right for them .



We support people with learning disabilities and autism who may also have:

- ◆ Complex physical health needs
- ◆ Complex mental health needs
- ◆ Communication through behaviours that may challenge
- ◆ Chaotic lifestyles



## How do we support people?

**We support people in their own homes, singly or sharing with others, as tenants or home owners.**

**This could be:**

- ◆ **Light support – just a few hours of support each day or each week to do the things people need help with, like making a meal, paying the bills or looking for a job**
- ◆ **24 hour support – 7 days a week – helping people to develop their skills, independence and confidence, getting about and doing things they enjoy. There’s always someone on hand .**

**We support children and young people living in their family homes and on holidays.**

**We support people:**

- ◆ **After school**
- ◆ **At weekends**
- ◆ **At night**
- ◆ **During school holidays**
- ◆ **On family holidays**
- ◆ **On short breaks**
- ◆ **On activity holidays**
- ◆ **Preparing for adulthood**



## How do we support people?

**We support people to get a good life through work, learning and leisure. This means helping people to:**

- ◆ Find and keep a paid job, try work experience or get job training
- ◆ Get involved in community life through volunteering and joining local groups
- ◆ Go to college, local interest groups and classes
- ◆ Learn new skills and work at one of our social enterprises
- ◆ Get out and about in the local community
- ◆ Meet new people, make new friends, stay in touch with old friends and family
- ◆ Go on holiday
- ◆ Learn to travel independently
- ◆ Keep safe and healthy



## How are we funded?

Brandon Trust is funded mostly through local authorities, although some people pay for their support from their own savings. Local authorities assess each person's needs and allocate a budget to fund their support. This is often called a 'personal budget'.

The local authority pay an agreed amount of money for every hour of support provided for the person. Some of these hours can be shared between a small group of people, for example if they are living in shared accommodation, or taking part in a group activity. The budget for each person could be:

- ♦ kept by the local authority and 'earmarked' for the person's needs, and paid to Brandon Trust every month
- ♦ managed through an individual service fund (ISF), which is paid to Brandon Trust, but managed with the person and their family
- ♦ managed through a user controlled trust, which is run by trustees and spent on the person's behalf
- ♦ paid as a direct payment to the person, a carer or a suitable person if the person lacks mental capacity. The person can buy support as they choose.



## How are we funded?

Brandon Trust also has a fundraising department who raise funds to provide the things that local authorities don't pay for, like holidays and summer camps, leisure projects, equipment and gadgets to make people's lives easier or more fulfilling.

To find out more about Brandon Trust and our support visit our website at: [www.brandontrust.org](http://www.brandontrust.org)

**If you do not work with the people we support, we encourage all staff to visit one of our services at least once a year. So why not find out which services are closest to where you work and arrange a visit?**