

## Statements from current or ex-service users

I stayed in one of the SHYPP residences in 2003 for around a year. The support, understanding, housing, and life they helped me to take control of was a vital part of my formative years, when I was dealing with incredibly difficult situations and didn't know what to do or where to go. The service offers vital support for young people, provides housing, advice, and a place young people can feel safe, sleep, have someone to talk to, help with any life aspect they need, or simply just a meal. Thanks to SHYPP I went on to continue studying at college, followed by university, became fully independent at 16, and now I have a successful career. Had SHYPP not been available, I don't know where I would have ended up. I urge Herefordshire council to reconsider these cuts, and provide all possible support to SHYPP. RF, London, United Kingdom

Shypp doesn't just help to house young, vulnerable people - this service goes above and beyond to support all kinds of people who have difficulties.

Without this organisation I would not be where I am today - shypp not only gave me a roof over my head, the support staff taught me how to be independent and understand the responsibilities of being a young adult - when the relationship between myself and my parents became disjointed. Shypp were there for me when nobody else was. I now have my lovely home that I share with my now husband, I have completed my degree and I'm in full time employment - because shypp gave me the confidence that these lovely things are achievable. Don't cut the future youth of Hereford to have these opportunities when things aren't at their greatest SS Hereford, United Kingdom

I'm signing this because I am a former resident of a SHYPP foyer. SHYPP provided me with great support, they encouraged me and praised me, they kept me on track in my time of need. SHYPP are an essential part of Hereford and surrounding areas and cutting its funding would be devastating to the whole community. PA Herefordshire, United Kingdom

I am a young person living in S.H.Y.P.P, I have lived here three times now and I believe it the funding was decreased by such a dramatic amount the support service we have will be affected, I use the service all the time, they have support me with finding work, and gaining the necessary services to assist me in my everyday life. Thankyou for your time. DG Hereford, United Kingdom

I was once homeless and SHYPP helped me out, I think this is definitely important for young people who have to go through the same thing AW Hereford, United Kingdom

I'm signing this because I lived at Hereford shypp and it helped me massively, was a great atmosphere, and the support workers helped me no end and did a marvellous job! I ended up with a career in mobile care and my own place, due to their efforts an time it helped shape me to who I am today, a happily married man with my own family, the shypp helped enable me to have cooking lessons and guitar lessons, and access to Internet to help find jobs and do research, it would be a terrible shame for unfortunate others not to have the same access to great lessons in life due to government cuts, CJ Rowhedge, United Kingdom

I am signing this petition because shypp have provided me with the independence and support that I needed, including life lessons that are crucial to any young person. Having moved into the foyer, shypp is a big part of my life and without them I wouldn't be the independent person I now am AV, Hereford, United Kingdom

Without shypps support when i needed it my life would not be worth living! I now volunteer and have now been made full time. Please sign this petition and support the future of Herefords young people! Our next generation! SB Marden, United Kingdom

I'm signing because SHYPP helped me set my life on the right track when it was falling to bits. Many people wouldn't be here at all or who they are today without SHYPP. JH Hereford, United Kingdom

SHYPP and the staff are all amazing. Without them, I would definitely not be where I am now. EB Hereford, United Kingdom

I was in the shypp only for a short period of time but when I moved in I had nothin in my life and by the time I left I had a job nice clothes and was a happy young man again the staff were amazing and if it wasn't for them and there service I don't know wer I would b right now so please don't cut there services if anything help them because they do an amazing job and help so many people DT Hereford, United Kingdom

I was lived with SHYPP when I was 18 and in a really bad place.They literally saved me...I owe them a lifetime of thanks X KM Royal Wootton Bassett, United Kingdom

I used to live at shypp 14 years ago and now I work in supported living myself.. It is needed so much in hereford.RS Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me when I became homeless at 16, I lived in both the foyer and move on house at Eric brown in Hereford. I was in a very bad place and I don't know where I would be now without the help of the staff at shypp! VG Hereford, United Kingdom

The shypp helped my in my darkest days and prevented my going and further down the dark path I has heading down, these places need to stay open and be supported by the government as they genuinely change save people's lives and without the shypp I dread to think about where I would be today, how can places like this be under consideration to be closed? There are more costly things out there which serve a much lesser purpose that won't be closed down so something as great as this organisation shouldn't be under the spotlight and rather supported by the government. Don't make the victims of society the ones to be punished further!JG Much Birch, United Kingdom

i used to live here and it literally saved me from a dark path in life. i was depressed and didnt speak to my family for years after i was kicked out. for the 2years i lived here shypp not only prevented me from living rough or sofa surfing but they built my confidence to live on my own as i was only 16. theyre an amazing group of support worlers and do an amazing job when theres no other hope. a place like this should be expanding because of its importance .... not the other way around!AK Hereford, United Kingdom

I used to live in SHYPP they took me in when I was homeless and gave me the best support they could give really helpt me am in such a better place and still get aftercare support of them SD Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp supported me when I needed it most & I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for Shypp  
NL Much Marcle, United Kingdom

They took me in and helped me become the man I am today working and supporting my family.JW  
Kingstone, United Kingdom

I was with the ship and they helped me become the person I am today I couldn't thank them  
enough JM Bromyard, United Kingdom

Because I live in shypp and they have helped me and friends out with alot of problems I had and  
I'm very thankful.KM Hereford, United Kingdom

I was a resident of the Leominster SHYPP 10 years ago. I was suffering from mental health issues  
and had recently experienced a dramatic family breakdown. I dread to think about the number of  
other young people in similar situations who might not have the help available that I was lucky  
enough to get. VW London, United Kingdom

SHYPP has been a literal lifeline for me in moving forward from the negatives in the past.SC  
Leominster, United Kingdom

SHYPP saved me during a particularly dark period of my life, and helped numerous of my friends  
too when they were least able to help themselves. SHYPP is an invaluable service that I hold dear  
to my heart. They need to keep being able to provide their excellent support services  
indefinitely!SC Cardiff, United Kingdom

I use to live in the one in Hereford white cross Rd KA Leominster, United Kingdom

I was part of SHYPP and I wouldn't be who or where I am today without them BK Hereford, United  
Kingdom

I'm signing because SHYPP has helped me in the past and I think they are such an important  
organization, a lifeline for some KM Leominster, United Kingdom

Before being housed at SHYPP I was sofa surfing and putting myself in dangerous situations. I was  
going to kill myself if I could not be housed. SHYPP helped me to turn my life around, go to  
university an help other young people in similar circumstances. Please do not reduce this vital  
service to young people, you have no idea of the impact it has on their lives. LK Brighton, United  
Kingdom

shypp is an amazing organisation who helped me. and the staff are just amazing. CA Hereford,  
United Kingdom

They helped me in my time of need FP Tewkesbury, United Kingdom

They helped me when I litrally had nothing and there are plenty of people out there that are the  
same situation...AB Leominster, United Kingdom

It's so important in our area to have this scheme running as the level of young people that need  
help is so high. I needed this support right up until I was in my twenties, and it was because of  
Shypp and their help and support I was housed in a foyer and now have my own flat. Great

organisation and Thankyouuuu again to all the staff who helped me. CW Hereford, United Kingdom

I used this service when I was young they helped me to pull through one of the toughest parts of my life .. Such an important and worth while service RC hailsham, United Kingdom

I had never heard of SHYPP until a couple of weeks ago when my health visitor mentioned them. I had been fighting with the council for 4 months about my accommodation and I couldn't get anywhere. I met up with a woman called Ali, explained my situation and she made a few calls and within hours - I mean hours be council called me. The council couldn't do enough for me - all of a sudden they found all the paperwork that They kept saying they couldnare find. I'm currently waiting to be rehoused (finally) with the support and help from Ali at SHYPP I wouldn't of been able to get this far. It'd be a shame if they don't keep this place going with full support. CR Hereford, United Kingdom

without shypp id be homeless and living on the streets AC Leominster, United Kingdom

Helped me to get a flat after i had been living in a tent for five weeks. helping me sort through things and to get my life back. i still need themKP Leominster, United Kingdom

SHYYP changed my life, without them i probably wouldn't be going to uni now and have gotten so far, since they got me off the street and helped me get on my feet my life has improved so much!LB Hereford, United Kingdom

I wouldn't be where I am today if it had not been for the help I received as a homeless teenager. I was able to finish my education and lead an action packed life. I'm now 28 and have gone back to the company as an employee. Nobody wanted to help me over ten years ago, however SHYPP did. RS, Hereford, United Kingdom

I used to live in ross foyer and it was an amazing time for me. I have very good memories of that place and I think that it is brilliant for homeless people around Herefordshire CE Gilwern, United Kingdom

i live in ross foyer and the surrport we get is good and many off us dont want to lose it OM Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom

This service helped my daughter when I was not able to. It is very important.HS Hereford, United Kingdom

Help people like myself and others who suffer with anger or depression mental health issue's ship fantastic help people in needs JJ Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me when I was homeless so I sign to say I want shypp to help many others JR Rugby, United Kingdom

This charity helped me out when my dad died and helped me become a functional human being.AS Manchester, United Kingdom

These people helped me through a hard time when I was younger and wouldn't be the girl I am today without them LT Leominster, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me when I had nothing left but the clothes on my back and to take that away from young people should be classed as a crime because if it was not for Shypp I would probably be dead.MH Stretford, United Kingdom

young people depend on this just like I did at one stage in my life SC Leominster, United Kingdom

i live in shypp LG Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom

I have signed this because I went through shypp and they help me so help shypp out they have done so much for people in herefordleominsterross&wyeBG Hereford, United Kingdom

I'm signing this petition because without shypp I wouldn't be where I am today they helped me when nobody else would and feel that if they cut the funding that young people ever where will feel let down and useless in life.... So at least give them hope GR Belmont, United Kingdom

I was supported by shyppAP Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom

I care deeply about the service, as an ex-service user.HS Worcester, United Kingdom

I used to live in herefordshypp foyer EH , Hereford, United Kingdom

im signing because shypp has help out a lot so im signing this petition because shypp has helped me out loads and have been amazing ! SD , Hereford, United Kingdom

SHYPP has helped me a lot of the years. CMHerefordshire, United Kingdom

I'm signing because they are very helpful and support with my family to help me move and be more outgoing as atm am stuck in a top flat with two young kids. So they are being very helpful.VH Kington, United Kingdom

I'm signing because I moved into shypp when I was 16 due to difficulties at home. I was in such a bad place and didn't think things would get better only worse but they did. They helped and supported me so much. I owe them a lot. Without them people like me won't have the chance at life like I did and could go down horrible roads when if they have the help from shypp it could change their life. Please please please keep shypp going they are amazing and the young people of Hereford need them!JP Hereford, United Kingdom

I was saved by SHYPP. I left home due to issues with my dad and wouldn't be where I am today without them. Some things really make a difference in life and as a vulnerable youth it's nice to have people that are there to help you develop DA Hereford, United Kingdom

As I lived in Ross foyer and helped me out a lot X AB Hereford, United Kingdom

I used to live in Shypp and they are a very useful service for young peopleLH Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom

SHYPP has helped me prepare myself for independent living. It has also expanded my social network. Supported me through tough situations. THANK YOU SHYPP!!!!KW Leominster, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me find a home when I suffered psychosis and also helped me find friends when I was a young mum. SE Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom

Because I was home less and with out shypp I wouldn't have been where I am today SC Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me for 2 years off my lifeJS Kington, United Kingdom

I know what it was like to be homeless I had some help from a shypp worker MT Monmouth, United Kingdom

I used to use them KR Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me get my first place VH Hereford, United Kingdom

They helped me alot they are amazing for support LH Hereford, United Kingdom

Having used SHYPP service in the past they need more money to help more people not have their budget cut CP Leominster, United Kingdom

As a teenager I received alot of help from SHYPP if it weren't for them I haven't a clue where I would be right now . BJ LlanbadarnFawr, United Kingdom

I lived in a SHYPP foyer SB, Hereford, United Kingdom

I use the service HC Hereford, United Kingdom

These guys are an amazing help, don't know what I would have done without them! LC Tenbury Wells, United Kingdom

They helped me when I needed it most!JR Hereford, United Kingdom

I would not be were i am today if ididnt have shypp, they helped me turn my life around and they even supported me when i found out i was pregnant and through the pregnancy, they even helped me at short notice to get a flat other wise me and my son would of been homeless today SB Hereford, United Kingdom

Although I got viced from shypp(thru my own errors) they helped me get off the street and they supported me throughout my entire period living there. JG Leeds, United Kingdom

Young people like myself need shypp and its support. MB Hereford, United Kingdom

im a resident at shypp foyer and if ididnt have the support that i get from a day to day basis idont know where i would be right now before i came to shyppi was depressed but with shypps help i have become more confident within my selfCH Hereford, United Kingdom

SHYPP helped and supported me at a crucial time in my life where I was at my lowest ebb. Had they not been there for me I daren't think what life would be like for me now. BM Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp helped me get my housing situation sorted after I became homeless RG Hereford, United Kingdom

I'm signing because I am currently in supported housing I have been in the system for nearly 5 years so I know how much this petition actually means. What has this county come to!!LW Hereford, United Kingdom

Shypp supported and help me get on my feet SR hereford, United Kingdom

SHYPP supported me when I was homeless if it wasn't for SHYPP I wouldn't of had no where to go, the staff are amazing it would be a shame for other young people to miss the opportunity to go to SHYPP SM, Leominster, United Kingdom

SHyPP helped both me and my partner by housing us, this meant that we could not only eat from day to but could also seek housing from the council. now we have our own house through the council. without shypp we would have been homeless for a long time. KJ Leominster, United Kingdom

I live in shypp AW Credenhill, United Kingdom

I was a resident at leominster foyer with my partner for 6 months. We were kicked out of our parents houses at the age of 18 and were homeless until shypp reached out to us. They took us in and gave us the strength to get back on our feet again and helped us both with our mental issues KB Leominster, United Kingdom

Shypp help a lot of people including me! They support people who don't know where to turn. KM Leominster, United Kingdom

I am one of the young people and I am just starting to get the help I need.SD Leominster, United Kingdom

Helped me a lot. KH Hereford, United Kingdom

I'm signing because shypp help me when I need the help and now I have my own flat because of themBDHereford, United Kingdom

SHYPP helped someone I know. KP Lower Bullingham, United Kingdom