

STAFF STORY



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Since becoming a project worker at Sanctuary Supported Living's Bower Mount Road, Kathrin Davis says she has not looked back.

It was a role Kathrin, who has worked for Sanctuary for 30 years, initially took on as maternity cover before it eventually became permanent.

Bower Mount Road provides supported accommodation for six adults who have a mental health diagnosis, working with them on the road to recovery and aiming to move them into independent accommodation within two years.

Kathrin and the team are responsible for the day to day running of the scheme as well as interviewing potential clients, managing benefits and ensuring rent arrears do not build up.

They also provide a range of activities and Kathrin has been instrumental in establishing a number of them.

For more than four years she has run a weekly life skills class which teaches basic cookery and how to prepare meals, something that is so popular, former residents still attend. There are also equality and diversity days, where residents enjoy a

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film and food from a particular country, and summer barbecues.

“I love the job,” Kathrin says. “It is challenging and rewarding. I know that is a cliché but it’s true.”

It is a sentiment echoed by her manager Kim Murphy, who said: “Kathy is an integral part of our team and has taken the lead on certain areas of importance. She does go the extra mile.”

Kathrin originally began her Sanctuary career as a cleaner, and also spent time as both a temporary scheme manager and a deputy in Kent during the 1990s. Being a mother to four young children prevented her from taking the roles full-time as it was at a time when scheme managers lived on site.

But as her children grew older, she worked full-time hours and is hoping for further opportunities in the future.

“I hope to be able to progress and am being put forward for management training. I have to thank Sanctuary for giving me the different opportunities and encouraging me to progress within the company.”

