Inclusion
+ Connection
+ Support
+ Friendship
+ Fun

Shaftesbury
All together better for disability

# We are Shaftesbury

**We are a national disability charity enabling children, young people and adults to live a life that adds up for them.**

What makes life add up is different for everyone. It's the sum of many things - from friendship to fun; from companionship to community; from a great chat to a challenge overcome.

Our vision, all together better for disability, is about working alongside the people we support so they can participate, contribute and be valued for who they are.

We do this through our wide range of disability care, special education and rehabilitation services across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**“I can't thank you and the team enough for how happy you’ve made my son and the fact you see what he's capable of and how incredible he is.”**

- Parent, Shaftesbury Victoria School

# Our heritage

Formed through the merger of three charities – The Shaftesbury Society, John Grooms and Prospects – Shaftesbury builds on a legacy of ground-breaking disability care dating back to 1844.

Our founders, including the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury and John Groom, were pioneers of social change in the 19th century. Their legacy continues to inspire us as we deliver relevant, impactful services that meet today's needs.

# Our approach

Everyone's needs and aspirations are different and we recognise this in all we do.

Our flexible, person-centred support reflects our values; open, enabling, inclusive and courageous.

We work with the people we support to produce personalised care and education plans or rehabilitation programmes. This empowers people with disabilities to make their own choices, offering more control over their life.

“Living at Brookside House feels like family to me. There’s always someone to go to with a problem and talk. It puts everything into perspective and makes you feel wanted.” - Phil

# What we do

Our 1,500+ staff team supports over 4,000 children, young people and adults a year across three main areas of work:

## Care

**15** residential and nursing homes full of warmth and care

**49** supported living programmes to increase confidence and independence

**2** day centres providing opportunities to learn and build connections

Outreach support to help people live well in their own homes

**1** children and young people's service

**1** short break centre supporting children with disabilities and their families

## Education

**1** special education school

**2** post-16 colleges

Animal Assisted Therapy to support student learning

**1** shop showcasing student enterprise and providing work experience

## Rehabilitation

**1** specialist rehabilitation centre for adults recovering from acquired brain injuries

**1** dementia and memory loss support service for individuals and families who need someone to turn to

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