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# Specialist residential service with nursing for adults with autism, learning disabilities and complex needs

**Thornfield Grange, Bishop Auckland**

Now taking referrals



Thornfield Grange is a specialist residential service with nursing for adults with autism, learning disabilities and complex needs. Based in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, Thornfield Grange supports individuals who have behaviours that may challenge, as well as those who have significant difficulties with social engagement.

The service is split into 2 sections, the main house with 6 en-suite bedrooms and single occupancy flats for 3 individuals who may require additional support.

- > **3 single occupancy flats** – These self-contained living areas provide the opportunity for 3 individuals with more challenging needs to live in their own space with staff support. Each flat has a lounge, kitchen/diner and en-suite bedroom. These 3 flats are located in the grounds of Thornfield Grange and each has its own garden, whilst also having access to the service's main gardens.
- > **6 en-suite bedrooms** with multiple lounges and dining facilities, Thornfield Grange has a range of facilities that are accessible to all individuals. These include an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) skills kitchen, a state of the art sensory room designed to develop and engage individual's senses. Within the grounds, there is an allotment, which is looked after by the residents. Other outdoor activities are available and there is a large lawn with patio and seating areas for residents and their visitors to enjoy as well as a sensory garden.



Mixed Gender



18+ years



9 beds  
(6+3 single occupancy flats)

## Our resident profile:

- > Adults from the age of 18 years
- > Individuals with a diagnosis of autism and learning disability
- > Behaviours that may challenge
- > Communication challenges
- > Associated complex needs
- > Likely history of multiple exclusions and placement or family breakdowns



## Our service at a glance

Thornfield Grange is an impressive period property situated in the bustling market town of Bishop Auckland, surrounded by beautiful County Durham countryside. We provide a structured, positive, empathic and low-arousal environment with good links to family and outside agencies.

We aim to provide a safe, comfortable and effective care environment for those in our care, promoting independence and community integration. On-site we have our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) who assist and support us to provide outcome based care and support pathways.

Just a short walk from Thornfield Grange is the centre of town where residents can access the local amenities including a pharmacy, convenience store, pubs, restaurants and an arts complex. Days out are popular at Thornfield Grange and Auckland Castle is just a short drive away with its deer park that is ideal for summer picnics or long walks.



## Our community links:

- > Town centre
- > Pubs & restaurants
- > Arts complex
- > Auckland Castle with a deer park
- > Cinema
- > Leisure centre
- > Markets
- > Cafés
- > Walks by the river
- > Great public transport links to local towns and cities



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**Parties and family visits to celebrate special occasions**

**Meeting individuals sensory needs through person-centred activities**

**A homely environment with 24/7 support**

**Large garden with plenty of space for physical exercise**, an allotment for growing vegetables and a sensory garden

**Monthly house meetings**

**24/7 support**

**Person-centred meal planning, including regular sensory food tasting**

**Beautiful views of the surrounding countryside**

**Brand new start of the art sensory room**

**100%** of individuals achieve over 25 hours of activities each week

**Accredited by the National Autistic Society's Autism Accreditation programme**

**3 single occupancy flats**



**Our facilities:**

- > En-suite bedrooms, which residents are supported to personalise
- > 3 bespoke single person flats
- > Multiple good sized living and dining areas
- > An Activities of Daily Living (ADL) skills kitchens
- > Sensory room
- > Large gardens including seating area, allotment and sensory garden
- > Internet café

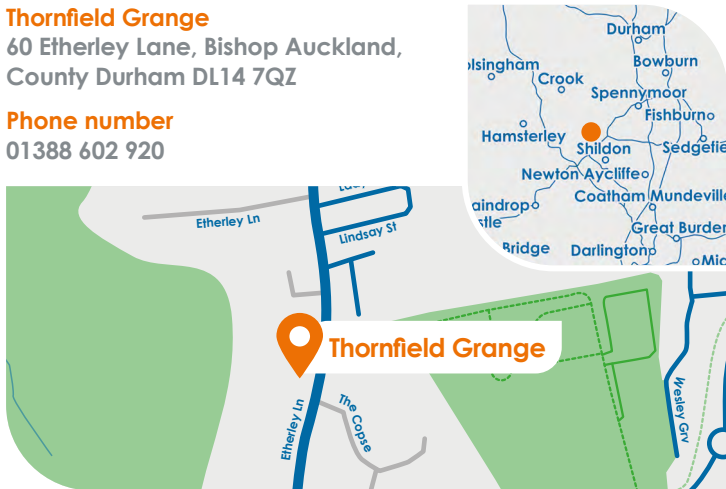
**For more information or to make a referral please call 0808 164 4450 or email [chcl.referrals@nhs.net](mailto:chcl.referrals@nhs.net)**

- Our referral process:**
- 1 Referral made to Cygnet referrals team via 0808 164 4450/[chcl.referrals@nhs.net](mailto:chcl.referrals@nhs.net)
  - 2 Assessment arranged and undertaken via our management team
  - 3 Feedback provided on whether our service can meet the individual's needs
  - 4 Assessment pack formulated including care plans and funding information
  - 5 Admission agreed and plans for transition arranged with referring team following confirmation of acceptance of placement

**Where are we?**

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