

*Improving lives together*

## Specialist Residential Service with Nursing for Adults with Autism, Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs

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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 two sections, the main house with six en-suite bedrooms and single occupancy flats for three individuals who may require additional support.

**Three single occupancy flats** - These self-contained living areas provide the opportunity for three 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 three 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.

**Six en-suite bedrooms** - With multiple lounges and dining facilities, Thornfield Grange has a range of facilities that are accessible to all individuals.



Mixed Gender



18+ years



9 placements  
(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-stimuli 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.



### Seed to Plate

Thornfield Grange empowers residents to grow their own vegetables through the **Seed to Plate** scheme, which focuses on improving daily living skills and promotes healthy living. From planting seeds to harvesting fresh produce, residents enjoy growing produce all year around. Once the vegetables are ready, the staff team provide guidance on preparing nutritious meal.



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



**Meeting residents  
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**



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



**Beautiful views  
of the surrounding countryside**



**Monthly  
house  
meetings**

**Brand new  
sensory room**



**100%**

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



### Our facilities:

- > En-suite bedrooms, which residents are supported to personalise
- > 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



### Our community links:

- > Town centre
- > Pubs and 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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- 1 Referral made to Cygnet Social Care and a desktop assessment is undertaken to review suitability for placement
- 2 If a suitable placement is identified, an assessment is arranged and undertaken by our specialist team
- 3 Feedback is provided on whether our service can meet the individual's needs
- 4 Detailed placement proposal is formulated to include care plans and funding information
- 5 Once placement is confirmed, transition plans are developed with all relevant stakeholders and admission date is agreed

### Where are we?

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