

## IMPAKT HOUSING & SUPPORT, BEDFORDSHIRE

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### CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS

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#### ONE STORY AT A TIME

IMPAKT Housing & Support, members of Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce, aims to promote social inclusion for disadvantaged people by giving them the self-confidence, motivation, and resilience to overcome difficult circumstances.

Their purpose is to end homelessness and they want to achieve this through the provision of person-centred support and care. Their encouragement is to build upon personal strengths, and they are empowered to gain independence and develop greater resilience.

At their core, they strive to support all communities from all walks of life, regardless of who they are, and how they found themselves in the situation that they are in, their aim is to help and support those that need it most.

Their core business activities include, but are not limited to:

- Supported Housing, which gives them a geographical presence across Bedfordshire and three Local Authorities. They are experienced providers of supported housing to homeless people.
- IMPAKT Skills courses providing help, training, and practical support for single homeless residents.
- Supported Lodgings also offer 10 supported placements where homeless individuals aged 16+ live with hosts in the local community.
- The DART Project, which started in 2018 and supports women, men, and families escaping domestic abuse to find either temporary or long-term safe housing solutions.

The IMPAKT Food project, provides a free-to-use community larder accessed by a broad cross-section of communities in Bedford Borough. They are the only service currently offering fresh fruit and vegetables within a 30-mile radius. They have available bakery items/store cupboard items/pasta/tins/sundry items such as hygiene products, toothpaste, washing up liquid, dog/cat food etc, that would otherwise have ended up as waste (last year they diverted 100 tonnes of food destined for landfill to people's table, enabling 115,000 additional meals to be prepared by people who had found themselves in food poverty/inequality).

Their service is totally inclusive of adults, men/women, older adults, children, and young people from 0 to 99, pregnant women, people with mental health issues, people with physical or learning disabilities, people with chronic health conditions, substance abuse, homelessness, with a no questions asked service.

