

June Millward and her sons Stephen, Adam, and Matthew Wolsingham

Whilst the vast majority of our buyers choose to live on their own, albeit often with plenty of care and support, sometimes they prefer to have a close family member or friend on hand 24/7. That was the case with June whose three sons - Stephen (37), Adam (29) and Matthew (27) - all have downs syndrome and severe learning disabilities. We caught up with the family to find out more about their new home.



Photo Caption: Pictured left to right – Lynda Peacock (Director of Development at Four Housing Group), Miss June Millward, Stephen, Matthew, Adam and Tom Hustler (Communications Manager from the Homes & Communities Agency).

June and her family were able to afford their new home thanks the Government's Home Ownership for People with a Long-term Disability (HOLD) scheme – something that MySafeHome has been actively promoting for some time. The HOLD scheme gives people with long-term disabilities the opportunity to buy a share of between 25 and 75 per cent of a home – in this case a beautiful, spacious property, perfectly suited to the family's needs. Crucially it has three bedrooms downstairs for the 3 brothers together with a fourth bedroom and sitting room upstairs for mum.

“I am a single mother and carer to my sons” explained June “they always need somebody to live with them and this scheme ensures that my sons have a secure future together”.

With our support June and her family secured a 75% share of the property through an interest only mortgage, paid by income support, with the rent on the remaining 25% (owned by the Housing Association – in this case Three Rivers) covered through Housing Benefit.

Although June and her family are self sufficient there's still plenty of support on offer and the upstairs accommodation will provide care staff with somewhere to stay over. Add the fact that Three Rivers will take care of the upkeep of the property and June's family can now look forward to a safer, more secure future. As June herself puts it, "Social Services are always on hand to help with care should I require it and we know that we can rely on Three Rivers for maintenance and repairs to the property. We are delighted to be moving into our own home and can look forward to the future by staying together and being the family we are."

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