

## "Since Affinity Trust have taken on Andy's support, things have moved on very well." Andy's parents

Andy lives happily in his own bungalow in Kent but life has not always been so settled for him. Before Affinity Trust took over his support in 2009, Andy had spent time living in a hospital as well as a residential home. Having limited things to do in this environment and without his own space, he sometimes became frustrated and angry which led to him being physically restrained.

Since we helped Andy to move to his own home, life has been quite different. He has a dedicated support team and takes part in many activities such as football and swimming as well as going to the pub.



Andy loves dogs and is regularly visited by "Vinnie" the Labrador. He takes him on walks to the seaside and woods, something he identified he would like to spend more time doing.

Andy is a keen guitarist. His prized electric guitar stands proudly in his front room, alongside the many examples of his artwork made during arts and crafts sessions.

Importantly, for the first time in a long time, Andy was able to spend Christmas day with his family. He also has regular visits from his parents, sister and nephews who now live nearby.

Andy is now much calmer and responding well to having his own space. He used to need a greater level of support including someone awake with him all night. He is now happy to be supported with a member of staff sleeping in the room next to him.



"Andrew is more content and happier in his own place. When he comes to see us, he is always pleased to go home."

Andy's parents Ron and Mollie