



## Foundry Wharf Extra Care Scheme

Torus are a housing association providing 40,000 homes and serving 75,000 people in Merseyside and Cheshire. They have a strong social purpose and look to invest in the growth and regeneration of affordable housing and flourishing communities.

We were delighted to partner with Torus in developing the interior design of their new extra care scheme, Foundry Wharf, based in St. Helens. This was a hugely exciting project, where we would deliver our comprehensive service in all aspects of the building, including the aesthetic feel of the bistro, communal lounge, salon, assisted bathroom, reception, corridors and staff areas. We also assisted with exterior manifestation, providing signage and garden accessories.

Part of the resident community were existing Torus tenants who were very excited to be decanting from an older scheme into their new homes. We were able to carry out a thorough consultation and co-produce the interiors with them and the Supported Housing Commissioning Manager. Artwork that inspired the themes of each floor was developed based on photographs taken by residents as part of a project funded by The St Helen's Housing Trust working in collaboration with a local artist. They have been framed and displayed around the building alongside other historic photographs of St. Helens.

The scheme has been truly been designed with location in mind, as bespoke aspects of the décor reflect the residents' community and its rich past. In the bistro, the artwork and lighting makes reference to the St. Helens glass industry and is open to the public to visit. Warm red and orange tones have been used with soft greige furniture to create a modern and welcoming space to meet, drink and dine.





In the communal lounge, we used a joyful yellow on the fireplace wall with grey and black accents. The colours reflect the scene in the photograph of Stephenson's Rocket, the soot and coal surrounding the yellow train. This palette was subtly continued through the furniture and accessories. The charming living area emits a chic and timeless feel and features traditional, conversational pieces. It was designed to create a sense of home that makes the residents feel like they are relaxing in their living room.

In the corridors of the building, various colours have been used to indicate floor level and assist in wayfinding. There is a breakout area on each, with decorative items reminiscent of St. Helens' legacy and its active role in rugby and the locomotive, mining and glass industries.

Torus received full project management and appreciated our ability to be flexible and accommodating to any delays. We were able to store furniture until they were ready for its installation and provide a wide variety of products ranging from signage to crockery for the residents lounge.



*Buckingham Interiors have once again been such a pleasure to work with. We are delighted with the outcome of Foundry Wharf and are so excited to welcome the residents to this beautiful new building. Every aspect of the process was handled professionally from initial design consultations to styling of decorative items ready for opening. I would highly recommend their services.*

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