

HORIZON LIFE TRAINING

Christmas Greetings

from Horizon Life Training

A remarkable year of achievement

Christmas greetings from everyone at Horizon Life Training.

We had such a happy time together, putting up the Christmas trees and decorations at HLT. There was genuine joy and laughter as we shared some homemade mince pies, mulled apple, played Christmas music and gave the centre a festive touch.

Our hope is that moments like this will create happy memories and traditions for those who may not always have had positive experiences. Doing this has sparked my own memories and reflections of this remarkable year of achievement.



It has been an exciting year marked by growth and development thanks to the dedication shown by our trustees, staff, volunteers and wider community. We give thanks to God for everyone involved and for His unfailing love and direction to us as a charity.

Looking forward to 2026...

We are excited to see what the Lord will continue to do as we move into 2026. Some prospective residents have already had a taster week at HLT and will hopefully join us in January. We appreciate your continued prayer support for us. Sending you our warmest wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

Matthew Nice, Centre Manager



Highlights and Success of 2025

Re-opening and Improvements

Between January and March, HLT re-opened. Staff were recruited and a comprehensive programme of maintenance, upgrading and re-decorating began with much support from volunteers.

There is still much to do, can you spare some time to help?

Church Partnerships and Invitations

Many Harrogate churches welcomed us to talk about the work of HLT and our residents testified their thankfulness to God for all he has done.

Would your church be willing to let us share in the new year?

Residents' Progress

Since March, we have welcomed 9 residents from all corners of the United Kingdom, every accent to discern! It has been fantastic to see them settle into family life at HLT, supporting each other, developing their skills and confidence and putting their faith into practice. Two residents have already moved onto full time employment.

Our Residents benefit greatly from work placements within a wide scope of businesses. Do you have contacts or could you offer a placement yourself?

Volunteer Support

We welcomed Anne McKnight as our new trustee who has valuable experience to add to our team. We continue to be blessed with volunteers supporting us in diverse ways. This is so much appreciated and invaluable to us as a charity.

Do you have hobbies or skills you could share with us?



Visits to Rehabilitation Centres

During the year, we made a number of visits to Christian rehabilitation centres around the UK to introduce ourselves, promote our facilities and share about the wide ranging opportunities for potential residents to explore. In some of the centres we were privileged to bring encouragement and hope to residents in their chapel services.

Open Day Reflections

We were delighted to welcome some of you to our Open Day in November for guided tours and to meet some of our residents, staff, volunteers and trustees. We had some God ordained encounters that day and were incredibly inspired by the up-to-date testimonies of our residents.

Read about Mikey's story below.



Celebration!

A particular highlight was our Celebration, held at Mowbray Community Church in October and the support of over 100 people was so encouraging. It was a fantastic evening of worship, prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for all that has been done.

[Please click here to see highlights.](#)

Mikey's Story

"I don't remember much from the day I was born until the day I got taken from my mum because she had learning difficulties. I was fostered by Christian farmers, life on the farm was well decent. I loved the lifestyle, jumping in the wool bags, sheep shearing time and all kinds of farm work. It was a strict Christian family and at the age of 17, I wanted my own freedom. I left home and now I heavily regret this. It was the biggest mistake of my life. From the age of 17 to 45, my life was in dark drug addiction, moving from town to town, prisons and hospitals.

On leaving prison, I went to a recovery meeting and an old pal of mine happened to be speaking. That Sunday, I started going to his church and he eventually helped me to get a place at a Teen Challenge rehabilitation centre; Sunnybrae. That's when I finally surrendered my life to Jesus.

Isaiah 41 v 9: I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

God has blessed me every single day since then to now, when I find myself back where I started; on a farm and living in a bedroom that used to be a calf shed at Horizon Life Training.

I have found a family of Christian brothers and sisters and I've done some pretty cool things. I've got all kinds of qualifications from Telehandler, Loader Tractor and Chainsaw Operating to Food Safety and First Aid. I am also getting some work experience with a window cleaner. I once came from a life of 30 years drug addiction with no hope. Now I have a hope and a purpose with Jesus in my life.



Transform Lives with Monthly Giving

We appreciate the huge generosity of our supporters that make our work possible, but we would love to increase our regular monthly giving.

This would ensure that our residents to continue to be supported in the best way possible.

Please would you consider joining our 'life transformers' by making a monthly pledge, or by increasing your current gift?

Also, this Christmas will be our first one at HLT since reopening, and it's our aim to give our residents the best one they've had in years. But with most of our income going straight into running costs, there isn't always much left over. If you would like to give a one-off gift this Christmas, know that it will go a long way to blessing the guys.

Just follow this link if you want to give and may God bless you.

<https://horizonlifetraining.org.uk/donate/>



New Bank Details:

Please note our recent bank account change to:

Horizon Life Training (Barclays Bank)

Sort code: **20-98-98**

Account: **43470881**



Points for Prayer

New Residents

That God will call by name those who will benefit from being part of the HLT family.

For new residents Allan, Michael, Matthew and John to discern God's will in their lives while here.

Current Residents

Restoration with family and for their children, work placement opportunities, protection and a deep reliance on God. New career paths and protection for David, Jamie and Andy as they move on.

Staff

Wisdom, discernment and inspiration, supporting residents to build confidence, skills, restore relationships and deepen their faith. Pray for renewed energy, unity and encouragement among the team.

Volunteers

Pray for all those who generously give their time. Ask for blessing over their efforts and that more hearts would be stirred to serve.

Finances

For the provision needed to meet all operational costs and future development goals, trusting God to supply every need. For the successful rolling out of new accounting software.

Trustees

Sound judgement as they guide the vision. Forward planning insight, management support and streamlining workload.