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Morgan Sindall sponsors room at Calderwood House for homeless veterans

Morgan Sindall has sponsored a room in Calderwood House homeless hostel for a 12 month period which will provide shelter for residents. 'The Morgan Sindall Suite' has also been adapted for disabled use and has a wet room and wheelchair access.

Calderwood House provides emergency accommodation for up to 11 homeless people, with priority given to ex-military veterans. The hostel is staffed round the clock, with all residents given access to food, a laundry room, Wi-Fi and the use of laptops in communal areas. All available facilities are in place to support the residents to move on and start a new life. Residents are also encouraged to contribute to the running of the centre by helping to package coffee and are trained and provided with work placements on the Calderwood House coffee van. Almost 70 people have benefited from the services since the hostel opened in October 2015. Of those 70, 20 per cent of those have been ex forces personnel. The sponsored accommodation room will give priority to homeless veterans.

Andrew Crowder, strategic development director at Morgan Sindall said: "Morgan Sindall is proud to be associated with such a self-sustainable independent project. Calderwood House provides a lifeline to vulnerable members of the local community, whilst offering vital support and mentoring."

Morgan Sindall is committed to helping ex-servicemen get back into work. The company is an active participant in BuildForce, an alliance of construction companies, industry bodies and service charities, which helps to connect service leavers and veterans with job opportunities in the construction sector. Morgan Sindall recognises that these people have excellent transferrable skills perfect for the construction industry.

Andrew Parker, director of defence at Morgan Sindall and himself a former service man in the RAF, added: "Given that we are involved in a major defence related project in Barrow, it seemed wholly appropriate that we seek to support former service men and women through our community outreach work. We were very fortunate to find Calderwood House, which does fantastic work for veterans and others in the community.

"Adjusting to civilian life can be a challenge and sometimes people need that extra little bit of support to get themselves back on track. Calderwood House provides that support and we are very pleased to support it in this way."

Rachel Holliday, the founder of Calderwood House said: "Having been homeless myself I have a real passion and drive to help these people. It's excellent that Morgan Sindall sees the potential in supporting some of the more vulnerable people within the Cumbrian community and in particular ex-servicemen by helping these people to get back on their feet through sponsoring a room within the hostel. Having somewhere to call home is a great step in helping them to readjust.

"The room Morgan Sindall sponsored is a lifeline to those who can't manage stairs or need access to a wheelchair. To be homeless is one thing, to be homeless with disabilities and mobility problems is quite another. We can't thank them enough for their contribution."

Morgan Sindall is currently working in partnership with Sellafeld Ltd as part of the Infrastructure

Strategic Alliance (ISA). The ISA is responsible for a £1.1 billion contract to provide essential infrastructure assets to the Sellafield site. Morgan Sindall is also working as part of the eight-year planned regeneration of the BAE Systems Submarines site at Barrow-in-Furness, preparing to build the replacement for Vanguard class submarines.

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