



## Hartlepool caring for our own

### Could you share your heart and your home to shape a Hartlepool child's future?

We need carers from all backgrounds and walks of life to offer long or short-term foster care, or could you spare a weekend maybe or the school holidays or do it on an emergency basis?

#### Why foster for Hartlepool Borough Council?

- Our Children's Services have been rated '**Outstanding**' by Government inspectors
- Our foster carers feel well supported and new foster carers feel welcomed
- Competitive payments - a potential £400-plus per week
- Thorough training from day one
- Ongoing support and development, including Mockingbird, support groups and buddies

“Once you've started fostering, you won't want to stop - you kind of get hooked. Don't rule yourself out if you already have children, don't have children, are in a couple or on your own - it doesn't make any difference. If you've got time and patience, you can do it.”

Hartlepool foster carer Joanne, pictured above.

## Why it's so important for Hartlepool to care for our own

When children can't remain at home with their birth families, it's important they are cared for within their home town so they can maintain their important links with family, friends and school.



### Could you foster?

- Are you aged over 21?
- Do you have a spare bedroom in your home?
- Would you be committed to undertake training and access support?
- Could you work as part of team to care for children and young people?

**If the answer is yes, we'd love to hear from you.**

Talk to us today on **0800 917 7771**

or you can contact the Council's Fostering team through

**[www.fosterwithnortheast.org.uk](http://www.fosterwithnortheast.org.uk)**

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