

## Jenny and Malcom's story

Jenny and Malcolm have been foster carers for over 8 years and have cared for over 32 children from various cultural backgrounds and diverse needs.

The range of children that have come through their family home is vast, including a variety of siblings both male and female and children from babies through to teenagers.

Jenny stated: "One of the main reason the family decided to start fostering children was to help children in need by providing them with a stable life and a stable home."

Fostering is challenging and Jenny and Malcolm have had times that have been hard, sad, infuriating, disappointing and challenging.

"As carers we are not afraid to stand up and make the child's needs known to all agencies".

"Our love is for all kids that come through our door as they also come into our hearts."

"No matter what, as carers, we love all of the children, even the ones that are not talking to us," said Jenny.

When speaking about understanding where these children come from, Jenny stated that after being a carer for so long, I feel like I have a very good understanding of the impact trauma and abuse has on a child's life as I live through it with them.

As a household with three children currently, the family work as a team, and communication is very important, the whole family is involved in working together to support each other.

"Caring is our life and our passion"

