

## Case Study 6

### Long term, short term, emergency and respite

#### **How long have you been fostering?**

We've been fostering for 11 years.

#### **What type of fostering do you do?**

Emergency, short term, long term and respite

#### **Why did you want to foster?**

We just wanted to make that special difference in a child's life.

#### **Why did you approach the Vale to become a foster carer?**

For the first five years of fostering we were with an independent fostering agency, however we didn't have any placements over an 18 month period. As a result of this we approached our local authority where we've been full for the past 6 years.

#### **What's the best thing about fostering?**

Helping children develop and progress through their early stages of life.

#### **What makes a good foster carer?**

Patience, commitment, devotion, energy, understanding children's needs and being able to work as part of a team.