



THE BESOM in Taunton

sweep away suffering

PROJECT No. 273 DECORATING IN TAUNTON



On Sunday 22nd April a team of five people from the Vineyard Church undertook a second of two decorating projects of the day for Besom. This followed some previous help that had been given to the recipient with clearing and tidying in their home. The social worker had asked if we might also be able to decorate the lounge - it was painted a dark colour, which made the room rather gloomy and was having a negative impact on the recipient's mental health.

We arrived bright and early on the Sunday morning with all our decorating kit, giving thanks for the warm sunny weather outside as it would help the paint dry. While some of the team started on the ceiling, others began rubbing down the woodwork and the first job for one person was to take down the shelves that created an amazing climbing wall for the cats!



The dark paint on the walls was a challenge to cover but, after two coats of much paler paint, they were looking good and made the room so much lighter. The recipient was a great encouragement to us, as she reacted with such delight and pleasure to way the room was changing as we painted it. She enjoyed our company and chatted very easily with us all.

We worked through to the middle of the afternoon, but weren't able to finish the whole room on the Sunday as the recipient had asked for one wall to be wallpapered. Three of us returned a few days later to complete the job, also adding an extra coat of paint to the ceiling and previously dark doors.



The recipient was delighted with the result – it really did transform the whole room. We were able to pray with her before we left and she said she had a tingling feeling as we prayed, which was very exciting! She also asked us to pray for her brother.

It has been such a blessing to see how much the recipient has changed in herself and how her mental health has improved over the time that Besom has been providing support and help for her; she has also been very pleased and grateful to receive it.

