



CASE STUDY

Shingle

Macari Foundation Homeless Pods

The project involved building individual living pods to provide safe, private accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic. Britmet supported the scheme by supplying durable, fire-resistant roofing materials during the national lockdown.

Product Used:
Shingle

Project Size:
22,500 sqm

Sector:
Charity

Client:
Lou Macari

Project Details

The project involved the construction of individual living pods, each providing approximately 10 sqm of personal space and fitted with LED lighting, heating, Kitchen and bathroom. Each pod also had a television, which was a donation from the League Managers Association. The pods were designed to offer dignity, privacy and protection during a time of great need, the pods created a safe environment that helped reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

The pod accommodation scheme has been welcoming guests since the final week of May 2020. LittleHolme Ltd approached Britmet during the national lockdown while urgently searching for a dependable supplier of durable, fire-resistant, and sustainable roofing materials. In support of this remarkable project, we reopened our offices specifically to assist in making it happen.

Proposed Solution

- Durable, fire-resistant roofing materials suitable for installation within an enclosed warehouse environment.
- Help facilitate the delivery of 40 individual living pods, providing residents with privacy, security, and a stable environment to rebuild their lives.





Benefits and Challenges

As the pods were installed within an enclosed warehouse, fire resistance was a critical factor in the selection of materials. Britmet was proud to assist in delivering a solution that met these safety requirements while supporting the Macari Foundation's mission to provide secure, practical accommodation for vulnerable individuals during the pandemic.



Project Outcomes

The project was a major success in Stoke-on-Trent, providing safe, secure accommodation for 40 people experiencing homelessness. In addition to housing, the scheme enabled residents to access employment and essential services through a registered address. Individually numbered pods fostered a sense of identity, stability and independence, supporting residents as they rebuilt their lives.

