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## Our History



The charity was founded in 1843 by William Willams, a solicitor's clerk, who wanted to use education to break the cycle of deprivation and poverty among street children in London.

Shaftesbury Young People (formerly known as Shaftesbury Homes & Arethusa) has retained 'Shaftesbury' in the name in memory of our great patron, the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Shaftesbury.

Over the past three centuries, the charity has provided a home and education for thousands of homeless boys and girls.

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