

WEST *Newsletter*

The WEST team can:



- Help you explore more about the world of work
- Support you to Access the Jobcentre and its schemes
- Contact employers on your behalf
- Find and sustain paid employment
- Advise you on how to find out about benefits
- Answer any questions you have about employment issues



Did you know?

The WEST team had 5 successful job starts in February/March at **Morrisons, Wiltshire County Council, Macdonalds, WHSmiths & JJB Sports.**



The WEST Team
Hazel Matthews,
Debbie Mauchline, Sam Hearn,
Graham Logan, Judy Fruen,
Sheron Labouchere, Pauline Reynolds & Glenn Mauchline

Introducing

Community Connecting

Teresa Conboy *Team Leader*
(Tel - 07879 640546) &
Marnie Strachan
Senior

WEST will be working closely with Community Connecting.

More information to follow.



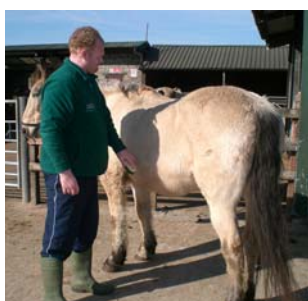
What is Access to Work?

Access to work provides advice and practical support to disabled people and their employers to help overcome work related obstacles resulting from disability.



Meet Richard. . . .

- Richard has been with WEST since December 06. He had several years experience before he moved to Wiltshire doing voluntary work in stables and had achieved his NVQ level 1 and 2 in Horse Care. He is very passionate about horses and was reluctant to consider other job choices. This, along with Richard's Fragile X linked syndrome and the fact he is registered blind limited his job search.
- Working together with his job coach Richard made a list of possible local Stables and whilst WEST was contacting the employers Richard was busy sending out his CV.
- In October 2007 Richard was successful and was offered a job at a stable in Heddington.
- Because of the location there was no transport available for Richard to get to work so an application for Travel was put into Access to Work and was agreed within 2 weeks.
- An unpaid Work Trial was set up on 19th November 07 with the employer Isabel Gage at Heddington Children's Riding School, Nr Calne so Richard could show them his skills and abilities.



- Richard was taken on as a paid employee on 28th November 07, 3 mornings a week 8 - 11am and to date is working well helping with all jobs as a Stable Hand. Isabel, works along with Richard and is very supportive and keen for it to continue. Well done to Richard and this great employer!

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Look out for the next edition in September