

# WEST *Newsletter*

WEST aim to support people with Learning Disabilities living in Wiltshire find and sustain paid employment with local employers.

## **What does our employer expect from us?**

- Good time keeping
- Good personal hygiene
- Clean & Tidy appearance
- To listen to your boss
- To do the job you are paid for
- A positive attitude
- Good behaviour at work
- To be nice to the people you work with
- To do a good job
- Commitment



## **Do you know about Job Grants?**

### **You may be eligible for this :**

If you have been claiming Incapacity Benefit, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance or Severe Disablement Allowance continuously for more than 6 months and are starting work of more than **16 hours per week**, you may get a Job Grant.



### *A Job Grant is a tax free lump sum of:*

- £100 if you're a single person or part of a couple with no children
- £250 if you're a lone parent or part of a couple with children

The Job Grant is paid to you automatically when you start your new job when you tell your nearest Jobcentre that you're starting work.

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## Meet Morrisons. . . .



Morrisons started out as a market stall and is now the UK's fourth largest retailer. They have 375 stores where you can shop for your groceries.

Every week 9 million people shop at Morrisons and they employ 117 thousand people all over the UK.

WEST has a great working relationship with Morrisons, in particular the Warminster branch, employing 3 people with learning disabilities who are all supported by us.



*Matthew*



*Tom*



*Jason*

Matthew and Jason have been with Morrisons for a number of years and just recently both Matthew and Jason have doubled their weekly hours. Matthew works in the dairy department and Jason works in the staff canteen.

Tom registered with WEST in April of 2007 and successfully secured a job, with the support of his job coach. As Tom attends college, he works at the weekend, replenishing stock. Tom is very keen to look for full time employment when he leaves college later this year.

Morrisons understand the needs of their employees and provide appropriate support.

We would like to thank them for their open approach and look forward to sharing in their continuing success.

## *Debra Mauchline*



**Team update;**  
Welcome to Cara Madden, she is our newest Job Coach. She will be working with people in the Trowbridge and Chippenham areas; she is really looking forward to meeting the people on her caseload.

Jo McGill, who was based in Salisbury, has now moved to Kent. She will however continue to work for WEST but from her home. Her job will be to contact and arrange meetings with as many employers as she can in Wiltshire.

Finally; WEST Job Coaches have done a brilliant job of finding employment for 14 people over the last year, so well done to Sam, Graham, Jo and Sarah.

Debbie

*Thank you*

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**Look out for the next edition in June 2009**