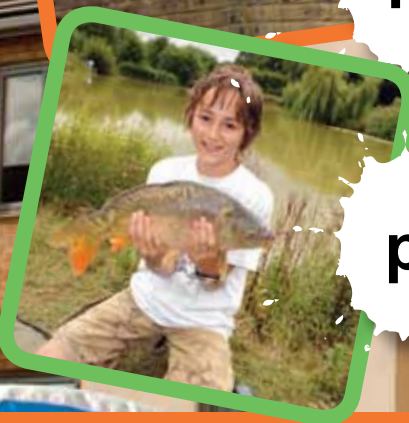


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The apprentice... you're hired

In our last edition we told you how local unemployed young people were given a chance to kick-start their careers thanks to an innovative apprenticeship project we developed.

The scheme offered a year of paid work and support to gain an NVQ level 2 qualification, the equivalent of five good GCSE's. We teamed up with local training provider Key Training, who helped assess and interview applicants. Those who were shortlisted came along to an assessment event at our offices in March where they got an insight into how we operate and took part in team-building exercises and interviews.

We had an incredible response to our invitation, with more than 100 young people from Sentinel homes expressing an interest in the four posts we had available. Just 16 were invited for interview and we were so impressed with the calibre of the applicants we decided to increase the number of posts and offer apprenticeships to five of them.

They're all aged between 18 and 23 and started work with us in April. They'll get paid on the job training with us as well as free NVQ assessment support from Key Training via the Government's National Apprenticeship Scheme.

It's not all bad news for those who weren't successful either, as they've been offered free training from Key Training and will be considered for future vacancies around our business.

With a commitment to providing 10 apprenticeships a year at our offices and through our partners we hope to announce more opportunities soon.

“ In the last two weeks or so I have started to go live on the phones on my own!

I am thoroughly enjoying myself and can't wait to complete my NVQ and hopefully see if there are any jobs at the end of it. ”

Josh Bundock, Customer Service Centre Apprentice.
(See cover shot)

“ So far I have settled in very well. Everyone I have spoken with has been very friendly and made me feel welcome. I am hoping to complete my Apprenticeship as soon as possible, become part of a very hardworking team and to prove how hard working I am. ”

Donna Beedon, Property Services Apprentice.



Dear Sentinel...

Dear Sentinel,

I would like to introduce you to an exciting Brownie adventure day. I went to an international thinking day on Saturday 12th February. We did lots of activities, tasting, making and drinking for Brownie countries from around the world!

These were some of the activities I enjoyed the most...

I liked dipping the Doritos they were lovely, there was a very hot dip and a very cheesy dip. I also planted a sun flower. They were all from Mexico!!! For India I had a marvellous henna tattoo it was a dog one.

We made some beading crosses they were red and white. They were for Switzerland's flag.

In England we made an egg cup and scones with jam and butter but they were not my favourite.

We also sang songs and listened to stories. It was good. Thank you for doing it I hope I can go again! I really enjoy Brownies and I bet you would too!

By Oceiah, age 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, Basingstoke

Editors reply

Dear Oceiah,

Thank you for this brilliant letter and for showing us some of the things you made at Brownies. It sounds like you have loads of fun and I think there must be lots of other young people who also have interesting hobbies. Let's hope your letter encourages them to write in too.



Get With...

We've got a new look programme of Get With activities this year so make sure you don't miss out.



In the Basingstoke area Everest Community College have a massive programme for 8-17 year olds.

There's two sessions a day, 10am – 12 and 1pm – 3pm, each session is only 50p and to keep it affordable, we've got special deals for Sentinel customers.

As well as old favourites like football, cookery and street dance, we've got more taster sessions for older teens, with First Aid, Babysitting and DJ-ing.

And Pebbles Childrens Centre will also be running family sessions for ages 0–7 year olds.

If you haven't booked up yet call the Get With team on **01256 337573**.

In the Hart and Rushmoor area, the Hart Neighbourhood Centre have an exciting programme of free activities and trips, available to all 11-16 year olds living in the Hart and Rushmoor area. There's four different venues across the area and FREE transport is available too.

1 - 5 August: The Base Youth Centre, Ravenscroft, Hook, RG27 9NN

8 -12 August: Courtmoor School, Springwoods, Fleet, GU52 7RY

15 - 19 August: Quetta Park, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52

22 - 26 August: Darby Green Centre, Darby Green Road, Darby Green, Near Yateley

You can choose from things like basketball, street dance, robot wars, football and many, many more. Call: **01256 760800** or email: **info@hartnc.org.uk**

If you live in Andover, you'll already know about the FREE coach trips to one of three great locations, including Chessington World of Adventure, Paultons Park and Marwell Zoo.

Four Weeks of Fun
1 to 26 August
Over 40 different activities
Four Areas
The choice is yours!

