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TEEN SPIRIT



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New chippy on the block

Apprentice carpenter Paul Logue has been working on one of our building sites in Fleet for six months, but still remembers his first day clearly.

“ When I started I was quite nervous. I’d never been on a site before, so I got here early on my first day and got shown around, all the lads made me feel welcome. ”

The 20-year-old from Basingstoke is one of half a dozen young apprentices working across our business, and is employed by our contractor Mansell Partnership Housing. He works on ‘second fix’ carpentry work, such as fitting skirting boards, door hanging and helping fit kitchen units.

“ When I spoke to the people I work with, they said when they were apprentices they were made to sweep up, and never got any good stuff to do. That’s all changed now, and the lads from all the trades want me to progress. ”

Paul goes to Basingstoke College of Technology every Thursday to complete an NVQ2 and a Level 3 diploma in carpentry. Although there’s a lot of theory, he’s already doing site drawings and how to price up for jobs. He says:

“ I did a foundation course in construction when I left school, and a lot of mates who did the course are now working in shops or warehouses because that’s the only work about. I would say to anyone thinking of this to not be afraid to push. ”



Here's our top five ways for you to get the skills to get earning

Apprentice

We're creating at least 10 places a year with full training and up to £190 a week wage.

Basic skills

If you apply for an apprenticeship but need extra help with reading, writing, and maths, our training partner will pay for you to catch up so you're ready for work.

Work experience

We work with the Princes Trust to offer work experience where you'll be working in a different department every day to get a taster of what life's really like in a housing association.

Volunteering

If you live in Hart, you may be interested in joining Fresh Start to learn all about catering by cooking meals in our sheltered housing schemes.

Get With

We usually put on things like babysitting courses and tasters in beauty, designing computer games and film making to help you make the right choice if you're unsure.



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We're starting to plan for this years summer activity programme, so if you have any ideas to help make Get With even better get in touch, contact details are on the back page of the magazine.



Dear Sentinel,

Thank you very much for having a Grotto for Santa to go to at Rooksdown. My brother got a racing car he asked for.

Love from
Liam and Aidan



Competition winner

Congratulations to Brooke Chambers from Chineham who correctly counted 15 snowmen in the last edition of Spirit magazine.

If you've got an idea for a competition let us know, contact details are on the back page.

