

Gallery of achievements



Red2Green's learners each make huge personal progress, increasing independent living skills, and ultimately their chances of employment if they are looking for work. Red2Green is proud here to show just some of their recent achievements.



Jack

Jack has Aspergers Syndrome (an autistic spectrum condition) and has been attending Aspirations on a work placement from Cambridge Regional College to do an NVQ in Business and Administration. He has chosen the units he wishes to do and these include 'research and report information'. Jack has been working with Susan, Karen and Sharon to produce some useful articles, and this has given him good experiences of work in an office based environment.

Jack is also helping to set up the much needed library of Autism related books and information.

Lastly, Jack recently told us that he passed his driving test just before Christmas. Well done to him!

Maxine

Maxine attends Options, and this month she has been awarded a 'Star Certificate' for walking to the village pub, and back to Harvey's Barn. This is the first time Maxine has done this, and she was very pleased with herself, as were all the members of staff. She was asked if she would like a Star Certificate and she said she would.

When Maxine was given the certificate, she was asked "how did receiving the certificate make you feel"? Maxine replied "It makes me feel happy".

She has a profound learning disability and some mobility difficulties. Since receiving the certificate Maxine has continued to walk without any objections, and always says, while smiling at the same time, "I walked to the pub again this week".



Gary

Gary is the star learner this month at the Cambridge Online Auction Shop as he is the first person to start his Retail NVQ level 2.

Gary is doing this through Train to Gain as our volunteer support worker. He is trialling the qualification for our Shop learners who will be offered this in the Autumn term.

Well done Gary, we look forward to presenting you with your certificate.

Here he is working at the shop counter attending a customer's needs.



Mark

Mark from Red2Greenhouse has been nominated for the Gallery of Achievements because he walked all the way from Coldhams Lane to the Hester Adrian centre in Hawthorn Way last month to catch the Red2Greenhouse minibus. Most places were closed because of snow, so we were very impressed by his commitment.

Mark is a great walker and has a learning disability. He is hoping to get a paper round soon so that he can earn some money from his walking.

Una

The Health for Life team nominates Una for the Gallery of Achievements this month. Una has been with Health for Life since May 2008, and recently wrote: "I have been learning how to exercise and keep fit despite disabilities, both physical and mental. My disabilities were really undermining my general wellbeing and I looked for ways to improve my situation. The exercises have strengthened muscles and improved my posture.

Apart from that it [Health for Life] has given me a much needed opportunity to get out of the house and socialize, relieving depression and giving me a more positive outlook generally. Also something to enjoy ... haven't had enough in recent years! "

Ryan

Ryan is a student at the local secondary school and has trouble settling into formal classes, so he attends the Red2Greenhouse project at Anglesey Abbey, recreating the kitchen garden. Ryan hopes to work in the horticultural sector in the future and has been doing exceptionally well on his Open College Network course.

Despite literacy difficulties he is getting a lot out of his time with the Anglesey Abbey team. His achievements on this course are getting him going in the right direction.