

Wiltshire Employment Support Team

Meet Jamie...

Jamie started his journey with WEST as an intern on the Wiltshire Supported Internship. His profiling began in May 2017, this was an important part of the process where through many meetings at various locations, Jamie and his family got to know his Job Coach. By the time the Internship started in September, Jamie's Job Coach had a good understanding of Jamie, his likes and dislikes, skills and how his disability impacted on him.

Jamie began a Working Interview in September 2017, as a member of the Grounds team at Appleford School in Shrewton. The placement was a success and Jamie ended up completing a full eight months, gaining experience and developing new skills in an area he knew he now wanted to work in. Jamie's Job Coach supported him in exploring options for employment and achieving the qualifications he needed to move into his chosen career.

Jamie had a number of different interviews and a short work trial all of which were fantastic experience but not successful in securing a paid position. Jamie found communicating very challenging, but by the time he interviewed for an apprenticeship with Devizes Town Council, he was much more confident and had a bank of answers ready and practised.

Jamie was offered an apprenticeship in October 2018 and is loving his role. His Job Coach is still working closely with Jamie and his Manager and have devised some new ways for Jamie to learn the skills he needs and remember all the plant and flower names. He enjoys being part of a team and gets involved with many community projects, something he never thought he would have the confidence to do.

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