

WELCOME!!!

SEE HERE!.....Mark Geraghty has moved north from Oxfordshire to join us as our new Principal and Chief Executive. Look out for him wandering about the site and introduce yourself. Remember, he is a new kid on the block so give him a warm welcome and be sure to tell him you are one of our loyal and valued volunteers. On behalf of the volunteering team we wish Mark every success, happiness and a long career with the Seashell Trust..



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Over 300 young people joined almost a hundred volunteers for this year's Children's Able and Disabled Sports week (CADS). There were more than twenty four different sports to try out ranging from football and cricket to climbing and archery. Everyone had a great time and went home at the end of each day worn out but eagerly looking forward to the next day's events. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers without whom the event could not have taken place. If you would like any information about future CADS events please contact either Debbie Gregory/Denese Paver volunteer co-ordinators contact details, 0161 610 0171.

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Volunteer-Barbara Willan

As part of my role in DWP I took part in Community 5000 which provides the opportunity to volunteer for a day with a local voluntary or community organisation which is linked to Department Work and Pensions customers.



Having obtained BSL Level 1 in Sign Language and an interest in working with children with special needs I was lucky enough to gain a place at Royal School for the Deaf (now Seashell).

My induction involved observing a group in the Sports Hall. The first thing that struck me was how happy everyone was. Children and adults having fun on the trampoline, other children were using the climbing wall (and then needing help to get come down from the top of it). During my day I was impressed by the amount of enthusiasm of the volunteers and the hands on approach.

In September I began volunteering with Class 2 at Dockray once a fortnight. My tasks include, going shopping, cooking, pottery and with my BSL knowledge I am able to communicate with them.

Each time I volunteer at Seashell Trust I am amazed at the confidence it has given me and the way that I am able to identify new skills that I never thought I had before. I have gained an enormous amount of pleasure and fulfilment from volunteering at Seashell Trust.

I would recommend volunteering to anyone. The more you input the more you get out of it. It can take time for the children to bond with you but now they never forget you.

Summer Fair.....2009

The day was hot and sunny with everyone spending lots of their hard earned cash in a good cause. The fair raised in excess of £10,000 and this fantastic amount will go towards providing leisure activities for our students. Thank you to all the parents, staff and volunteers for their help in organising the day.

We also held It's a Knockout with over 12 teams participating raising £2,000 for the organisation, unfortunately our own team of volunteers didn't make the final but were fantastic with lots of energy and enthusiasm shown during the tasks.

Pictured top- Team Rainbow; below; Tom Mullen playing the bag pipes.



Congratulations to Debbie Gregory Volunteer Co-ordinator in passing her NVQ Level 3 in British Sign Language (BSL) and to her son Adam Gregory passing his level 1.

