

Day Opportunities News

Basildon

Edition 9

PCS Legal visit Papworth Trust

We had the pleasure of welcoming PCS Legal to our centre recently, it was a great visit.

Our guests enjoyed a warm lunch with our customers, followed by team games. This occasion was to celebrate PCS Legal's phenomenal fundraising efforts, an astounding £15,000 raised!



Service Manager Maggie and Billie, our Expert by Experience, recited some poetry, while Fundraiser Pippa and Maggie expressed our appreciation to PCS Legal through thoughtful thank-you speeches. We presented a scrapbook created by our customers and a banner designed by Activities Facilitator Bernard.

We are so thankful for the incredible support from PCS Legal!



A fantastic first day volunteering at PCS Legal

Service Manager Maggie accompanied Lawrence, Beth, and Josh as they embarked on their exciting volunteering work experience at PCS Legal.

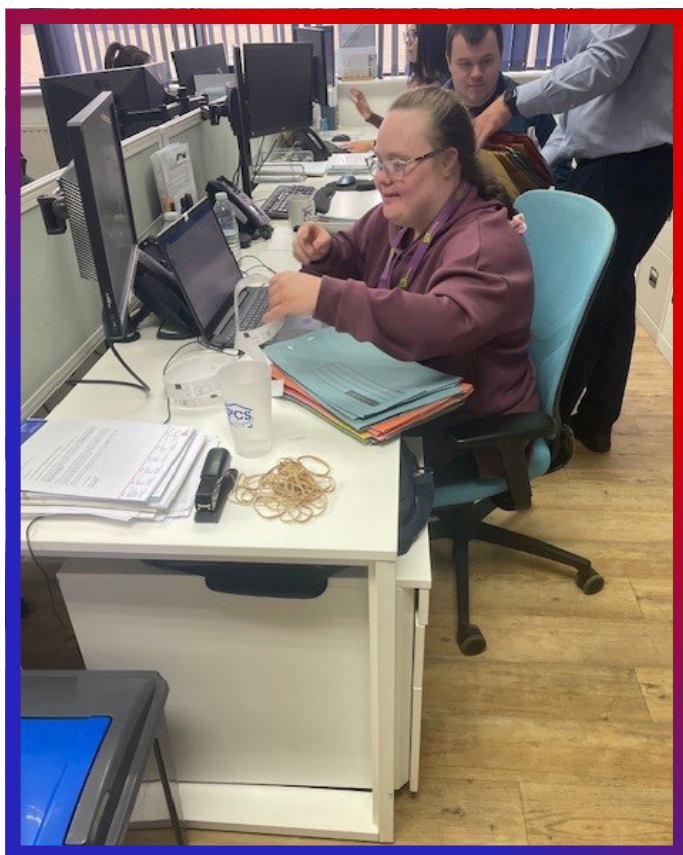
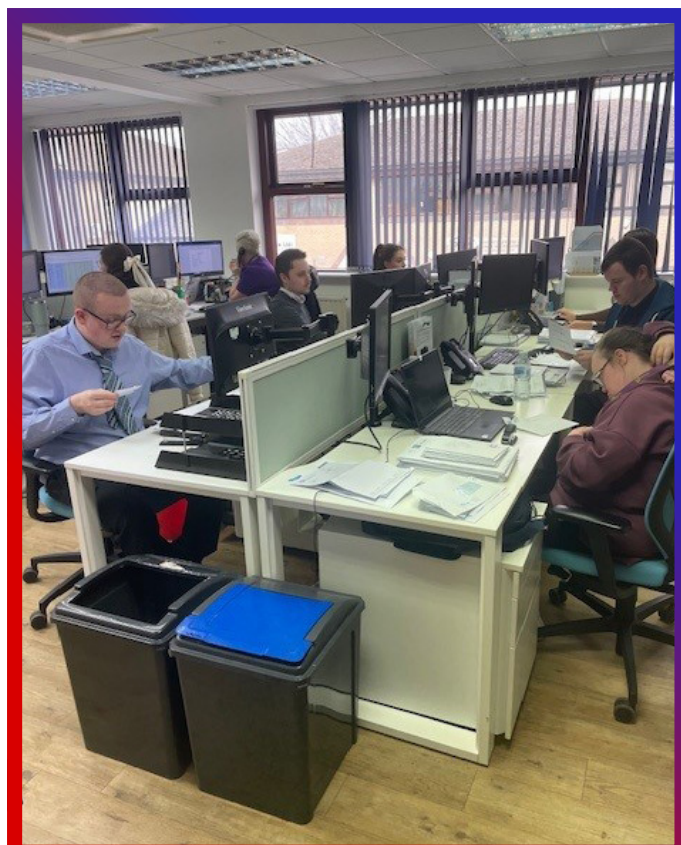
Upon arrival, PCS Legal staff Liam and Laura gave them a warm welcome, introducing them to the staff across three office locations. They then met with the Manager Stuart, who outlined their responsibilities for the day.

Each volunteer was assigned their own desk and got straight to work. Jobs included opening post, stapling letters and documents, labelling folders, and, of course, making sure they got enough tea breaks!



Their enthusiasm and hard work did not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful to PCS Legal for offering them this opportunity. The team had a fantastic time and is already looking forward to returning.

As a special surprise, they each received a work bag filled with goodies. Well done, Lawrence, Beth and Josh.



Treetops school returns for another memorable visit

We were delighted to welcome back the wonderful students and staff of Treetops School to our centre. After their visit last year, it was great to see familiar faces and meet new friends.

Treetops School, a school in Grays, Essex, supports students aged 5 to 19 with moderate learning difficulties, autism, and speech and language needs.

Our customers were so excited to reconnect with them. It was a great visit and we are already looking forward to planning another visit when the weather warms up.





Basildon customers take action for the planet

Customers recently wanted to make a positive impact on the environment. They decided to recycle glass from the centre to their local collection bins.

Well done to everyone involved in this fantastic effort to keep Basildon green and sustainable!





Customers shine at Barleylands farm volunteer placement

Activities Facilitator Caroline accompanied customers to their volunteer placements at Barleylands Farm. It was a great opportunity for them to get involved, gain hands-on experience, and contribute to the daily workings of the farm.

Jade, Julie, and Ross all rolled up their sleeves and worked hard, helping with various tasks while enjoying the fresh air and the rewarding experience of farm life.



QandA with Activities Facilitator Emily

We spoke with Emily, one of the Activities Facilitators in Basildon, to learn more about her and her role at Papworth Trust.

Can you start by telling us a bit about your background?

I live in Basildon and have a 5 year old son. I was a carer in a care home for 1 year, then a 121 carer for 6 years prior to Papworth Trust.

What do you like to do outside of work?

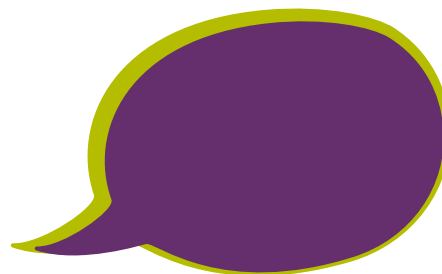
I like to take my son to places of interest and outdoor activities in my spare time. I like music, singing, art and crafts, socialising, boxing.

What inspired you to become an Activities Facilitator at Papworth Trust?

I was a carer for one of the customers who attends Papworth Trust and saw the great work that staff do for people and always wanted to work here. The centre has a great atmosphere, everyone is really kind and positive and I saw potential for staff to achieve well in their work roles. The team worked well together, good communication and a nice place to be.

What types of activities do you enjoy leading the most?

I like all of the activities we do at the centre but my strengths are Art and Crafts, Community, Discussion Groups, Dance, Karaoke, Maths, Reading, Spelling, Cooking and supporting customers with presentations. I really do enjoy being here at the centre. It has made a huge difference to me and so pleased to be given a chance to work in Maggie's team.



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