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HAVING A PLUMB TIME ON WORK EXPERIENCE

A local youngster who wants to become a plumber, has had his dreams come true, thanks to local building firm Kingfisher Building Services LLP (KBS) who have taken him on for his 2 week work experience. Kingfisher Building Services LLP went into partnership six months ago with one of the areas largest social housing providers in the area, Kingfisher Housing Association.

15 year old Daniel Dyos, a Year 10 pupil at The Vyne Community School has been spending two weeks with the plumbers at Kingfisher Building Services, seeing what work they carry out and how they do it, giving him an excellent insight into his chosen career path.

Ed Penny, the Managing Director of Kingfisher Building Services whose premises are on the Moniton Trading Estate in Basingstoke said "I think it is really important that youngsters get a feel for working in the real world and this is our opportunity to give something back. We have another 4 work experience youngsters booked in to come here over the coming months and are really pleased that we can help out in this way."

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Kingfisher Building Services is a well established building company who specialise in carrying out maintenance and repair work in the social housing sector. They employ 25 staff in all trades from plumbing, carpentry, electrical, together with the office based staff who deal with the hundreds of jobs that come in each week.

Daniel Dyos said of his work experience, "I've always wanted to be a plumber and to be given the opportunity to do work experience with KBS has been invaluable and given me a real insight into the work of a plumber, it's been really interesting."

Sue Riley, Director, Basingstoke Consortium said: "We manage work experience on behalf of all secondary schools in Basingstoke, and know how much students value the real life experiences such an opportunity provides them with. We couldn't run the programme without the help of employers like Kingfisher Building Services, and work with over 1,000 businesses each year."

Note to the Editor:

A photograph of Daniel Dyos at work is enclosed.

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Basingstoke Consortium Ltd

Basingstoke Consortium Limited is a not for profit organisation that was established in 1986 to provide work related and enterprise opportunities for students in Basingstoke & Deane. It works with 11 Borough secondary schools, 3 special schools and 2 post-16 colleges to help to prepare pupils for adult life and the world of work.

The Consortium is one of 126 Education Business Partnership organisations that work across England and Wales, and is a member of the National Education Business Partnership Network.

Wessex Housing Partnership is a partnership between the well established Housing Associations of HVHS Housing Group, based in Winchester and Kingfisher Housing Association based in Basingstoke, with a combined history of 73 years in operation.

HVHS and Kingfisher own around 6,150 properties for social rent, shared ownership and private renting for young single people, couples, families and the elderly. Also over 500 new properties are being developed and bought every year, helping to house local people in housing need.

Wessex Housing Partnership operate and own properties in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire.

