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WESSEX STAFF ENCOURAGED TO 'LEARN AT WORK'

Wessex Housing Partnership which incorporates Kingfisher Housing Association, Basingstoke and HVHS Housing Group, Winchester recently encouraged its staff to participate in the National Learning at Work Day held on 15 May.

Staff at the Saxon Court offices in Basingstoke were offered the opportunity to work-shadow colleagues in other departments of the Group and so broaden their knowledge of the Group, to learning how to relax whilst keeping fit in a trial Pilates class. Earlier a representative from 'BeActive' had attended sessions for staff to monitor their well being. The Pilates class proved so popular that it may become a regular out-of-work activity to encourage staff to keep fit!

Kingfisher and HVHS staff who were feeling a little less energetic opted for a valuable lesson in learning the art of 'signing' which will be very useful when communicating with those of our customers who may be deaf and use sign language.

Stephanie Akerman, Learning and Development Officer at Wessex encourages our 350 employees to continually broaden their knowledge by promoting a thorough training programme for the Group.

Chairman: Mike Thompson

Group Chief Executive : Brian Hutchison FCIH MRSH

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Lucy Cottrell, aged 15, who was on a week's work experience with Kingfisher joined in with the 'signing class', and said of her experience: "For the first timers amongst us the sign language proved to be rather challenging at first, however, we all ended the afternoon with smiles on our faces and were able to sign quite a few words!"

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Notes to the Editor:

Photographs are enclosed.

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