

## Let's meet our wonderful workforce



The maintenance team is made up of Leon Pendergast, Stuart Walton, Richard Morris, Kieran Mahon and Scott Battisson.

They each work one day a week, travelling with Pete the Housing Support Worker and help him to complete small maintenance jobs around the properties, such as fixing cupboards, changing lightbulbs and putting together flat pack furniture.

Pete tells us "during their time out with me they are learning life skills which provides them with more confidence to deal with the world in general and to cope with situations that may arise in their own personal life."









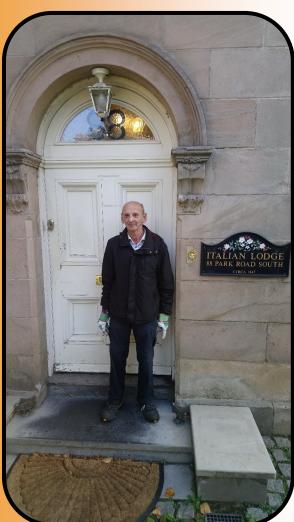
Scott tells us "I like working with my hands, I am learning new things every day such as how to use the tools properly."

Kieran likes riding in the van with Pete and helping out.

Richard likes building flat pack furniture, he is The Flat Pack King.

Leon likes to fix things that have broken and Stuart like visiting all of the properties.











John Scaduto works at Head Office, tending to the gardens. He works three days a week and makes sure that all of the flower beds are tidy and weed free, and rakes the leaves from the lawns.

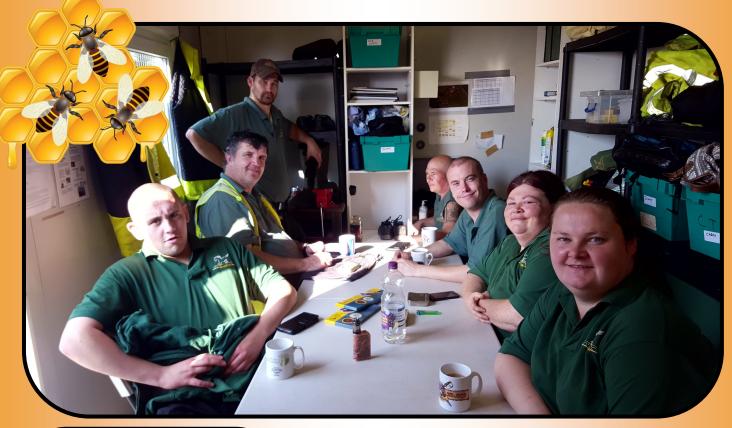
The Italian lodge is situated in historic Birkenhead Park and is a Grade II listed building so the outside appearance of the building is very important to visitors and to passers-by, and many people have commented on how beautiful the garden looks. This is all thanks to John and his trusty rake and hoe.

John tells us that he enjoys working at The Italian lodge, he likes the achievement of making the garden look neat, he also enjoys having a laugh and joke with the staff at The Lodge.

Angela, the Office Administrator says

"John is an asset to The Italian Lodge, he takes great pride in his work and this shows in the beauty of the garden. He always has cheery smile when he comes to work and certainly has the gift of the gab"







Down on The Farm, the team consists of Paul O'Connell, Tommy Abrams, Mark Stockton, Paul Baker, Carrie Thomas, Jenny Tarry and Rob Jones.

They have many responsibilities including checking all the fences and hedgerows are in good condition, checking for rabbit holes in the fields and filling them in so that the horses don't injure themselves, removing any ragwort from the fields which is poisonous to the horses should they eat it, cleaning out the stables and feeding and taking care of the horses.









On part of the field, they have created a vegetable garden, where they have been learning how to grow their own tasty vegetables and have successfully grown potatoes, carrots and parsnips.

They each have their own duties that they take pride in completing to a high standard, Tommy cleans the fields and looks after the logs and the cabin. Mark repairs the posts and rails and removes the nettles. Paul Baker looks after the stables and is a dab hand at painting the fences. Carrie and Jennifer excel at looking after the stables and grooming the horse. Paul O'Connell is a handy general maintenance man and helps in looking after the stables and Rob keeps an eye out for rabbit holes and



filling them in, repairs any damaged posts and keeps on top of the general maintenance on site.









Dave, the Farm Support Worker says of the chaps who work on the Farm "I think they have done well in promoting the farm in their own way, from general exercise walking around the site to keeping the fields and stables to such a high standard, that the horses have a









good quality of life. They represent the company when on site and they do this wonderfully".

Tommy, Rob and Mark have been promoted and have their own list of special jobs that they tick off each day.

Dave says " I would like to give everyone a pat

on the back for their service and commitment here at the farm."





Philip Hughes works in Administration at The Advisory Centre in Birkenhead, he works three morning a week on reception making appointments.

Philip tells us "Admin is my passion and I love my job. I like to keep busy and I enjoy dealing with the public on a daily basis"







Ian Halliwell is the Handy man/ Gardener at Salisbury Court. His duties include mowing the lawn and keeping the garden and the outside of the property clean and tidy. After the bins have been emptied, Ian jet washes them to remove stubborn grime; he also washes staff member's cars.

Ian says "I really enjoy my work, it keeps me busy and I like to make the property look nice. When I am anxious or stressed, my work helps to take my mind off things and helps me to relax"





Laura Churchman has a part time job in Morrison's. She works three days a week in the café and has many duties including serving customers, cleaning tables and making customers feel welcome.

Laura tells us "I enjoy going to work, the thing I like best about my job is interacting with people and chatting to them"









Emily Jones works three days a week in West Kirby in the Barnardo's charity shop. Her duties include sorting through the donations that people leave and preparing them for sale and serving customers in the shop.

Emily was awarded a certificate from Barnardo's in recognition for all the hard work she does.

Emily tells us she was thrilled to get her certificate as she loves her job, she loves helping people.



Kerry Cliffe works in a voluntary position at a Pre-school in Bebington.

Kerry says that her role is very rewarding as she loves working with younger children and her job makes her very happy





Stephen McCarthy works at Chester Racecourse. He has worked there for many years and really enjoys his job.

Stephen has completed NVQs in stewardship and health and safety as part of his job.

Stephen tells us that he likes his job because he likes meeting people. He also likes wearing his smart uniform and he gets good pay and bonuses.



James Claxton is a Shop Assistant at Iceland where he packs bags for home delivery, stacks the shelves and helping members of the public with any enquiries.

James tells us he has met lots of wonderful people in his job and it has built his confidence so much.



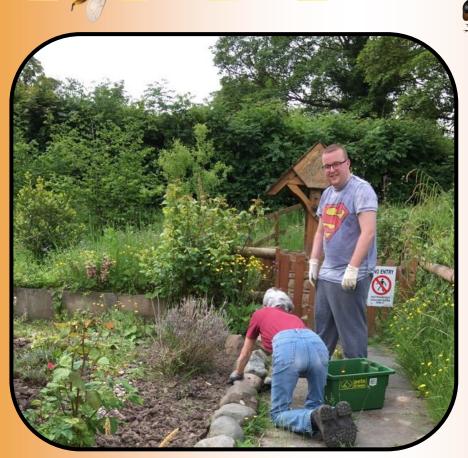


Roy Cheetham is a keen gardener and works at the allotments in Whitby.

Roy likes to grow things and working at the allotment is a job he loves to do.

Roy says "I really enjoy my job, the things I like best are socialising with the people I work with, helping people, working in the greenhouse and planting vegetables. I like to learn new skills and my job helps me do that"









Tom Nelson also works at the allotments, he works at The Edward Kemp allotments in Birkenhead Park.

Tom's favourite thing to do is gardening and this is his ideal job.

Tom tells us that he could garden all day, every day, he loves it that much.





Mario Vrlec and Paul Jennings both work at The Countess of Chester Hospital.

They have been working there for many years as part of the Supply Team in the Administration Department.

Paul says he likes the responsibility he has and that he is relied on to do a good job. He likes the people he works with and enjoys the routine of going to work.

Mario tells us " I feel my job is an important part of my weekly routine. I like being independent in my job role and working on the computer. I really like the friendly people I work with.





Julie Bebbington works in The Cancer Research charity shop in Birkenhead, she works three days a week. She has a variety of duties including working on the till serving customers, makes tea and coffee for herself and the staff team, putting stock out and pricing items. She sometimes goes to the bank to get change for the till which is an extremely responsible job.

Julie tell us " I really enjoy working there as it a very good cause and it gives me confidence"







