



## James

James came to westonworks seeking support looking for volunteering opportunities. James had not worked for several years as a result of illness and wanted to find suitable volunteering opportunities to rebuild his confidence, gain experience and references for future employment.

We agreed with James to start the journey back to work gradually by initially setting up an appointment with VANS (Voluntary Action North Somerset) to discuss his options. James had previously worked as a skilled vehicle technician in a franchise dealership and wanted to find a similar volunteer position. James secured a position with the Healthy Living Centre as a minibus driver, initially on the smaller bus, then after passing his MIDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) course the larger 16 seater bus. The position involved transporting community groups to venues across the South West.

Once James had started to gain confidence he met with an Adviser at westonworks to agree an action plan for his return to work and develop his CV. James became a regular visitor to westonworks, building his IT skills through the Computer Club and attending the Work Club to check the papers and internet for jobs, he also found the Skills4Work confidence building and interview skills course really useful. James volunteered with westonworks, supporting other job seekers with their searches and accessing the internet.

James secured a job with Vehicle Preparation Services, based at Royal Portbury Docks fitting high value accessories and enhancing imported vehicles.