



MERLIN NEWS

The Merlin Venture Ltd Newsletter



It's been another busy Summer here at Merlin Venture with the launch of our new and improved recruitment service whilst expanding our Community Transport .

As always we try to target our services to the community and pride ourselves of really listening to our stakeholders to help us provide the best service possible.

We also try to be the best value as well this is reflected in Tiggy Winkles latest offer and the pricing of our recruitment and security services.



NEW RECRUITMENT SERVICE COMES TO CASTLE VALE

Following the continuing success of our Employment and Training service, Merlin Recruitment are delighted to introduce a new service which will provide a high quality recruitment service to businesses for a competitive fee.

Specialising within six key areas including:

- **Accounts**
- **Administration**
- **Customer Service**
- **Retail**
- **Sales**
- **Warehousing**

Merlin Recruitment offer permanent and temporary work on either a full or part time basis within Castle Vale and the surrounding areas.

In connection with the new service, Merlin Venture welcomes Lynette Turner and Gemma Donnelly to the team.

"It is understandable that our priority has always been to help people who are out of work, , but I am delighted that we are now also going to help Castle Vale residents who already have a job but are ready to move on" – Robert Brown, Merlin chief executive.

If you are unemployed and seeking work then our employment and training advisors based at the Community Campus will still be able to help you, but if you are already employed and are seeking to change jobs, or perhaps are an employer who would like more information about the new service, then please contact **Lynette** or **Gemma** on **0121 776 8880**.



Lynette Turner—Recruitment Consultant

NOTHING BEATS EXPERIENCE

Merlin Venture are well aware that deciding on a career is always difficult, no matter what age you are therefore try and actively encourage self-development. Emily Jones from John Wilmott School recently joined us for work experience, and during her time with us she worked alongside the Employment and Training advisors, Marketing department and Administration including reception.

Merlin Recruitment and Enterprise has worked with many young people during the last 7 years helping place them into Modern Apprenticeships, training and further education as well as into employment.

Merlin Recruitment and Enterprise are now permanently based at the JMC Spitfire House Campus and are available on **0121 747 2200**.



TIGGY WINKLES REWARDS PARENTS

Tiggy Winkles Nurseries have just celebrated their 13th Birthday on the 24th June by holding a special fundraising funday at Pegasus Nursery to raise money for equipment needed at the nursery. The day raised over £300, from staff and events such as a BBQ and a bouncy castle. With such an eventful and successful day, Tiggy Winkles are planning another day like this around Christmas time.

Following on from their recent Birthday celebrations Tiggy Winkles Daycare Nurseries are now offering all new children **£100.00** worth of gift vouchers*. Any child who starts attending either Tiggy Winkles Nursery at Chivenor House or Pegasus School will be entitled to the reward after attending for a minimum of six weeks*.

Tiggy Winkles has always prided itself on offering the best value for parents, who of course may also be eligible for a grant covering up to 70% of their childcare costs.

For more information on Tiggy Winkles call **0121 747 2186**.

*Terms and conditions apply.

ATHERSTONE AND TAMWORTH

North Warwickshire Buster Werkenbak is now able to take even more residents to work and back.

The service is now expanding to cover even more of North Warwickshire including Atherstone and is even able to take people from Tamworth to sites such as Hams Hall and Birch Coppice.





BUSTER WERKENBAK IS BACK!

Responding to popular demand Buster Werkenbak is now returning to Castle Vale and will be able to take people to and from work at Hams Hall.

Buster Werkenbak now operates from 5.00am until 11.00pm Monday to Friday to Hams Hall and back—the service will need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

The service is excellent value for money from only £2.00 per journey and is still by far the most affordable way of reaching employment opportunities in Hams Hall.

NEW LINK TO THE AIRPORT OPENS UP

Birmingham International Airport has just become easier to get to. With the launch of a new Airport Link bus service running from 8.00pm until 7.00am Monday to Saturday the Blue and Yellow bus can take you to the airport for only £2.00 with most types of bus pass being accepted. The service is an extension of the Buster Werkenbak scheme and will be operated by Merlin Venture funding coming from CENTRO.

The service is being trialled until the end of June 2007 and its continuation depends on patronage.

For information on all of our transport call **0845 234 1234**



CCTV SUCCESS!

Merlin Security, a division of Merlin Venture have had huge success in improving Castle Vale! In the past 12 months alone, over 3000 incidents have been logged and recorded by the CCTV camera's that are keeping a watchful eye over Castle Vale.

The objective of the public CCTV system is to provide a safe environment for those who live, work, visit and enjoy the facilities of the area.

The main aims of the camera's are to:

- Identify crime
- Monitor incidents
- Record incidents
- Provide evidence for prosecution
- Deter crime

The benefits of CCTV are considerable. From recorded taped evidence, perpetrators of crime will be easily identified and there will be a greater likelihood of successful prosecution of offenders.

As well as preventing crime, CCTV is used as an estate management tool alerting emergency services to fires, car accidents and any other incidents to which a quick response can be made.

Merlin Security offer a 24-hour monitoring service to local businesses through their state-of-the art Control Room. Where required, Merlin Security can also provide a key holding facility with a mobile patrol and response service.

For more information and a no obligation quotation, please call Jennie on **0121 776 8880**.

NEW TRAINING ADVISOR

Merlin Venture would like to welcome Lynnette Douglas to the team. Lynnette, who comes from an employment training background is currently working on the Stockland Green Youth Employment Project.

This funded project is aimed at unemployed people between the ages of 16 and 25 that live in Stockland Green area. It will be held in the Community Room of Highcroft Social Club room 11am – 3pm

"I am really excited about this project, I will be working predominately on an outreach basis in the community. By having a base at the Stockland Green Leisure Centre 2 days a week makes our services much more accessible for anyone who wishes to see me on a drop in basis" Lynnette Douglas Employment and Training Advisor.

Young people will be able to access advice and guidance, CV preparation job searching and much more.

For more info, contact Lynnette on:

0121 747 2200 or **07957911196**.

Or just drop in to the Stockland Green Leisure Centre.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FROM MERLIN VENTURE

Everyone loves a special, personalised gift, whether it's a calendar, mouse mat or a card for any occasion!

Merlin are offering you a 25% discount from www.createagift.co.uk where you can use your own photos to make that someone's gift extra special.

All you have to do is enter the unique code: **MERLIN** to claim your 25% discount.

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