Severndale Alumni

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Severndale Specialist Academy

Enabling communication, independence and enjoyment for life

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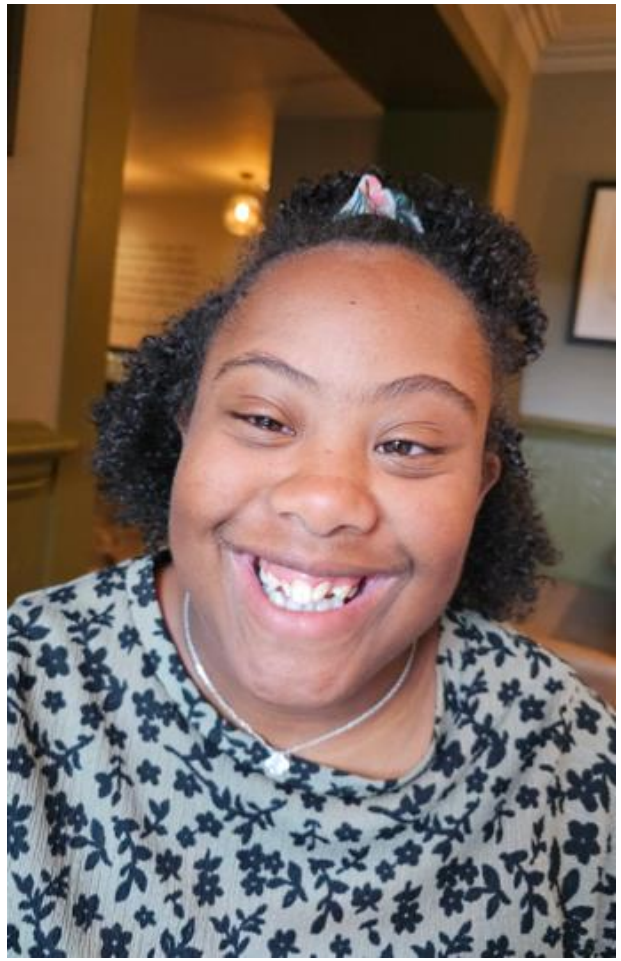
Candy



Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 2

What year did they leave Severndale: 2025

Where did they go upon leaving: Condover College, Grafton Campus.

Which social care placement have they attended: Aspirations Day Centre**.**

What course did they do: Pathway to employment.

Where are they now: Supported Living, living with 4 other young people in a house in Shrewsbury.

Where have they been in-between: Left school and moved into her placement at the start of the new term.

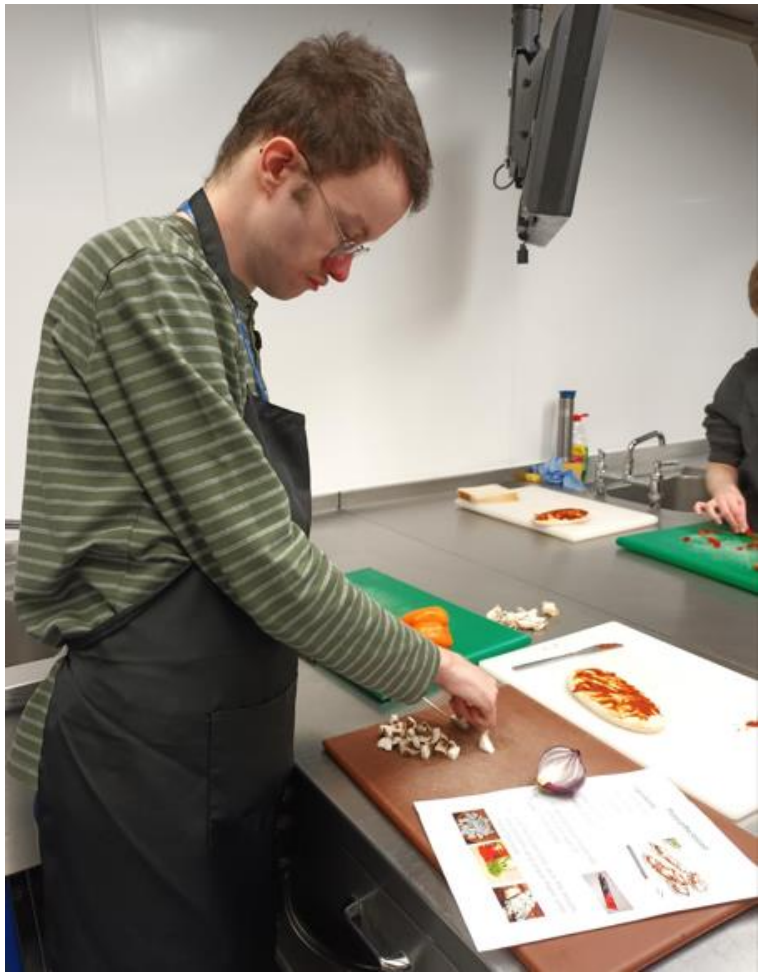
Which care provider: Condover College Ltd.

What do they do with their spare time: Currently at Grafton College and plays cricket each week as well as many social events.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Work related learning at college.

What are their next steps: To find worthwhile paid employment.

Ben



Picture of Ben preparing food at college.

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 3.

What year did they leave Severndale: 2025

Where did they go upon leaving: Shrewsbury College.

What course do they do: ASDAN course 3 days a week, including functional English and Maths skills. Developing life, independence and employability skills. This includes cooking and computer skills.

Where are they now: Living at home with his family.

What do they do with their spare time: Attends a youth club – Grange Gang once a week during term time.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Ben's course will involve helping and working in the community including a work placement.

What are their next steps: Ben will hopefully continue onto the next level of the ASDAN course.

Brandon

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 3.

What year did they leave Severndale: 2024

Where did they go upon leaving: Supported Internship at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (Organised by DFN project, Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury College Group and Enable).

What did the supported internship entail: Employability lessons, health and safety course, fire safety course and food hygiene course. The internship involved 3 rotations; 1st rotation: housekeeping (cleaning and restocking), entertaining patients and serving food and drink. In my 2nd rotation I shadowed and learnt about the role of a porter with some of my own tasks too. In my 3rd rotation I helped as a green porter on the Estates Sustainability Team.

Where did they do in-between: I applied for lots of jobs with support from a jobs support worker. I previously attended Aspirations day centre on a Saturday.

What do you do now: I work as an admin assistant 3 days a week at O'Neil and Brennan. This role includes updating calendars, laminating posters, unloading and loading the dishwasher, serving drinks and ensuring my team have enough stationary supplies.

What do they do with their spare time: I enjoy going on bike rides and going swimming.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Prior to my Supported Internship I completed work experience at Hope House charity shop and Little Rascals Play centre.

What are their next steps: I have recently passed my theory test, and I am hoping to pass my driving test in 2026.

Romily

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2023

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College. Currently in her second year at Derwen.

What course do they do: Nurture Programme learning life skills.

Which social care placement have they attended: none

Where are they now: Living at home with her parents.

What do they do with their spare time: Romilly has a personalised timetable, she works with a physiotherapist in the hydrotherapy pool and on the adapted bikes, a SALT team have helped her learn Grid on her college iPad with which she communicates with other students, cooking and cleaning, music and community engagements.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Romily has completed work experience on the Derwen stall at Ellesmere market and in the Gobowen Library stamping books.

What are their next steps: After college Romily will attend a social care setting before hopefully moving to Cornwall.

Mitch

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2023

Which social care placement did they go upon leaving: My Aspirations, Cherry Lodge. Mitch has named this ‘The Farm’.

What do they do with their spare time: Mitch enjoys spending time with the animals and developing his social and physical skills at My Aspirations; Mitch is on his feet most of the day and has made some friends with other clients and with his care workers.

What are their next steps: To continue at My Aspirations for hopefully many years to come.

Jessie

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2021

Where did they go upon leaving: Condover College, Grafton Campus

What course did they do: The Design for Living pathway. Jessie enjoyed the cooking and daily living skills, and her vocabulary came on in leaps and bounds.

Which social care placement do they attend: Condover College Ltd.

Where are they now and what do they do: Living at home with her parents and attending day opportunities at Condover College Ltd on a Monday and Friday. Jessie takes part in activities such as arts and crafts, laughter yoga, singing therapy, SALT and physiotherapy. Jessie also has attended the hydro pool.

What are their next steps: To continue to thrive; Jessie still has a cheeky, funny sense of humour.

Mackenzie

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 2

What year did they leave Severndale: 2023

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College.

What course did they do: Learning for Life Pathway for 2 years. Currently Mackenzie is doing Hospitality at Derwen for 1 more year.

Do they attend a social care placement: not currently.

Where are they now: Living at home with his family.

Where have they been in-between: Left school and went straight to college in the September.

What do they do with their spare time: At the weekend Mackenzie goes to Moat farm equine therapy where he helps with the animals.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: In hospitality he helps at the Premier Inn to get the rooms ready, he also works in the walled garden cafe and the Orangery restaurant, they also help in the food centre preparing food and making cakes to be sold in the shop and cafe.

What are their next steps: Currently unsure of next steps.

Katie

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2022

Where did they go upon leaving: Stayed at home but went to Aspirations Day Centre.

Which social care placement have they attended: Aspirations Day Centre**.**

Where are they now: Supported Living in her own bungalow in Shrewsbury.

Where have they been in-between: After school spent 18 months at home awaiting her placement.

Which care provider: Lexrae Support.

What do they do with their spare time: Trampolining, bowling, church each Sunday, cycling, gym, shopping and lunch out with friends.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: None.

What are their next steps: To consolidate her placement and make the most of her time by enjoying activities available to her.

Nathan

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 3

What year did they leave Severndale: 2021

Where did they go upon leaving: Shrewsbury College Group.

What course did they do: Employability course (college ready course).

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Completed work placements at pass master coaching at Wrekin View primary school. In my last year of college, I did a supported internship at Wrekin View where I helped with their PE seasons for 6 months. I then left in October half term where I then moved on to St Lawrence's Primary School where I worked with Crossbar Coaching to help with their PE Lessons. I then finished at Shrewsbury College Group in 2024 where I was able to move on to Shrewsbury Town Foundation Youth hub where I attended skills days where I learnt skills to move into employment. I then in early December, started volunteering with Shrewsbury Town Football Club CEO Liam Dooley, working in the business part of the Football Club and am really enjoying it.

Where are they now: I have a part time job at Severndale Academy as a Midday Carer and am living at home with my foster family.

What are their next steps: I am hoping in the future to move into full time employment.

Cameron

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2021

Where did they go upon leaving: I went to Condover College at Grafton (CCL) for 3 Years with some of my friends. I loved it here and learnt and gained confidence in life skills.

Which care provider: I also started staying overnight at Greenfields (CCL) once a month. This was hard to start with as I like being at home with my family, but I am used to it now.

Where are they now: I now go to We Are Champions 5 days a week. I am very happy here and look forward to going each day. I have a lot of fun there - we go out a lot. I have made new friends, tried lots of new activities and am learning new skills.

Which social care placement have they attended: We Are Champions.

What do they do with their spare time: Also, twice a week I had and still have support from Little Rascals. I love my support worker, and we have lots of fun together going bowling, for walks and to the pub.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: None.

What are their next steps: I am encouraged to be as independent as I can possibly be to prepare me for when I leave home.

Lizzie

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 3.

What year did they leave Severndale Mary Webb: 2022

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College 2022-2025.

What course do they do: 2 Years Retail with Performing Arts. 1 year Supported Internship. Completed Silver and Gold DofE (went to Buckingham Palace). .

Where are they now: Project Search Supported Internship at Gobowen Orthopaedic Hospital – working on a ward helping cleaning, patient lunches, exercise classes and craft sessions. Lizzie also works in the Pretty in Pink, a vintage shop in Shrewsbury.

What do they do with their spare time: Lizzie has a very busy social life. 3 Years with Special Olympics North Shropshire. Swimming competitively around the UK – training weekly. Badminton and Pickle ball weekly. Shropshire Inclusive Dance – since 2017. Darwin Dancers group – Theatre Severn dance studio. Identity School of Dance – Since 2021 – Genetix Street Dance, Contemporary dance, National Competitions. Flamingo Lounge discos monthly. Ro-Loz night club inclusive nights monthly. Regularly goes bowling and to the cinema with friends. Lizzie has had PA since 2022. Lizzie also enjoys spending time on social media.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Supported Internship at Gobowen Orthopaedic Hospital.

Travis

Picture of Travis at his home.

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 2.

What year did they leave Severndale: 2021

Where did he go upon leaving: Merrington Grange residential care home near Bomere Heath.

Where are they now: Residential placement in a house sharing with 2 other young adults.

Which care provider: Achieve Together.

What do they do with their spare time: Travis is supported to look after his own personal care, clean, hoover and keep his room tidy and he shops for his own personal items. He helps with preparing meals and the cooking. He has lots of fun with all the activities he does and especially likes swimming and going to inclusive club at the sports village. He also enjoys going for an overnight stay at his family home once a week.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Volunteering at a museum and a charity shop.

What are their next steps: To continue to be happy and settled in my home.

Ellie

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2018

Where did he go upon leaving: In 2019 Ellie went to Royal College Manchester Seashell Trust – a specialist college which focuses on communication and life skills development. Ellie was due to have 3 years at the college but had lots of disruptions due to COVID and lockdowns.

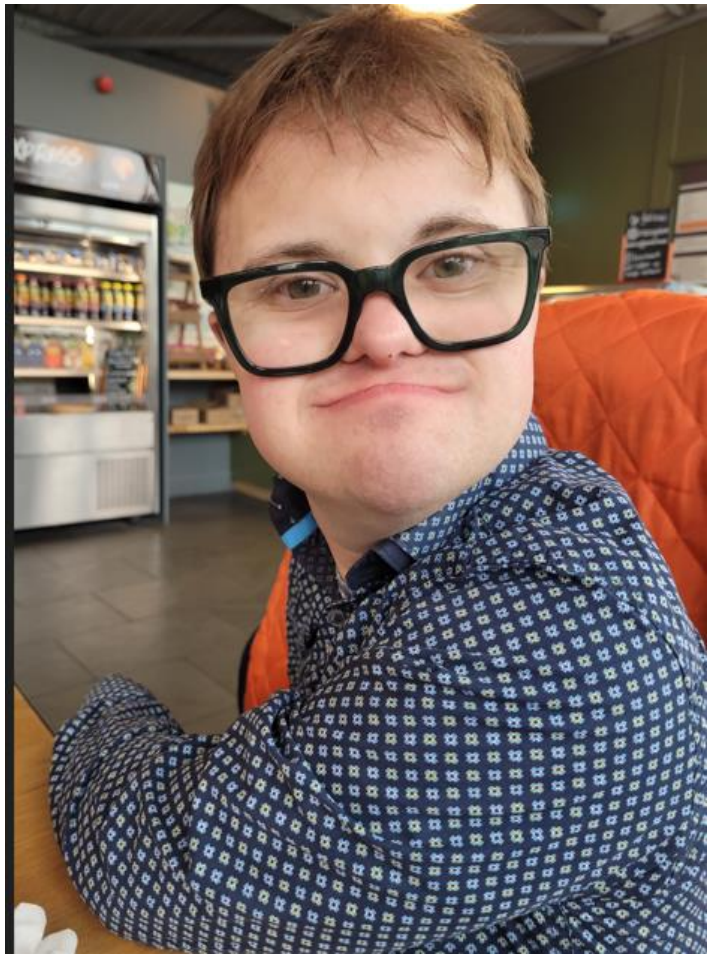
Where are they now: In 2023 Ellie moved into a supported living setting and has sole occupancy of a bungalow.

Which care provider: JAM Care.

What do they do with their spare time: Ellie has a busy timetable - she attends Avalon Day Centre in Oswestry 2 days a week, Sports Village on Tuesday, swimming on Wednesday and Saturday, and horse-riding fortnightly. She also delivers the weekly newsletter to all the apartments and bungalows on her development - which she really enjoys!

Other activities - she goes food shopping, visits National Trust properties and local attractions such as Ironworks, Blist Hill etc. She also enjoys going to cafes - she likes cake! And she likes the discos and going bowling. We have a family day once a week and she still joins us for family holidays

Michael (Mikey)



What year did they leave Severndale: 2016

Where did they go upon leaving: Condover College, Grafton Campus.

What course did they do: Independent Living skills for 3 Years.

Which social care placement have they attended: None.

Where are they now: Residential Placement in a house in Shrewsbury with 6 other young people, including his brother Jules

Where have they been in-between: Left school and home and into residential placement with Grafton College as part of an educational package.

Which care provider: Condover College ltd.

What do they do with their spare time: Work experience at the National Trust twice a week, cycling, tennis, golf, trampolining, gym, and visits.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: In-housework experience involving stock control, and car maintenance and work experience at National trust twice a week, previously at an egg farm and the towns museum.

What are their next steps: To consolidate his placement and make the most of his time by enjoying activities available to him, as well as furthering his work experience placements.

Simon

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1 – HUB.

What year did they leave Severndale: 2016

Where did they go upon leaving: Residential placement at Condover College with 3 years at Grafton campus.

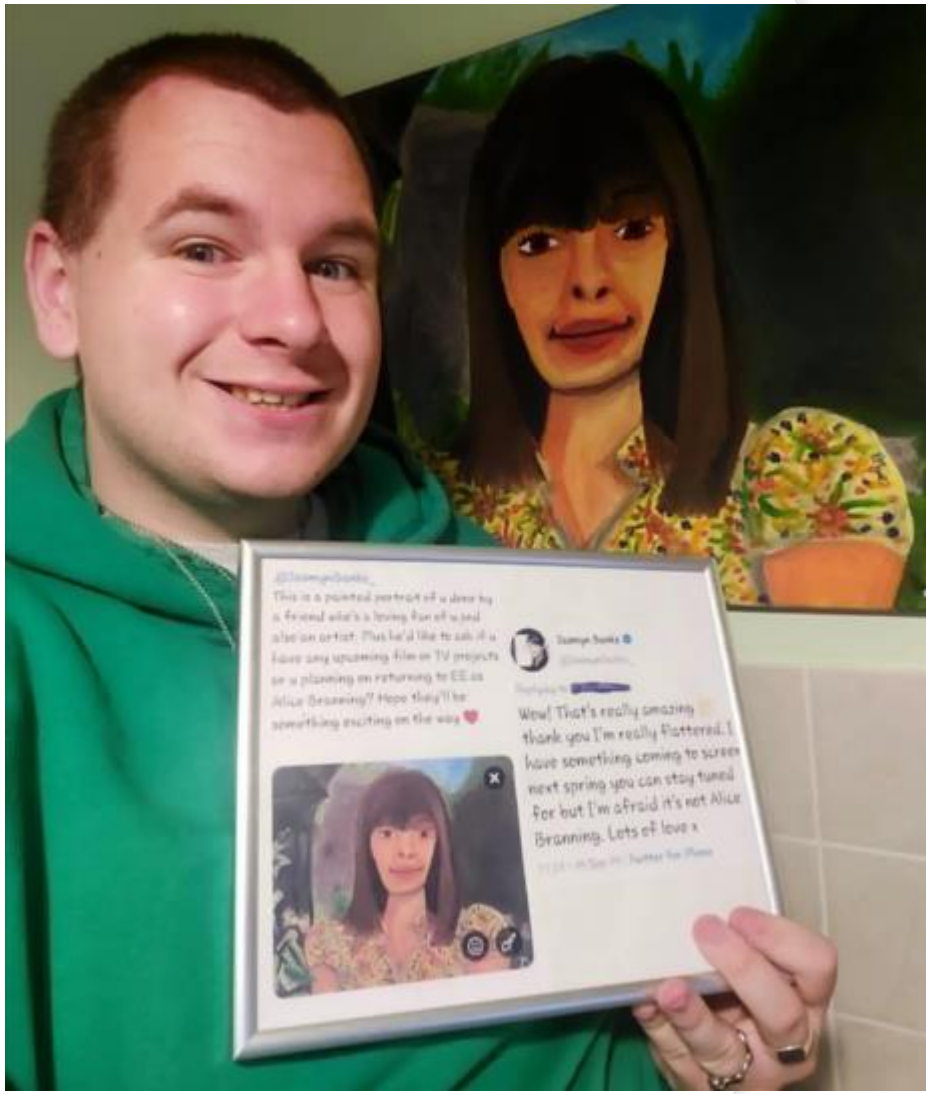
What course did they do: Holistic Sensory Programme at Grafton campus.

Where are they now: Residential Placement in a house in Wem with 5 other PMLD young people.

Which care provider: Condover College Ltd.

What do they do with their spare time: He enjoys regular hydrotherapy/physiotherapy and music sessions. He also enjoys trips out to a farm shop and being in the local community at various events at the town hall.

Ben



What year did they leave Severndale: 2016

Where did they go upon leaving: I left Severndale in 2016 for 6 years at London Road Shrewsbry College

What course did they do: Employability, Construction, and Painting & Decorating.

What work experience/ volunteering have you completed? I volunteered at the Dog's Trust charity shop (originally, I did it for work experience, but I stayed after it finished). I worked there until it closed during the pandemic in 2020. I completed work experience for Morris Care and Homes Plus as a Painter and Decorator under the Enable support group in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Where do you live? Locally in Shrewsbury with my mum, grandmother, and stepfather.

What have you done in between? I went to an All-Inclusive Art Group at The Hub from 2018 to 2019, some of my artwork had been put on display in Art Gallery in The Darwin Centre.

Where are you now? I'm now working as a volunteer at The Salvation Army charity shop in Battlefield on a Tuesday and Thursday, where I'm the shop's resident artist where I sell all my artwork where I've been working since 2022.

What do they do with their spare time: I'm now an artist, painting and drawing all kinds of pictures, mostly on my hobbies and interests. Every Wednesday morning, I attend the All-Inclusive Gym Sessions with Paula Watton which I've been doing since late 2023.

Carl

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 1

What year did they leave Severndale: 2016

Where did they go upon leaving: He went to Grafton college for 3 years whilst still living at home.

What course did they do: Holistic Sensory Programme at Grafton campus.

Where are they now: He was then offered a residential placement in Wem with 5 ladies! Carl enjoys the only man attention!

Which care provider: Condover College Ltd.

What do they do with their spare time: Carl attends physiotherapy sessions, hydrotherapy sessions which he loves as he's always been a water baby. Carl goes on outings to local shops to buy milkshake and ingredients to help make his sandwiches for tea.

Carl has been on visits to the sea life centre and the seaside, which as long as food is involved, he will last for an hour or so before he wants to go back home. Carl enjoys seeing his family on a very regular basis and appears very happy with his life

Julian (Jules)

What year did they leave Severndale: 2014

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College

What course did they do: Horticulture 2 Years.

Which social care placement have they attended: Day opportunities with Condover College Ltd.

Where are they now: Residential Placement in a house in Shrewsbury with 6 other young people, including his brother Mikey.

Where have they been in-between: Left Derwen and went straight into a residential placement.

Which care provider: Condover College ltd.

What do they do with their spare time: Work experience, car maintenance, stock control, cycling, tennis, golf, trampolining, gym, visits.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Egg Farm. Town Museum, Attingham Park as well as in-housework experience including stock control and vehicle maintenance.

What are their next steps: To consolidate his placement and make the most of his time by enjoying activities available to him.

Charlotte

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 2

What year did they leave Severndale: 2013

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College for 5 years on a residential basis for 37 weeks of the year.

What course did they do: Retail and Business course and Hospitality and Catering.

Where are they now: After Derwen College, Charlotte moved into supported accommodation in Shrewsbury and has been in the same house for the last 6 years. Charlotte shares the house with 3 other ladies, and they have 24-hour support.

Which care provider: Dimensions.

Which social care placement do they attend: We are Champions once a week.

What do they do with their spare time: Charlotte has a varied week in her supported living. On a Monday she attends 'We are Champions', Tuesday she attends the Sports Village, Wednesday she attends the Windfall Project, Friday, she goes to her Grandmas for tea and in between, she does her food shopping, goes to the cinema, attends Riding for the Disabled and goes to several discos.

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: Attends the Windfall project once a week – working in the kitchen to help make chutney. Charlotte also completed work experience at The Co-op when she was at Derwen College and also at the Perry Riding Centre and Stop Café when she had left Derwen College.

Jessica

Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 3

What year did they leave Severndale: 2012

Where did they go upon leaving: Derwen College

What course did they do: Hospitality and Catering for 5 Years.

Which Social Care Placement do they attend: Aspirations Day Centre once a week.

Where are they now: Independent Living

Where have they been in-between? After several months after finishing Derwen Jessica went to Independent Living in Shrewsbury.

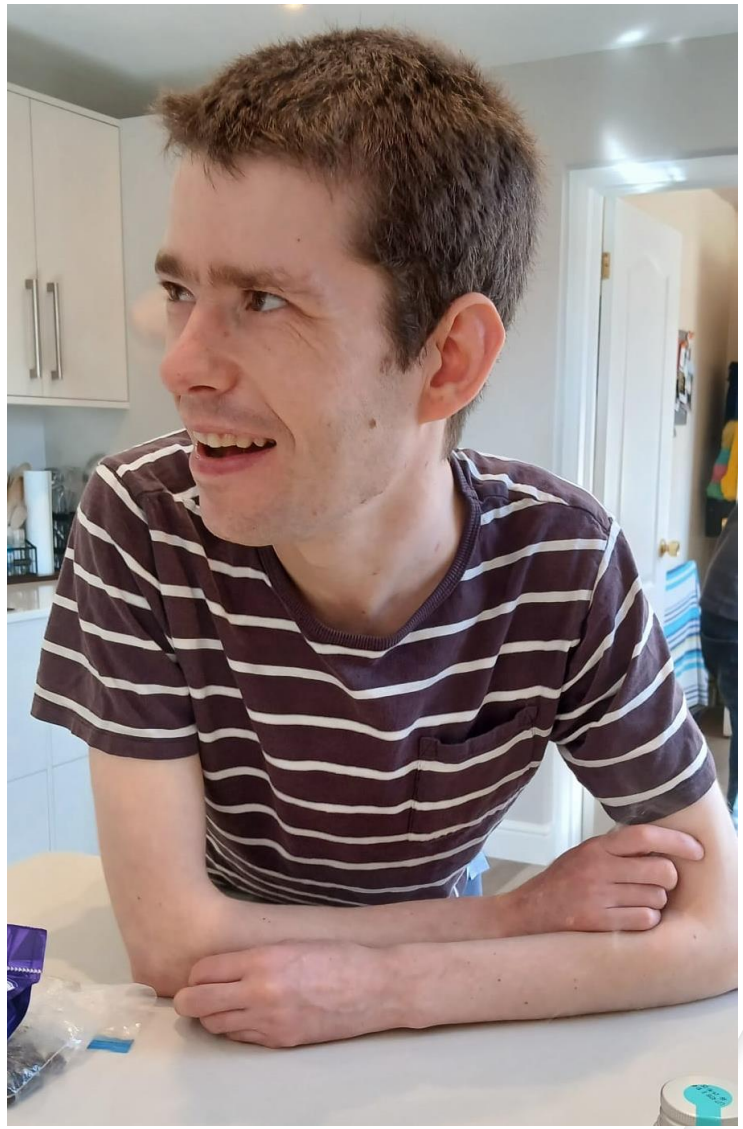
Which care provider: Bethphage

What do they do with their spare time: Aspirations once a week, works in charity shop once a week, works in a café once a week and cleans a public house once a week

Have they completed any work experience or volunteering: At local café, charity shop in town, local public house cleaning, assists with NHS joint training

What are their next steps: Awaiting a new house tenant. To work at improving her health. To find another work placement locally.

Daniel



Which Pathway were they in when they were at Severndale: Pathway 2

What year did they leave Severndale: 2012

Where did they go upon leaving: Daniel went to a residential supported living provider as there was no further education or social care offer linked to his challenging behaviour.

Where are they now: Daniel lives at Pontesbury project in his own bungalow.

Which care provider: Walsingham Group

What do they do with their spare time: Daniel goes for regular walks in the countryside, enjoys a drive in the car to see the traffic lights and different vehicles. Daniel goes swimming once a week, enjoys playing football and going on bike rides with his family. Daniel stays with his family every other weekend.

What are their next steps: To continue being active and leading a fulfilling life.

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