



Camberley and District Job Club

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2021

We reopened tentatively in June to July, with Covid precautions in place and a booked appointments system. Our pre-existing clients returned alongside new clients, whom we had only previously seen virtually. We have built strong links with The Hope Hub and Youth Hub plus continue to work with Job Centre plus. The latter have a number of government funded contractors they refer clients to and this has affected our client numbers for the first part of the year. We opened in September (after August closure) and are starting to see new clients and referrals again. We have also been approached by Fedcap and National Careers Service to develop working partnerships and are working with Maximus and The Hope Hub for their client referrals. It is great to be a part of this coordinated approach with our community providers.

Our Clients - We have seen 28 clients since April 2021, which relates to 44 separate client sessions. In March 2021 we had 60 clients on our books and after a recent 'ring around' of past clients (who have not visited for over a year) our client based has reduced to 42; 15 of these have found work in gardening, book keeping, IT, warehouse work, NHS and care work and cleaning roles. The rest no longer require our services.

Our Volunteers – We mourn the sad passing of our Treasurer, Bryn Edwards. Bryn was a very inspirational, funny and skilled volunteer who has supported many local educational establishments and volunteer groups. We also said goodbye to Geoff Matthews, who is now helping to run the rehydration trolley at Frimley Park Hospital. We welcome Marilyn Spencer who has a background in employment support and works part time for the Alliance Programme (helping the long term unemployed find work). We are fortunate to maintain a cohort of 10 wonderful volunteers.

Our Committee - Janet Ward stood down as Chairman returning to her role as Training Lead at our AGM in June and Pete Nyman, our Treasurer, took her place. Bryn had kindly agreed to become Treasurer at this time. Sharon Hall (who had many years working for the NCS) remains the Deputy Chair. Liz Haffenden kindly agreed to be our Secretary.

Education Work - Kathy Joice has been appointed as Career Advisor working with local Secondary Schools to provide career, CV and interview experience/advice. Her role is funded by the Community Fund for Surrey and she is working with Carwarden, Collingwood and Tomlinscote. Kathy recently helped with a special career/interview day for year 11 students at Tomlinscote for over 400 students and has an exciting 6 months ahead.

Our Contact details – our pre-booked sessions are from 10 to 1 on a Monday at High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3SY. You can telephone us on 0746 3830293, email us on camberleycentraljobclub@gmail.com follow us on Facebook, Camberley & District Job club or please see our website www.camberleydistrictjobclub.org.uk

Social Media– Since January we have had over 1700 page views and over a 1000 unique visits. Most people visiting our page from a direct search. We have a wonderful new social media volunteer, Amy Tolley, who has taken over responsibility for Facebook, created an Instagram page and working on a new logo and media presence. Our social media traffic has increased with 64 people following the page and each post reaching up to 22 clients; one on the NCS reached over 3000 people and was shared many times. Although studying accountancy at Reading University, Amy is remaining with us.

Re-opening – The job club tentatively reopened from June to August. The 3 month period (kindly funded by Frimley Fuel Allotments) has helped us prepare for our September reopening in a post Covid working world. We remain covid safe and with booked appointments and some walk ins. We continue to help our clients with CVs, job searches, retraining advice and IT support.

HGV applications - Murray Rowlands has partnered with LGV Training, offering advice for our clients at a market stall in Camberley. 3 attendees have found work permanent work to date. The flyer is below.

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LORRY DRIVER...**

Are you over 18 and have a
clean driving license?

- Working with LGV Training (www.thelgvtrainingcompany.co.uk) you can train for a Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) for £400 and work through their Module programme.
- The Job Club can approach a local charity to help with the initial course fee

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