

Getting to know.... Damian

Damian developed his career as a carpenter and oversaw the refurbishment of Round About as an improver project with the support of his managers. He isn't strictly a volunteer with us but has been so amazing at refurbishing the cafe to get it ready for opening, we wanted to include him in our 'getting to know'.



What skills did you develop as a result of the project?

My management and people skills improved greatly as the project required me to be organised and communicate with different departments and the local community.

What was your favourite thing about working on the cafe refurbishment?

I loved the scale of the works. I completed most aspects of the build - first and second fix, carpentry, tiling and some management. I enjoyed working with the people I met.

How did working at the cafe help your career?

It helped my career very much, mainly the management part of the build. I am now working as an Assistant Site Manager with a house builder.

What were you able to bring to the project?

I used my carpentry skills and people skills - my charisma and good looks also helped!



Damian and his refurbishment project colleagues (including Denise – a volunteer on the cafe steering group – wearing the lovely bright yellow rather than blue site hat!)



The Cafe - "Damian exceeded our expectations. His communication was exceptional. His attention to detail and quality of work was impressive. And he didn't complain when we changed plans (for the zillionth time) – perhaps our bribes of ice-llies on a hot summer's day helped! Thank you Damian."