

Charity takes on three new apprentices

A Clacton-based charity has expanded its operation by taking on three new apprentices.

Tendring Reuse and Employment Enterprise (T.R.E.E.) provided the opportunity at its headquarters and the placements were arranged through SEETEC's four week back to work programme.

Danny Harris, Lee Perry and Martin Lusher have all been signed up for an apprenticeship in Customer Service or Bulky Waste Collection.

They will be doing an NVQ qualification and gaining basic skills while also benefiting from being back in work.

Mark Penn, Chief Executive Officer of T.R.E.E. said that the apprenticeship programme is of great benefit to all involved.

"It is fantastic for those employers who are trying to expand their business in this current difficult economic climate," he said.

"Just as importantly it also benefits those who are disadvantaged in the labour market and are trying their best to get back to work – everyone is a winner."

Mr Penn said that the local community can help T.R.E.E. - and all future apprentices - by donating good quality furniture and electrical items.

The items will be inspected, cleaned and tested before being sold to the general public through T.R.E.E.'s retail outlets in Clacton town centre, the Oakwood Centre in Little Clacton, Hoffmans Way in Chelmsford and its shop in Vange, Basildon.

"People may not have hard cash to give but this unique way of giving will benefit all and hopefully the residents of Tendring, Chelmsford and Basildon will rise to the challenge," added Mr Penn.

"It will give them the feel good factor that they have made a contribution by simply donating furniture and electrical items. This unique way of giving could create even more apprenticeships within our communities.

T.R.E.E. is a national award-winning charity working within the local community to benefit local residents, the long-term unemployed and those suffering with mental health issues and learning difficulties.

For further information call 0300 9999 007, visit T.R.E.E.'s website at www.tree1.org.uk or through Facebook, [Facebook](#).

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