

Opening Doors to Adult Learners Award Winner Night Jar

Di Bradley (The Nightjar) : There is nothing in this area as a learning centre. Years ago a pub was always the hub of the village. This is the Night Jar and it's a learning centre.

(Man talking: Enter.)

Vox: I think it's incredible that the Landlady has opened up this facility.

Di: We started off with a library. We ran an art class a short while ago and the paintings on the wall are done by three of my customers. It's not a formal class, it's a drop-in. They come in when they want and do what they want.

Vox: Well, I wanted to learn how to use the computers.

Di: Initially it was a government run course but now I've got some of my customers on board who have computer knowledge.

Vox: I just help out. I get the odd cup of coffee and a pint of beer every now and again.

(Di talking: Any problems..yell!)

Vox: You can become isolated and it brings you out of yourself and then you build up your confidence.

Di: The first course we did here was a sign language course.

Anna Lindsey (Pub cleaner): It enabled me to put myself forward, going to college to do an access course and go on to be a nurse.

Vox: It does seem very, sort of, part of the community.

Di: With the library that we have here and the computers, if you know how to use both of those, you can do anything.