

In brief

Nell's consultant role at Trust Partnership

NELL Hoare, well known for her work in the conservation, museum and charity sectors, has joined the Trust Partnership based in Trull, near Tetbury, as senior trust consultant.

The Trust Partnership offers a range of services to charities, including book-keeping, accounting, web development and outsourced administration services. It has more than 30 clients including The Radcliffe Trust, West Hackney Parochial and the DHL Foundation.

Nell was most recently Director of the Textile Conservation Centre (TCC) and led major change, including the move from the charity to HE sector and the merger with Southampton University.

Among her previous roles was assistant director of England's largest Area Museums Service, where she headed the development, advice, support and training activities.

Nell was an expert panel member at the Heritage Lottery Fund and she has also worked as a museum consultant in the UK and overseas.

She was awarded the MBE for services to museums and textile conservation in 2003 and was made an Honorary Liveryman of the Clothworkers' Company in 2009.

Benjamin Janes, director of the Trust Partnership, said: 'We are delighted that Nell will be joining us. Her experience and her knowledge of the arts and heritage sectors complements the expertise within The Trust Partnership, and she will be a leading member of our team.'

Find out about green issues over breakfast

HOW Green Is Your Property is the title of a real estate breakfast briefing at Hatherley Manor Hotel, near Gloucester on May 20.

The event, hosted by Knights solicitors, will look at legal and financial mechanisms designed to cut carbon emissions with property at the fore.

Topics include green leases, carbon reduction commitment, renewable energy sources and feed-in tariffs.

Visit www.knightslp.co.uk for more.

Bathroom company reaches award finals

WATER and Stone Bathrooms in Woodchester, near Stroud, recently got through to the finals of the Kbb review industry awards in Birmingham.

The company, whose directors are Alison Ebanks, Steve Hawkins and Shaun Hawkins, was a finalist for the designer of the year and contract designer of the year.

First-class students make apprenticeships look EESI

TOP-NOTCH apprentices in Gloucestershire have set high standards for their successors after passing their annual exams with flying colours.

Stroud-based students Dan Prout and Josh Baker are top of the class after they both received fantastic grades in their recent qualifying exams.

Dan, 21, achieved a distinction in his Level 2 City and Guilds qualification, while Josh, 19, achieved a credit in his Level 3 Technical Certificate exam.

The two Stroud College students are completing a four-year Level 3 Electrical Installation course with Stonehouse-based specialist building services company, EESI.

The apprentice course requires students to attend college one day a week for the first three years, where they will complete both theory and practical training, and the remaining four days a week working with EESI.

During their fourth year, students are required to carry out online learning and work full-time with their employer.

After attaining a perfect 100 per cent score in the examination, second year student Dan said: 'I'm really enjoying my time at EESI and would recommend anyone finishing their GCSEs to consider applying for an apprenticeship.'

'When I left school, I didn't feel university was the right choice for me but I still wanted to find myself a well-respected profession.'

'Completing an apprenticeship is fantastic because as well as a qualification, you get invaluable hands-on experience working with a company.'

At the end of the course, each successful student who passes the required examinations will receive an NVQ in Electrical Installation L3, Technical Certificate L3, AM2 Certificate and Key Skills in Application of Number L2, Communication L2



HIGH STANDARD: Dan Prout who is an apprentice electrician at EESI Stonehouse

and ICT L1 where applicable. Trudy Hillier, construction training advisor at Stroud College, said: 'We're extremely pleased with both Dan and Josh's progress.'

'Dan is excelling in his studies and is attaining consistent high grades, Josh is in his third year with us and he is also making great progress.'

Derek Jarman, operation director at EESI added: 'Both lads have done well and we hope they keep up these great results.'

'We are keen to take on apprentices, and Josh and Dan's success shows how hard apprentices are prepared to work to achieve top marks. They can become a real asset to employers. 'We have 13 apprentices working with EESI because we are passionate about employing

locally and giving young people an opportunity - especially at a time when it is so difficult for them to find work.'

It was important to train staff with the right skills and the grades achieved by apprentices showed skill levels in the county were high, Derek said.

'Experience is becoming increasingly sought after by employers, as well as top grades,' he said.

'We hang on to almost all of our apprentices and they make up 20 per cent of our work force.'

'We intend to keep apprenticeships as a core part of the company and continue to increase the number of apprentices taken on each year.' EESI will be taking on a further three apprentices in 2010.

EESI has joined forces with *The Citizen* and *Echo* to front the Gloucestershire Business United campaign, an initiative set up for local businesses to support each other when trading.

Both EESI and Gloucestershire Media anticipate an increase in local trading will provide an opening for employers to take on

more staff because of a rise in business available and

support their endeavour to keep taking on new apprenticeships. EESI is also supporting our 100inONEHUNDRED apprentice challenge campaign run in association with Gloucestershire College.

We are challenging companies to create 100 apprenticeships in 100 days and we have already reached 81.



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Recruiting 100 apprentices in 100 days

Encourage businesses to trade locally. Advertise your business in our new directory from only £16+VAT per week inside **BusinessWeek** which appears jointly in the Gloucestershire Echo and The Citizen every Tuesday.



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