

# Celebrating Success at National Apprenticeship Week

Alison Wilde, Autism Care Alexandra Park

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Alison Wilde started her Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker in April 2018. With the support of her trainer John Edwards and her manager, she has gone above and beyond Lifetime's expectations and has achieved more than 20% progression above the expected percentage at this point in her studies.

John caught up with Alison to get an understanding of how she has balanced work and personal life.

## How are you enjoying your qualification so far?

I'm really enjoying it. There were a few snags along the way but we're getting through them!

## How did you first hear about the opportunity to complete a qualification with Lifeways?

I received an email that was distributed and our team leader was completing training at the time.

## Do you feel your job prospects have opened up since starting the qualification?

Yeah, even since starting this qualification, I've taken up a team leader role which would not have been possible without having this qualification.

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## **How has the qualification fitted around your personal life?**

It's very manageable as I don't have any young children. So I do most work at home after work. I also feel supported by my manager and they have allowed me to do work whilst I am on night shifts. The main factor is that the training is very flexible which has enabled me to have a good balance.

## **Do you feel you've had support by both your manager and your trainers?**

My trainers have been excellent! Especially my functional skills tutor, they are always replying so quickly to questions and requests.

My manager has also been very supportive and when I've needed extra support or time to work on my course work, they've always been very understanding.

## **What advice would you give someone that is looking into starting their qualification?**

Go ahead, do it! Look into it but don't leave it to the last minute as this is a great opportunity.

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