



Norton Bramwell

Norton started at *Learning for Life* in September 2020. Norton, who has a number of profound mobility problems in both his arms and legs, started the college with very little knowledge of English and mathematics. Building up a very basic knowledge of numeracy and literacy in his first academic year, Norton still had not managed the manual dexterity and skill to write recognisable letters or numbers.

Since beginning his current academic year, Norton has worked consistently on trying to improve his manual dexterity skills – learning the techniques of writing letters and numbers, whilst also developing patience and determination to succeed. By December, Norton was overwriting words and numbers with growing skill and confidence, but he is now writing sentences and sums - copying from printed material. He has developed further numeracy skills in being able to tell the time successfully, on most requested occasions, and can also identify and match letters of the alphabet without requiring any support or assistance. His manual dexterity has improved and his writing is clear, neat and legible; Norton is modestly proud of what he is achieving and wants to strive for even better results.

Out of the classroom environment, Norton has also been given a high degree of acknowledgement and recognition, as he was chosen to represent the learners at Learning for Life at a special tree planting ceremony at Haystax Inclusive Farm Experience. The event, which was held on the 8th November 2021, was to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event which was attended by HM Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon, saw the first of 70 trees being planted to support the Queen's Green Canopy Project. Norton who has been heavily involved in the Haystax initiative from the outset has shown such a heartfelt commitment to planting the trees over the last two years. His dedication and commitment to the project was locally and regionally acknowledged on an official county website.

Norton is currently looking forward to the next few months and completing his ASDAN Personal Progress qualification and impressing us even more with his growing abilities, qualities and skills!



Norton assists Mrs Sue Snowdon plant one of the sponsored trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.