

Could you be running an Enterprise for Success in North Solihull?

Pied Piper Pest Control

North Solihull

Looking to the future....

Lots of people dream of one day turning their hobby into a business and that's exactly what Kingshurst resident Gary Jakeman did when, after 20 years of working in training, he found himself out of work.

Support

Gary, 43, retrained and in November of last year he turned his interest in country sports and wildlife into a business. Pied Piper Pest Control specialise in wildlife management including bird control using trained hawks and falcons as well the full range of pest control services such as insect, rodent, rabbit and mole control.

Gary was helped to set up his thriving new business by Solihull Council's Enterprise for Success programme which provides free, confidential business support in the local area, including help with business planning; finding funding; premises search; financial forecasting - and anything else that a new business needs to know!

"My Enterprise for Success advisor Marcus helped me with working out my business plan and strategy as well as finding funding to help start the business". *Gary Jakeman*

Growth

Gary has recently completed a large contract for a new shopping centre in Gloucestershire and is looking forward to building further business relationships over the coming months.

The Future

So what does Gary think about his decision to work for himself?

"The worst thing is when I'm at the computer at night doing the invoicing and the rest of the family's in bed - but the best thing is being able to make all my own decisions and do what you want to do. It is definitely worth it!"

Gary Jakeman

For further information on the Solihull's "Enterprise for Success" scheme please call 0121 704 6363

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