Volunteers - John's Story

In 2013, John joined our service as a volunteer from college, as he wanted to give his spare time to supporting people with learning disabilities in his local area - Highcroft Day Centre. John is a kind, caring, cheerful and helpful young man who has now been volunteering for approx. two hours per week for the past 7 years. (never missing a week, unless on holiday, but always returns with biscuits!)

On his first day as a volunteer, John was really nervous but soon settled in, and now his confidence and personality shines through all his work – he is a role model to others. During his time as a volunteer, John has made a an active difference in :-

- ✓ Supporting people we support with everyday activities
- ✓ Assisting staff in the meet and greet of visitors to the centre
- ✓ Helping in the kitchen to prep and distribute lunches
- ✓ Encourages and supports friendships within the centre

John deservedly received an recognition award from Wirral Evolutions in 2015 for his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm to volunteering as part of the Wirral Evolutions community at Highcroft Day Centre.

In addition to Wirral Evolutions, John started volunteering at Asda over 13 years ago, which has turned into a part time paid role, for twelve hours per week – this was due to his hard work and commitment.

During his role John:-

- ✓ Communicates and helps customers in the store
- ✓ Restocks the shelves when needed with various items
- ✓ Undertakes cleaning and tidying of stock items

In 2019, John visited Dundee with Asda colleagues as part of a charity walk raising money for Cash for Kids and met Wimbledon Winner Andy Murray's mum, Judy Murray (see photo below).

"Having known John for over seven years I feel he is a great asset to the centre. He is a very helpful young man and never refuses to help whenever needed. He has made lots of friends over the years and it is lovely to see how happy he is when talking and laughing with people we support and staff."
– Debbie, Highcroft Day Centre