

Mentor Link

December 2025



Supporting distressed children

Registered Charity Number 1169026

A message from Andrea Maddocks, CEO of Mentor Link.

In 2025, we saw two of our lovely volunteer mentors attend the first Kings Garden party at Buckingham Palace; An interview on BBC Hereford and Worcester and a three legged walk with 3 volunteers as part of the Children in Need fundraising campaign: Finally, we received funding of over £50,000 from Severn Trent Water Community Fund to develop our services across the West Midlands. Thanks to our great team of staff for all their support and hard work in 2025!

Special events

- Mentor Link have their first Christmas Tree in Worcester Cathedral's Tree Festival!
- We welcome Helen, a Digital Marketing Administrator to the team!
- We received £55,000 funding from Severn Trent Water!



Hoot the Owl... helping children have a twit-a-twoo time!



Raising Money for Children in Need!

We want to thank our amazing volunteers Sam, Colin and Andrea who supported the Children in Need three- legged fundraiser with BBC Hereford and Worcester radio! Our great team of mentors raised £800 for the appeal and had a fantastic day with the Children in Need team. 🧡🧡🧡

Every child matters! ❤️💙🧡

Promoting Mentor Link

Sharon and Helen were delighted to attend The Pavilion in Cheltenham, where like-minded carers, teachers, parents and childcare workers, learnt to help children overcome the barriers of attending school.

They set up a stall and enjoyed spreading the news of what our amazing Mentors do!



100 CLUB LOTTERY

Help children this Christmas by joining our 100-club lottery!

For as little as £4 a month, you can help support a child's mentoring session!

You will also be put in a £50 monthly prize draw!

Feeling lucky? Contact Lucy at Mentor Link!

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Please remember that as a volunteer you may claim travel expenses for your mentoring sessions with the children.

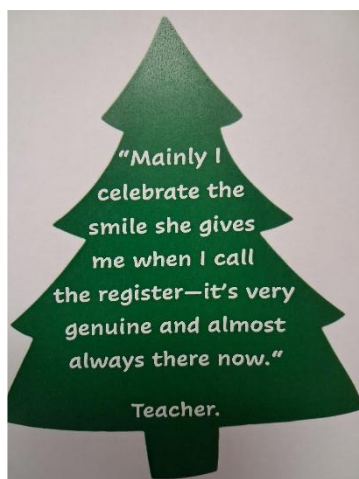
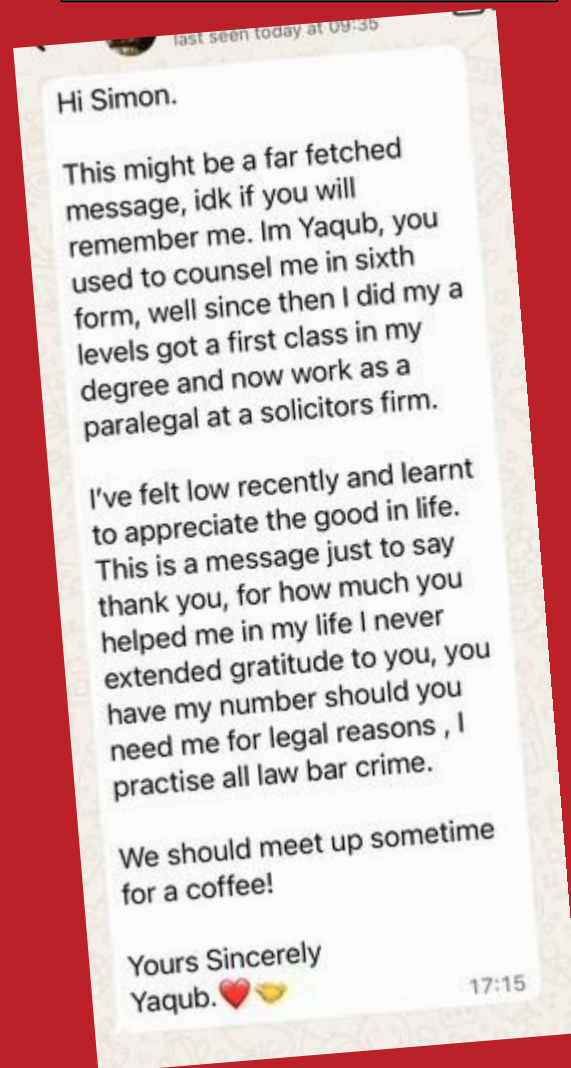
We have a travel expenses policy, please see, <https://www.mentorlink.org.uk/cloud/cloud-data/store12340/723120240926142435.pdf>

Please can we remind you that all travel expenses should be claimed in-line with the policy and the time frames given. Thank you.

Mentor Story!

Please see below the amazing feedback that Simon Downes got from a Mentee!

What a fantastic achievement for Yaqub and it's brilliant that Simon was able to help him on his journey!



Happy Christmas
From all the Mentor Link Staff!

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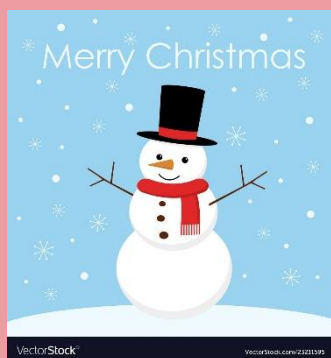
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Happy Christmas and
A Wonderful New
Year!



Why do people become a Volunteer Mentor?

Thank you to all our lovely Mentors... you do a fantastic job!

Some of you kindly emailed the reason you became a Mentor, so we thought we'd share a few!



"I want to try and do my little bit to help children. We need to break the cycle of their distress, so that one day they won't need help anymore and have a fun, positive future!"

Angelo.

"I've been lucky enough to benefit from mentoring as a professional and have become a qualified level 5 Mentor.

Whilst my main professional focus has been GPs, I believe passionately in the need to cherish and nurture young people. By empowering someone to make changes in how they interact with the world, I can play a small part in their wellbeing, now, and for the rest of their lives!" **Chris.**



I saw an article in the paper about all the amazing work the charity does, and I felt that I could help make a difference! I've recently started working with my mentee and we are just getting to know one another. I'm really enjoying it, and I hope my mentee is too." **Nicola.**