

**WE ARE CELEBRATING 24  
YEARS OF MENTOR LINK!**



A message from CEO Andrea Maddocks!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2026 and thank you for your ongoing support.

We're busy recruiting new mentors and schools for the Staffordshire area and will be organising an open day at our new offices in Shire Hall, inviting all mentors and staff along.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/business/find-land-property-or-workspace/enterprise-centres/shire-hall-business-centre>

Sadly, our charity shop in Stourport has now closed and we wish our lovely managers Heather and Clifford all the best for the future.

Don't forget to like and share our posts on Facebook... it helps our recruiters raise awareness and recruit more mentors!

Best wishes, Andrea.

Thank you to Steve, one of our brilliant Mentors, for attending a Volunteer Fair with Helen, our Digital Marketing Administrator, at Lichfield Cathedral.

Lichfield was still covered with snow, but there was a great turnout of people, all interested in volunteering for their local community. It was a great networking opportunity to meet other people working for charities in Staffordshire and we managed to recruit some new Volunteer Mentors!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR AGM!**

**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7PM!**

Mentor Link, First Floor,

Forum building, Stourport, DY13 9BZ.

## Welcome to Claire, our new services administrator for Dudley and Wolverhampton areas!

This is Claire's first admin role, having always worked in retail and studied for a degree in Health and Social Care.

She feels very passionate about helping Children have better futures, especially as she is a Mum herself to two lovely daughters.

Travelling from Droitwich, Claire is happy to become a valued member of the team and can't wait to get stuck into her new career!

We would like to welcome all our new Mentors to Mentor Link, who come from different areas throughout the heart of England, including Cheltenham, Stafford, Lichfield, Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Pershore,

They have all enjoyed a day of Introduction and safeguarding training, with our outstanding trainer Mari!





We had our first staff meeting of the year at The Shire Business Centre in Stafford, where Karen works a couple of days a week.

It's an exciting time as we expand in the Staffordshire area, recruiting new Mentors and working with schools, helping even more children throughout the heart of England!

Thank you to Educational Psychologist Charlie Matthews, who attended Mentor Link's headquarters in #Stourport to deliver supervision training to some of our Volunteer Mentors.

Mentors often help children who have dis-engaged with education and struggling to attend school. With support from our Educational Psychology Team, Mentors can become equipped with coping mechanisms to give to children and help them overcome the hurdles of returning to education.



## Need to get in touch?

Please see all the staff contact details below!

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