

SAMEE Newsletter



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Interview with Supported Internship Coordinator (Year 2) Shaun French *Reported by JHa (Year 1 Intern)*

"My role at Samee is Supported Internship Co-ordinator for year 1 learners. The year 1's are progressing very well, and they are gaining a deeper understanding of their business model and services. We have been discussing communication skills which include understanding different communication methods and building rapport. We have also done a deep dive into their own business idea and what it means to be self-employed.

There has been a lot of good opportunities for the year 1s so far. Just to mention a few, three of our learners went to a Birds of Poole harbour event at Bournemouth University which was about restoration and repopulation of Osprey on the south coast for the first time in 180 years which was quite cool! Two learners, one who is visually impaired and one who is creating braille signs for our Headquarters attended Bournemouth blind society. Finally, our ventriloquist learner had a gig on 29th of November which they had organised themselves with a little help from the Samee charity with their promotion."



Interview with Internship Mentor, Gail Parr *Reported by ET (Year 1 Intern)*

ET: How long have you worked for SAMEE?

GP: I have worked for SAMEE for 4 years on and off, and the mentor role evolved with the launch of the internship.

ET: What is the main purpose of the charity?

GP: To assist people with disabilities into self-employment, which can sit better with their needs and allows them the flexibility to work when they are able.



ET: What is important to you, for the interns?

GP: Social integration into the world of business and the 'adult world' is very important and showing our interns how to do this gives them some of the most important life skills they need.

ET: what do you enjoy most about being a mentor?

GP: Getting to work with a diverse range of individuals with so many different skills (our Interns) and working with other mentors who have a vast skill base. We have some amazing discussions!



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<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/GlassabilitybyJo?msockid=180fb0e324d06b260850a65d252a6a58>



Spotlight on our DEBBS Adult Programme

Lisa joined the SAMEE programme in October 2025, as she wanted to support re marketing her Neurodivergent products on-line.

Lisa's website (www.roarganise.com) showcases the Neurodivergent planning binders and associated products (weight loss, starter and workplace bundles) and these toolkits are in helping people with Neurodivergent to get organised.

Lisa has also organised her business' logo be printed on the local football team's teeshirts.

Further plans include having a stand at a Stationery Fair at the NEC next year.

As a result of Lisa's drive and enthusiasm, her business continues to thrive and grow.



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Upcoming events!



Monday 12th January 2026

Come and join us at the Museum of East Dorset, Wimborne (09:30-13:30) for an Internship taster day!.If you have an EHCP and want to go self-employed, we just might be the right provision for you! For more information please go to:

<https://sameecharity.org/taster-day/>



Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March 2026

National Careers Week!

Join us for National Careers Week! Our interns will be hosting various careers fairs throughout Bournemouth, Poole, and Christchurch. You will be able to buy their stock and/or book their services!

More details to be released soon!

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Recent News!



Sam is on the Kings New Years Honours List!

Our CEO and founder, Sam Everard, has been awarded an MBE in this years Kings News Years Honours List!

What an incredible achievement this is! Well Done Sam!

Check out a news article from the BBC about this award!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c989x0egw9ro>



1st Year Intern has completed her Food Safety Certificate

Year 1 Intern Af is a prospective Baker and has been working hard on setting up her business "Bakes from the Heart. She has recently completed her Level 2 Food Safety Certificate alongside The Crumbs Project!



Three interns build a Bee Apiary

Three interns across our year 1 and 2 cohorts were invited down to Bridport to help build a Bee Apiary by Dorset Bees!. What a wonderful week they had with lots of hard work, laughter, and fun!



SAMEE TikTok.....

We have just launched our TikTok account where you get up-to-date behind-the-scenes footage from our Internship and what goes on at SAMEE HQ!

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Intern Christmas Party!

ON Tuesday 16th December, both cohorts of interns had a get-together at The marsham Court Hotel where there was food, laughter, and games. We even had a mentor dress up as Santa!

What a wonderful way to end the year!



Opportunities



SAMEE Bears!

Would you like to get your hands on a SAMEE bear?

Pop along to our office at 8 Richmond Gardens and grab one. They cost £5 per bear but look fantastic on your work desk!



Volunteering!

Would you like to get involved in SAMEE?

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help on our internship team and office team.

Contact us on 01202 424477 or sianell.white@sameecharity.org for further information!

