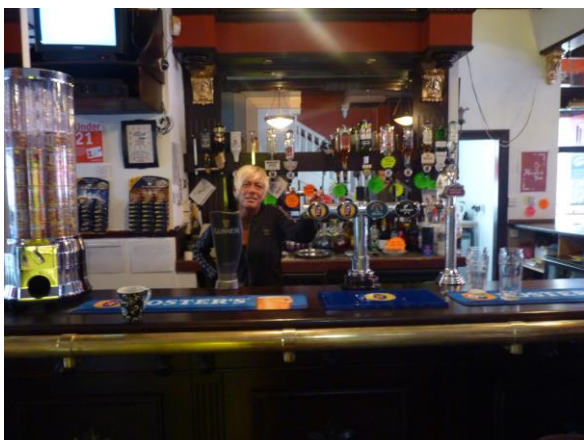


Five Lamps – Enterprise Gateways

Jackie Poppleton, 42 from Stockton was first referred to Five Lamps from Shaw Trust.



Jackie had been claiming Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) as she had a serious back injury and could no longer continue her work in the security business.

Jackie had always had an ambition to run her own pub; her dream became a reality when an empty bar in Stockton became available.

Jackie approached Five Lamps' Enterprise Team to see what support was available. She attended Five Lamps' enterprise workshops which she found extremely useful. Jackie also had regular appointments with Chris Butler, Five Lamps' Business Development Officer who gave her practical help, advice and supported her through the process of starting her business.

Once she was in a position to take on staff, Chris referred Jackie to Five Lamps' Employability Team. Brenda Turnbull, Five Lamps' Employability Team Leader met with Jackie to discuss her recruitment requirements. Jackie wanted to give other unemployed people the same opportunities she has had.



Jackie now employs 7 previously unemployed people who were signed up to Five Lamps' Community Fund contract in Stockton. Jackie is also going to give a young person from the Community Task Force project a 13 week work placement. Five Lamps will continue to support Jackie and her staff with further training and development opportunities.

Jackie said "*Without Five Lamps help and support I could not have done this. They gave me the confidence I needed to fulfil my ambition*".