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Nick Wynns, 48, works for 21 hours a week as a Maintenance Assistant at Secret World.

Secret World is a charity that rescues and rehabilitates injured and orphaned wild animals for re-release back in to their natural environment.

Secret World employs 25 staff and has a further 700 volunteers.

It is run entirely from donations.

Nick has worked at Secret World for 4 years. Nick has a learning disability.

Nick's words

"I work doing decorating, refurbishing and whatever tasks need to be done on site. I came here on a work placement at first and Pluss supported me.

I do enjoy my job. It's brilliant. I like it as there is something different going on every week and its mainly outdoor work. It's hard to describe the best bit as I enjoy it all.

Sometimes I lapse in concentration and I have a list where I tick things off. The staff here are all very good and I am treated with a lot of respect.

Pluss have helped me. There was a time when a job coach came in to help me learn the jobs. They were fantastic. They worked out the best way of helping me cut the lawn, they did a drawing and a plan to help me do it in order.

I have not really needed anything since but It's good that I know Pluss is there so I can contact them if there are any problems.

Your work is what you are living for. Its what you look forward to. I feel fitter and more able to do things. Last night I gave blood for the 45th time. I am very proud of myself."



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Nick's employer, Simon Kidner, Charity and Operations Manager

"We have worked hard to get Nick a regular routine, as a result he is far more productive and a worthwhile employee.

Pluss have helped us to look at what Nick can do and any difficulties he has. Together, we work around and overcome them.

Nick is hard working and has fitted in well. He gets on well with everyone here and is far more confident now. His enjoyment of his job comes through in his day to day manner. We give him the direction he needs and one job at a time, and he does the job well, ticking things off his list as he goes along.

It's great to be able to make a difference to people and it's worked out well. For us, it is something ongoing, not a quick fix and we value Pluss' support.

I have found Pluss to be very professional. The way they review, set up and the ongoing support is invaluable. It's vital that they are there. It's also good to have someone to discuss any issues with and they can also put you in touch with other organisations who can assist."