

## STORTFORD KICKSTART JOINS THE JOB SMART SCHEME

As reported in StortfordIndie last week, the CVS for Broxbourne and East Herts (CVSBEH), supported by East Herts Council and DWP, is introducing a new scheme to help people who have recently lost their job as a result of Covid-19 and will be hosting an appointment-based service, located in Bishops Stortford. It will be working with different partners within the area to offer a wraparound service to those needing the support the most.

One of the partners, I am pleased to report, is the Kickstart Trust (Bishop's Stortford) Ltd aka Stortford Kickstart who will provide help with CVs etc., The Trust has been running for 26 years in Bishop's Stortford, providing support for people who are trying to return to work. Currently its base at the Methodist Church has been unavailable due to heavy flooding experienced in South Street earlier in the year. That, combined with the lockdown, has meant that it has been able to offer only a phone-in service during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Stortford Kickstart now feels ready to return to a form of face-to-face service and the Job Smart scheme presents a very good way of doing that as it operates from the Charrington's Building and is prepared to provide space for the Kickstart team.

**Stortford Kickstart can offer support to people who might need help with their CV, Interview preparation, on-line job search, job applications and drafting letters.**

Requests for help should be made, in the first instance, to Sarah Forbes ( 07487 245992) of Job Smart who will direct relevant applicants to Stortford Kickstart for registration and an appointment.

Stortford Kickstart is planning to return to the Kickstart Centre, at the Methodist Church, in early January where we will continue to support Job Smart.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra', is positioned above the date.

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