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## Employer of the Year awarded to Crosshill Nursing Home, Stanhope

THE S&D Training Employer of the Year award for 2012 has gone to Crosshill Nursing Home at Stanhope. The following is the presentation speech. "Maria and her team, including a special mention to Julie Percival, have proven to be a very supportive employer working with S&D over the last 12 months. The staff at Crosshill have always been very friendly and supportive and have gone out of their way to make apprentice visits a breeze. Nothing is ever a trouble to them.

Julie has made herself familiar with NVQs and has assisted supervisors with the drafting of witness testimonies as evidence for the candidates and has helped support the apprentices with their qualifications. All youngsters are encouraged to complete their qualifications and Crosshill is happy to employ apprentices once their courses are complete.

Our staff have commented about the warm and inviting atmosphere at the home, which is, of course, a reflection of the way the staff relate to the residents. Our learners thrive in this warm, friendly working environment. Crosshill is pleasure to work with."



Maria Vincent with the award.

## Bad weather affects

**Transfusion service** 

BLOOD stocks were affected last month wit the country.

Stocks of blood groups O Rh negative and from hospitals continues. Jon Latham Assi said: "We need those donors who are able t so. If you have an appointment please try to attend please rebook your appointment as O Rh negative and B Rh negative donors appointment now to come and give blood or coming week. "We would like to say thank to attend sessions and give blood during ba

Donors with blood group O Rh negative are blood can be given to patients with a different b situation when there may not be time for an ir Approximately 7% of the population have this negative are more often found in Black and N the population has this blood group and these

Blood isn't just needed in accidents an undergoing treatment for cancer and leukaer blood saves and improves lives. Each don adults and just a teaspoon of blood could s

If you can help us to keep blood stocks h 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk to register ye nearest blood donation session. Or, just wa are always welcome.

Anyone wanting to donate for the first tim least 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and in general go start again up to your 70th birthday and the donated in the last two years.

Donor sessions this month in our area are on October 16 from 2:30pm to 3:45pm and on October 29, from 10:15 - 12 noon and

## WRVS need v

THE number of volunteer enquiries to older peo the Olympics - testimony to the positive impact 40,000 volunteers, had around 500 enquiries volunteers at the start of 2012, compared to 1 WRVS is now calling on members of the public to a volunteer to help others in their community.

David McCullough, WRVS chief executive, inspired by the fantastic example set by the Gam need to maintain momentum and ensure that the society. Volunteering is hugely rewarding and w enormous satisfaction from the contribution they anyone thinking of taking up volunteering to tak

WRVS is looking for more volunteers - men a people in the community whether providing co someone housebound, a visit to hospital to a pa distributing Meals on Wheels. To register an inte 0845 601 4670.