

# adult learners week

Chris Bates Age: 37

## Level 2 Barbering

“I have spent the last 16 years in the Army as an Instructor for driving the heavy artillery vehicles.

I have gained many qualifications through the Army but they are not recognised on outside of the forces so my only option is to retrain.

Whilst looking for a programme to train in I decided I wanted a real career not just a job. I chose barbering because I feel it's a career you can build on and really make of it what you want.

Going back into education was something I wanted to do but I knew I would struggle being around younger learners that aren't always content to just listen and learn.

Being unemployed is very difficult and I knew I didn't want just any job I want to build an enjoyable life long career for myself and Kimberley has given me really great advice and support to do it.

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In the future I would like to have my own Barber room and transfer my teaching skills from the forces and become a barbering tutor.”



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