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Style Acre provides support for people with learning disabilities & last year opened a hub in Banbury. On Monday 11th January John Craven OBE opened their second-hand bookshop. The shop, named 'The Little Bookshop', is a social enterprise set up by the local charity. It will provide work experience for people with learning disabilities, enabling them to gain work experience.

Work experience is a very important factor of the work Style Acre achieves & they are proactively seeking more work development opportunities for the people they support. One established Banbury company, Hawkins Group, has committed to on-going work experience opportunities for people supported by Style Acre. They have said "Hawkins Group is delighted to support Style Acre. For us, it's not just about writing cheques, it is about helping Glenn & Ollie learn & develop workplace skills by becoming part of our team & seeing their confidence & independence grow every week."

The Style Acre Banbury Resource (SABRe) opened last May & is a much-needed community hub in central Banbury, supporting adults with learning disabilities. Marianne who comes regularly to SABRe says: "I like being with people. Work experience makes me happy, I like the buzz of the workplace, it makes me feel warm inside. I get more confident as I learn new things."

SABRe is managed by Hannah Wolstenholme, who has worked for Style Acre for 4 years. Hannah says: "Work experience is massively important to the people we support at SABRe. It has real value & gives the people we support not only the opportunity to develop work-based skills, but also essential skills including team work, time keeping & interpersonal skills. This in turn promotes a sense of achievement, self-confidence & self-worth amongst the people we support."

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