

Your workplace

A weekly look at what makes Wigan tick



Rudy Dawber

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These workers love helping around the house.

Sharon Dawber, of Orrell, set up Easy Living Lifestyle Assistance (Ella) UK nine years ago, which is a home help service, including shopping, cleaning and social companionship. The business has 21 staff who look after around 120 clients.

Sharon, 49, said: "I assess new clients and design a package to suit the client. We offer a personal touch - our staff can be there for a quick 15 minute visit, or several hours. We also have a freephone number so clients can call me anytime. It is important for people to know they can get hold of me."

"I love making a difference to somebody's day. I enjoy

Profile

WHO: Ella UK
WHERE: Office based Rosemont Place, Orrell, WN5 8EE. Tel 0800 1955851 / 07854385107.
WHAT IT DOES: Home help and social service for elderly clients and people with disabilities
THE BOSS: Sharon Dawber

making time for people who probably don't have any other family or friends."

Sharon's niece, Ann-Marie Dawber, 39, of Standish, is the supervisor. She said: "I take care of sickness cover and I have my own clients. I prepare meals, do housework and do social visits to help people get back into the community. It is nice knowing we have made someone's day. Sometimes

they have no family and we are the only people they see. They are often made up to get out and about and enjoy a cup of tea in a cafe."

Gill Gleeson, 42, of Springfield, carer and cleaner, is the longest serving member. She said: "I have regular clients and I go to their homes and do anything that needs doing, such as taking them to GP appointments and helping people feel comfortable. I like talking to people and helping them."

Sharon's partner, Mark McLoughlin, 43, of Orrell, care worker, said: "I take disabled clients to the gym or to the cinema. I love my job and helping people with disabilities lead a normal life." Shirley Atherton, 62, of Pemberton, carer, said: "It is a lovely job, You never know what you will be doing."



Shirley Atherton



Gill Gleeson



Ann-Marie Dawber



Staff at Ella UK - owner Sharon Dawber is third from the right