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## **Insolvency administrator joins Begbies Traynor in Newcastle**



The team at business rescue and recovery specialist Begbies Traynor in Newcastle has expanded with the appointment of Shaun Hudson as an insolvency administrator.

Shaun, 22, who lives in Houghton-le-Spring, has joined the firm following a work placement resulting from Begbies Traynor's on going partnership with Northumbria University. For the past three years, the firm has offered law students from the university the opportunity to apply to undertake month-long work experience within its corporate recovery team.

Shaun was one of the original three students to undertake a placement with Begbies Traynor in 2010 and has now been given a full time position with the firm.

Gillian Sayburn, corporate recovery director at Begbies Traynor, said: "From his first summer placement, Shaun demonstrated a desire and genuine interest in the business. He came back over the various breaks in study, using his own initiative, to gain further real life experience of working within the dynamic and pressured world of corporate insolvency.

"This put him in a very strong position when a vacancy arose and, following the conclusion of his studies, we were pleased to be able to offer him a permanent position, knowing first hand the value he could add to the team. Not only does this demonstrate the benefits to all parties of partnerships between universities and the business world, but also the importance of students making the most of opportunities and using their initiative and enthusiasm to impress potential employers."



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Shaun added: "Following the four week placement, which gave me quite an appetite for the complexities of corporate recovery, I decided to try and spend more time within the business and, in fact, based my final year dissertation on the effectiveness of current legislation in dealing with companies in distress.

"The more time I spent on various placements, the more my interest was stimulated and I am really excited to be given this opportunity to work with the team on a permanent basis – it will be great to carry on learning from such experienced colleagues."

Andrew Haslam, partner at the Newcastle upon Tyne office, commented, "The first year that we agreed to assist the university, we were taken aback by the strength of the students' applications. Initially, we only planned to offer a single work placement, however, having interviewed the three strongest candidates, we were so impressed that we felt we had to give the opportunity to all three.

"Over the past three years, the high calibre of students studying the course has continued and consequently we have given three students every year the chance to sit with the team and experience the day to day issues that arise in a professional practice, believing that this will give them a better insight than the usual week –long placements that are on offer."

Christine Fletcher, senior lecturer at Northumbria School of Law commented, "The partnership that we have established with Begbies Traynor has created some fantastic opportunities for law and business students to gain an insight into working in the corporate recovery world. Students get the opportunity to gain experience and develop relationships and contacts to help them when they leave university. The students return from the placements totally enthused from their experience and excited at the prospect of furthering a career in the corporate recovery industry.

"The placements and the support that Begbies Traynor offers to the university provide a new dimension to the teaching on the insolvency law module. We are delighted to continue to work with Begbies Traynor in developing opportunities for our students in this way."

Prospective students can find out more about studying Law at Northumbria during the University's open days on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. To find out more, or to register, visit [www.northumbria.ac.uk/opacity](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/opacity).

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**Picture shows** (L to R): Shaun Hudson, Andrew Haslam and Gillian Sayburn of Begbies Traynor

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