

Xpress Route Helps Trust Get On Track

Hours of accounting time have been freed up at the Barnabas Trust with the help of *Pastel Xpress* linked to *Pastel Partner 2004*.

As the Barnabas Trust has operated as a non-profit making charity for over 80 years, it has to approve every aspect of expenditure very carefully, but the chance to streamline the work for Accounts Manager Vanessa Swain, by implementing the cost-effective *Pastel Xpress* at four centres throughout the UK, has proved a masterstroke - and made a monthly saving of around 12 hours of manual data input.

This has freed up valuable time for Vanessa to -

- Chase outstanding debts
- Concentrate on the installation of a central Purchase Ledger
- Closely monitor all spending and accounting issues

"By implementing *Pastel Xpress* we have ensured that all double entry accounting tasks have been eradicated, so it has certainly had a significant impact on my work," says Vanessa, who is based at the charity's Carrot Wood Headquarters Centre in Kent.

With over 35,000 young people each year, from over a thousand groups, visiting the four Barnabas Activity Centres, located from the Scottish Borders to the heart of Kent, there is obvious pressure to maintain the facilities and keep a tight check on any spending.

"The staff at the centres have also been singing the praises of *Pastel Xpress*, because it was very easy for them to get to grips with, and now allows them to have a direct input into a much improved and efficient accounts process," enthuses Vanessa.

"Our four centres now input their accounts with *Pastel Xpress* and then send them to me to process through *Pastel Partner* for our one bank account. Another bonus is the fact that it has freed up time to allow me to get to grips with implementing our central Purchase Ledger, which will speed up the process for our managers even further, and also gives me the opportunity to chase up any outstanding debts before they become a problem."

"From the Chief Executive down, all those involved with the Trust realise this purchase will reap essential benefits."

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