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Woking Learning Centre Benefits from Audace's SmartShare PC Scheme

The Woking Learning Centre, run by education charity the Surrey Care Trust, has received six PCs, thanks to a PC recycling scheme run by local IT support company, Audace Technology. The donated PCs will be used by the 20 young people at the centre, helping them to develop their IT and technology skills, as a crucial part of the STEPS education programme they follow.

According to Chris Nuttall, director of Woking-based Audace Technology, "We set up our SmartShare PC scheme as a local recycling initiative to provide PCs and laptops to local schools, hospitals, charities or community centres. Thanks to the support of local businesses, we have received many good quality laptops and PCs. The Audace team has erased all data on the hard drive and ensured the equipment is in full working order and is ready to be donated.

"We are delighted to be making a significant donation to the Woking Learning Centre, supporting an excellent local cause and enhancing the resources on offer to the 14-16 year olds who are learning new skills through the Surrey Care Trust and its STEPS programmes."

Magda Pascoe from the Woking Learning Centre, commented: "Having more computers is going to make a huge difference because the young people use them daily, to do research and to present their work. Having good IT skills and knowledge of a range of programmes is also essential for their futures in the computer-oriented world they will be going into."

Audace's SmartShare PC Scheme runs until the end of December 2009. If businesses have equipment to donate, Diamond Logistics, Surrey's leading courier company, will collect it from your premises, free of charge, and take it to Audace's office.

Anyone with equipment to donate should contact Chris Nuttall, director of Audace Technology on 01483 74450 or email chris@audaceit.com.

For further information on the small business IT support specialist, Audace Technology, visit www.audaceit.com.

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Notes to Editors

The Surrey Care Trust is an education charity, giving people who are held back by low skills and lack of qualifications a second chance of learning. The organisation is passionate about innovative and alternative approaches to education and training, both for young people and for adults, and understands the potential that learning new skills has to change lives, whatever age you are.

For young people, the Surrey Care Trust runs a series of STEPS programmes, one of which is the STEPS Under 16s programme, based at our own STEPS learning centres, in Woking, and also in Redhill and Staines. The Under 16s programme is for 14 to 16 year-olds who have struggled to fit into mainstream school. Without some positive intervention they could face a whole lifetime of disadvantage because of low educational achievement.

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