

Seafoods (Burnham on Sea) are smitten by fish and shellfish industry skills

Burnham on Sea Fishmongers, *Seafoods Ltd* has been in the town since 1975 when it was established by Gaynor's parents. Steve Wright joined the business in 1983 and along with his wife Gaynor, they have been running the business since 1990.



With almost 25 years running the business and more than 30 years as a fishmonger, there's nothing that Steve or Gaynor can learn about fishmongering, is there?

Gaynor and Steve would be the first to disagree with this view as both have each recently signed up

to undertake Level 3 fish and shellfish industry skills Diplomas as professional qualifications' in fishmongering.

But it doesn't stop there. Seafood employees Ryan Mount and Andy Pike have also registered to undertake fish and shellfish apprenticeships and will be able to study alongside their employers.

Ryan is registered to complete the Advanced Apprenticeship and he will undertake the Level 3 Diploma as part of this. Andy will complete his Level 2

Certificate in fish and shellfish as part of his Intermediate apprenticeship.



Funding has been secured to support both Ryan and Andy.

With three Level 3 Diplomas and a Level 2 Certificate on the horizon, Seafoods are certainly setting a very high example for the rest of industry to follow.

PHOTO - Left to Right: Andy Pike, Ryan Mount and Steve Wright of Seafoods, Burnham on Sea

The Level 3 framework has a wealth of fishmongering and small business units so Steve, Gaynor and Ryan have picked different combinations to suit their personal and business needs. Some units will be chosen as they provide an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and skills, while other units will have a direct impact on the business through the collection of important business data or the development of new procedures. The process of completing their qualifications will provide opportunities for everyone to seek out improvements to the business and at the end of the process each will have achieved a qualification that reflects their achievements in acquiring new skills and new understanding.