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## Tewkesbury's workforce gets healthy! With help from Basepoint

Tuesday 15th February saw over 50 people from the local business community descend on Basepoint Tewkesbury, to take advantage of a free 'Health MOT' at a 'Wellness @ Work' day.

Wellbeing @ Work is a free local service which is funded by 'Count Me In Tewkesbury' - a government financed organisation which aims to turn Tewkesbury into a 'healthy



town'. The Wellbeing @ Work events hope to promote a healthier and more productive local workforce by providing a number of services, such as confidential blood pressure checks, for local business people.

Basepoint were keen to work with Count Me In Tewkesbury on this event, because a healthy workforce can have such a positive impact on business – last year, the UK's workforce took 180 million sick days which cost the economy approximately £2.5 billion, according to the Pfizer Absence and Workplace Health Survey. Basepoint Tewkesbury's centre manager, Renée Parry said: "The Wellbeing @ Work day was a huge success and I think everybody who attended learnt something new about looking after themselves. It was a pleasure to support this invaluable service, which is so beneficial to the local community."

Dan Etheridge, office manager at BM Aluminium Ltd, said: "I have a well balanced diet and exercise frequently, so when I first heard about the Wellbeing @ Work day; it wasn't something I was initially interested in but thought I'd try out the free 'Health MOT'. The event turned out to be very informative and I am really glad I attended - there was some useful information on healthy eating and exercising, as well as tips to help you quit smoking and reduce stress."

Dan adds: "We were given information packs and they have made for very interesting reading we all eat foods high in fat, salt and sugar - but just don't think about it when we're eating!"

For more information on Wellbeing @ Work or Count Me In Tewkesbury, please email Amy Murfin at amy@visioncic.com. For more information on Basepoint, or to enquire about office space at Basepoint Tewkesbury, please visit www.basepoint.co.uk, call 01684 854444 or email tewkesbury@basepoint.co.uk.





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