

# You're excellent

## Lindsey wins APSE National Housing and Building Apprentice of the Year award

**L**indsey Brooksbank, an apprentice gas fitter with the housing maintenance unit, has won the prestigious Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) Apprentice of the Year Award in the female mechanical and electrical skills category.

Lindsey was chosen along with the other finalists from around the country to be interviewed by the awards panel at their place of work. This was the first time the interviews had taken place in the workplace and gave the council an opportunity to talk with APSE about its apprenticeship scheme.

Lindsey has been a finalist in the previous two years and was presented with a finalist award on both occasions.

This year Lindsey was presented with the winners' award and a cheque for £50 at the awards ceremony held at the Leeds Marriott Hotel.

The council once again received an award in recognition of its excellence in training standards and commitment to local employment.

The housing maintenance unit have taken on electrical, gas, joinery and brick laying apprentices on courses that lead to NVQ Level 2 and 3 in the relevant trades.

**WINNER:** Main image, Lindsey Brooksbank at the award ceremony in Leeds, and inset, Lindsey, right, with Anne Procter, senior support services officer



## Raising awareness of Dignity in Care campaign

Three conferences are to be held across the East Riding to raise the awareness of the Dignity in Care campaign.

The campaign was launched in 2006 and is aimed at putting dignity and respect at the heart of care services.

The conferences, Celebrating Dignity in the East Riding, are being organised by staff in adult services and are aimed at independent care providers. The conferences will also consider what dignity means to social care practitioners.

It is also hoped that more people will become Dignity Champions – these are people who believe that being treated with dignity is a basic human right and people are treated with compassion and respect.

The first conference will be held at Bishop Burton College on 15 November, another will be held at The Spa, Bridlington on 3 December and the final one will take place at The Courtyard in Goole on 10 January.

Those attending the conferences will hear from Councillor Richard Harrap, portfolio holder for adult and carer services, Rosy Pope, head of adult services as well as representatives from the safeguarding adults team and health.

Rosy said: "Dignity in Care is not just for those who work in health or care settings, it's everyone's business.

"These conferences will help force home the message that everyone has a right to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve."