

## BSL Enabling Testimonial

I undertook a five-week BSL taster course run jointly by Sharon Brown and Paul Valentine. The course was expertly delivered, clearly explaining about Deaf Culture and how BSL has evolved. It offered an ideal opportunity to get to grips with the basics of BSL. As a group, we had fun learning with more than a few laughs along the way.

I work at a centre for adults with learning disabilities and one of our members is deaf. By using the knowledge gained, I have improved the way in which I communicate with her. It has also given me the confidence to start my Level 1.

Daryl Boatman

10/03/19

Testimonial for Sharon Brown of BSL Enabling:

08/03/19

I attended a 5-week BSL taster course in Exmouth. I am a specialist nurse and one of the young adults I care for is deaf and I wanted to be able to communicate with him.

The 5-week course is extremely well led with great structure. Sharon has a great ability to teach and help you learn in a friendly environment. Her working relationship with Paul Valentine is great and they deliver a high standard of learning. I felt comfortable when making mistakes and BSL was made fun to learn.

Sharon communicates clearly and her correspondents via email away from the course to keep us updated was great. I would and have highly recommend the 5-week BSL taster to friends and colleagues. I hope to go on and complete my level 1 BSL in the future.

**Ria Taylor**

CKD Clinical Nurse Specialist and  
Renal Young Adult/Transition Nurse  
Renal Unit  
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## **British Sign Language Enabling Service – Sharon Brown – My Testimonial**

I work for East Devon District Council and I wanted to learn the basics in sign language not only for customers but for myself and entering a world I've yet to fully explore.

I was recommended by Exmouth Adult Services at Kennaway Centre and given Sharon's details. I contacted Sharon who kindly sent me all the necessary information. Throughout the taster course Sharon would email after each week, reminding us of homework, any future events coming up and any handouts for the week's session. I must be honest at the start I was nervous, probably because I have not had much experience with many deaf individuals before. I thoroughly enjoyed each week, taking part in group activities and it certainly has given me a little insight into what life is like for a deaf person.

Sharon made the whole experience a very pleasurable one, immediately making everyone feel welcomed and no pressure at what we knew or didn't know about BSL. I can definitely say that Sharon's BSL taster sessions are an excellent starter to learning sign language, and it has certainly made me want to progress onto the level 1.

A truly inspiring short course and would definitely recommend it.

Many thanks for your hard work.

Zoe Allars

05/03/19

Hello Sharon.

Many thanks for running your BSL taster courses in Exmouth.

It has been something I have wanted to do for a while and the course you provided was a wonderful opportunity to learn about BSL and to learn sign language.

Myself and my husband both signed up and enjoyed every minute.

Paul and yourself are wonderful teachers and create a wonderful environment for growth.

We shall continue to explore BSL and want to thank you for allowing us a truly golden opportunity that I think everyone should try.

Would highly recommend your courses and have also seen you using your services with the deaf community.

You are a real credit and treasure in Exmouth.

Best regards  
Dymphna Kennedy

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