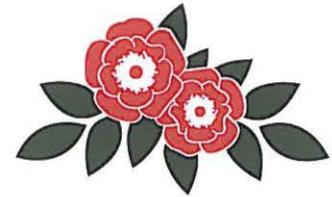


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Mike builds on his own success

Hard work and late nights have paid off for mature student Mike Archer, when he recently received a special award at a ceremony at the University of Central Lancashire.

Mike, 40, from Shap, studied for an HNC in Building Studies at Preston College and was awarded the Tim Curtis Award for Outstanding Progress. The course is franchised by the University of Central Lancashire and the award serves as a lasting tribute to the late Tim Curtis, a former Deputy Director, who was passionate about extending access to higher education to people who may have missed their chance first time round.

Mike spent 15 years working in Civil Engineering before deciding to return to study. The father of two boys, Christopher and Jonathan, he is developing a career in eco-design and is currently involved in the renovation of old properties.

Mike does not rule out further study and is impressed with the help he received from Preston College.

“The Preston lecturers put a lot into the course and give off a good first impression”, he says.

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Note to Editors: A digital image of Mike Archer is available from Pamela Culley, Media Office, University of Central Lancashire, tel: 01772 892486