



**JANE DIXON-HOLSEY
LOVES THE
INDEPENDENCE**

Jane Dixon-Holsey retrained to be a plumber after 10 years as a youth worker. She finished her NVQ level 3 last summer while working for Pimlico Plumbers.

'The City & Guilds learning I did at college and the NVQ training I carried out while I was working at Pimlico Plumbers have given me the confidence I need to continue with my second career. You need that mix of studying and hands-on work – no two jobs are ever the same so you can't expect plumbing to fit into textbook thinking.'

For Jane, plumbing is demanding and satisfying. 'You go into people's homes, sometimes in an emergency, and their faces light up when you fix the problem. I like the variety and independence it gives me, and many people are pleased to see a woman, particularly the elderly and women living on their own. I think more women will go into plumbing. It's hard physical work but it has a logical, practical side that I think women are suited to.'