# **Spotlight on Mike Bowles**



## 1. What's your role at Peabody

Community Regeneration Manager

## 2. What brought you to Peabody?

Worked in teaching and careers services. Brilliant opportunity to use transferable skills and come to Charlton Triangle in 2010 and set up New Leaf, café etc..

#### 3. What are you working on at the moment?

Last few years have been managing Charlton's contract with Clarion to deliver employment and life skills support for Love London Working. Plus manage counselling.

## 4. What's one of your favourite things about this place?

I really enjoy the freedom to support my team who are supporting customers to achieve their aims. Many are pretty vulnerable and need help to attend require a lot of advocacy given disabilities.

#### 5. Which of the Charlton/Peabody values means the most to you, and why?

I'm not big on strap lines but my teams work really collaboratively and that is very much part of the guidance process with customers

#### 6. What makes you smile?

Bad tennis shots, Looking out into the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside as I live next to a farm, singing to my favourite songs.

#### 7. Tell us about your home.

Small village in rural south Lincolnshire. Normally have cauliflowers or peas growing in the field behind

## 8. Tell us something about you that we might be surprised by.

I used to play tennis for Kent and now play at Bourne and Spalding tennis clubs. I Have played in a number of little bands, most embarrassingly as the lead singer of Shaun and the Pixies at University. Can get a tune out of a few instruments. Rhythm acoustic, tenor guitars, mandolin

#### **FAVOURITE...**

• Food: Chocolate

• Band/Singer/Group: Hmm... Dylan, Jethro Tull, folk rock, indie

• Favourite song: Too many to name

• Film: Field of Dreams

• Sport: Tennis

• Dream place to visit: North India