



FIRST APPRENTICE: Hartridge Ltd first apprentice at new premises Radclive Road, Gawcott. From the left, Gerrard Herring, general manager, Peter Smallwood, managing director and David Kelly, apprentice. 091014M-A130

David sets sights on an engineering degree following his apprenticeship

A YOUNG engineer is off to university after completing an apprenticeship at one of Buckingham's oldest businesses.

Twenty-year-old David Kelly from Bletchley finished a four-year Advanced Modern Apprenticeship at Hartridge Limited in Radclive Road, in Gawcott.

"It's scary to think that I've been here for four years – the vocational aspect of the apprenticeship has been good," said Mr Kelly.

David will now head off to Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge to study a degree in engineering.

"Like most 20-year-olds, I'm not sure what I want to do – I'm going to complete my degree and see where that takes me. I'm weighing

up my options," he said.

Gerrard Herring, general manager, said: "David was head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates at the time so we were happy to take him on – his work has been exceptional."

Hartridge Limited, which produces diesel fuel injection test equipment, supports youngsters taking on apprenticeships, and have taken on two more apprentices.

"We have a long history of committing to helping young people into the industry.

"Since David we have taken on two more and as time goes on, we will do the same again," said Mr Herring.