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### STAFFING ON THE INCREASE IN SHIPLEY LABORATORY

**The microbiology laboratory at Don Whitley Scientific in Shipley has employed yet another member of staff, taking the total number to ten employees. The growth of the company, which began trading in 1976, has led to it now employing 55 people in total and there are plans to continue this growth throughout 2007.**

Vicki Springthorpe becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> employee of the Don Whitley Scientific (DWS) laboratory. Vicki, a biologist from Bradford, graduated with a first class degree from York University last year. After several months in the South African jungle doing voluntary work, Vicki joined DWS to help the department cope with an increasing workload.

The team now comprises six qualified microbiologists, and is headed by Dr Andrew Pridmore. They are particularly specialised in undertaking work in the veterinary medicine field but many people in Bradford and the surrounding area do not actually realise that there is a hi-tech microbiology laboratory based in Shipley. The contract research performed here generates data required for the development of antibiotics, including efficacy, safety and clinical trial studies with increasing emphasis on antibiotic resistance, which is very much a "hot topic" in human and veterinary medicine. The laboratory team also has extensive experience working in this field as well as with the medical device, textile, food and chemical industries.



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Dr Pridmore commented: "Some of our success is down to the fact that we are able to work alongside our engineering colleagues to help shape the new equipment our company manufactures, which is particularly aimed at microbiology laboratories. We are then able to use this equipment to help us work more efficiently and effectively in our own laboratory."

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#### **Editor's Notes**

Photographs of DWS' Shipley laboratory and Vicki Springthorpe are attached.

Don Whitley Scientific Limited is an independent family owned business founded by Don Whitley in 1976. It has rapidly grown to be a leading supplier of innovative equipment to the microbiology industry and a leading microbiology contract laboratory. The company sells to both public and private sectors throughout the world from its base in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

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