



West Suffolk College students meet the crew of DIY SOS in Mildenhall.

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Attempted abduction

An 11-year-old boy was left shaken after a man attempted to grab him in a Colchester street.

Detectives believe the man, described as being between 35 and 45 years old, approached the boy at the junction of Abbots Road and Old Heath Road at around 8.40am on Tuesday.

He stopped in front of the boy and asked him where he was going – but when the youngster tried to get away, the man tried to grab his sleeve. A police spokesman said: “The boy was able to run away, and although very shaken, he was not physically harmed. We are in the early stages of the investigation, and would like to reassure people that this is currently being treated as an isolated incident.”

The man was described as white with grey scruffy hair. He also had stubble, and was wearing a black coat with a hood. Police believe he was also carrying an orange backpack. Call the Colchester Local Policing Team on 101 with information.

Students' first-hand view of filming on the set of DIY SOS

Students from a Suffolk college have been getting to grips with the world of television.

Four pupils from West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds were taken to the DIY SOS: The Big Build site at Mildenhall to learn more about how the show works.

The students, who study media production at the college, were given a tour of the site and were also able to chat with members of the team including director Matt Skilton, camera assistant Guy Meachin and show building manager Mark Millar.

Screen Suffolk director Karen Everett said: “The students spoke to a wide range of the people involved in the TV show and were able to ask questions about how the show was technically made and then edited, talking about what equipment was

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used and how it is filmed.

“They also learnt about all off screen logistics behind the lens and saw the scale of the site including catering/storage and how much planning goes in to the location to make it work.

“For some it was their first experience of seeing a professional TV production and visiting a location.”

The show's presenter Nick Knowles, designer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and a fleet of local builders are currently transforming the home of Simon Dobbin.

Mr Dobbin was the victim of an unprovoked attack by a group of men following a football match in March 2015 and now has permanent brain damage.

It was announced in September that his family had been selected from

more than 900 applicants to receive the life changing home renovation from the popular television show.

Work began at the site last week.

Calls were put out earlier this year to find local tradespeople who would be able to pitch in for the project.

Simon's wife and carer, Nicole, told the EADT in September that the family had been overwhelmed by the offers of support that had come their way, adding this week that the help provided by the team during the build would help to make the family's life more bearable.

The Dobbin's home was previously said to be unfit for purpose, putting strains on Mr Dobbin's rehabilitation.

An air date for the episode has yet to be announced.

Work at the site is expected to finish today.



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