

# Spotlight on Apprenticeships

## Chippenham

An apprenticeship snapshot for Wiltshire

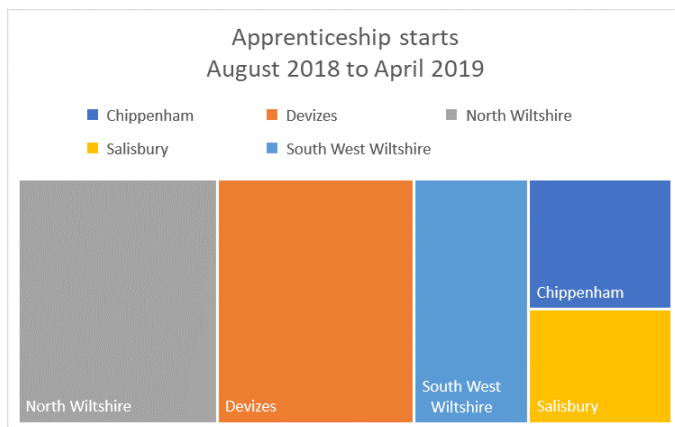
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This newsletter was produced by the Employment and Skills Service at Wiltshire Council to showcase employers, providers and the range of opportunities available through the apprenticeship route.

### Apprenticeships in Wiltshire

Wiltshire saw 5720 apprenticeships started between August 2017 and July 2018.

The parliamentary constituency of Chippenham which includes the towns and villages of Corsham, Bradford-on-Avon and Melksham accounted for 560 of these starts across all sectors and levels.



Starts for the first three quarters of this academic year (August to April) show continued apprenticeship growth with a total of 4290 starts recorded for Wiltshire; 500 of which were across the Chippenham constituency.

Data Source [FE Data Library](#)

### Apprenticeship Reforms – What’s new?

#### New apprenticeship service autumn webinar programme

The apprenticeship service webinar programme first launched in November 2018 and has been extremely successful, with over 30 webinars delivered to over 2000 attendees. You can watch all webinar recordings on [esfagovuk](#).

Webinars are aimed at employers, training providers, end-point assessment organisations, membership/representative organisations and any organisations or individuals with an interest in the apprenticeship service.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask experts questions in a live Q&A and take part in interactive polls. Topics include:

- service development updates
- apprenticeship eligibility
- an end-point assessment (EPA) programme with guidance for employers and providers
- recording end-point assessment activity in the ILR (Individualised Learner Records)
- end-point assessment organisations: how to register

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## Meet an apprentice

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We regularly feature [Apprentice Stories](#) on our website; meet 18-year-old Cameron Carey, at [nettl](#), a web, design and print studio based in Melksham [here](#).

## #FACT

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86% of employers said apprenticeships developed skills relevant to their organisation and 78% reported improved productivity.

Source: [National Apprenticeship Service](#)

## Labour Market Intelligence

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Have you looked at the latest [Labour Market Intelligence](#) across Wiltshire?

Discover employment information, where people are working, industries, growth sectors and more



## Apprenticeship Ambassador Network

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The South West Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (SWAAN) is a group of employers, whose main aim is to engage new businesses to commit to apprenticeship delivery in the South West of England. The Apprenticeship Ambassador Network is for businesses who have apprentices in their workforce regardless of size or industry.

Current and former apprentices can provide inspiration for the next generation by attending events and speaking at local schools; providing an insight into their day to day work roles.

To get involved in the regional network contact us or look at the website for more information [here](#)

## An alternative to university!

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Higher and Degree level apprenticeships are an area of rapid growth and offer a real alternative to university for applicants and not just for those that live in large cities such as London, Bristol and Birmingham. There are some great opportunities across Swindon and Wiltshire from businesses such as Arla Foods, Bew & Co, Hartham Park, Siemens and Zircon Software.

Applications for these programmes often open well in advance of the job starting, usually between October and March to start the following September. It is therefore important to sign up to the [Find an Apprenticeship](#) service website where you can opt in to receive alerts as vacancies are announced based on your criteria or location.

The National Apprenticeship Service offer support through their [vacancy snapshot](#) publication which highlights national opportunities

## National Apprenticeship Week 2020

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National Apprenticeship Week is an annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships across England.



Apprenticeship employers use the opportunity to promote the success of their apprentices and highlight the huge benefits to other employers, of all sizes, who are thinking of taking on an apprentice.

Apprentices across the country will also be celebrated throughout the week, with engagement and events in schools and colleges. Many current and former apprentices will go back to school to tell their story, attracting the next generation of apprentices, so they too can fire up their future career.

## Be Involved

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[Be Involved](#) is a Wiltshire initiative that enables employers to support the employability of young people and the future workforce. In creating a directory of organisations who pledge to work together around key areas across the county: supporting local schools and those with significant barriers to work, apprenticeships, traineeships and supported internships.

Be Involved enables business to support the residents of Wiltshire as well as assisting local projects such as the [Enterprise Adviser Network](#) and [Building Bridges](#).

## Current vacancies in this area

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Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised throughout the year by local employers such as Peacocks Stores, MJ Church, National Trust, PH Sports and Jaguar Land Rover. You can search for vacancies [here](#).

Below is a sample of live vacancies for this area

[DCS Associates – 1<sup>st</sup> Line IT Support Apprentice](#)

[SPA Medical Centre - Administration /Reception Apprentice](#)

[Interserve FM Ltd – Facilities Services Apprentice](#)

[South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust – Administration Apprentice](#)

## Our offer to employers

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The Employment and Skills Service with our colleagues at [Higher Futures](#) can support businesses of all sizes to develop an apprenticeship programme, help with recruitment and upskill existing employees through a series of training programmes and apprenticeship options, many funded through our extensive partnership network.

Our Work Wiltshire website is a one stop shop for all education, employment and skills information and support.

If you are an employer or an apprentice and would like to feature in future editions, contact us using the details below.

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