

Spotlight on Apprenticeships

North Wiltshire

An apprenticeship snapshot for Wiltshire

October 2019

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 North Wiltshire which includes the towns and villages of Calne, Malmesbury, Purton and Royal Wootton Bassett accounted for 1850 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; 1310 of which were across the North Wiltshire constituency.

Data Source [FE Data Library](#)

Be Involved



[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.

Meet an apprentice

We regularly feature [Apprentice Stories](#) on our Work Wiltshire website; meet Alex Acton an IT and Telecommunications apprentice at Chipside, based in Brinkworth [here](#)



National Apprenticeship Week 2020

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.

#FACT

Perceptions of apprenticeships as entry-level, trade-based, low-quality courses persist – yet this couldn't be further from today's reality. Changes to funding, minimum requirements and the development of occupation-focused standards have driven up the quality of apprenticeships, and employers are taking notice. While earning a wage, apprentices gain highly transferable skills and training (which could include a degree) to set them up for a wide range of career paths. Alongside this, they'll gain hands-on experience in a real-world setting – an invaluable asset when it comes to future employment.

Source: [National Apprenticeship Service](#)

Apprenticeship Reforms – What's new?

Apprenticeships off-the-job training guidance and commitment statement template

GOV.UK are updating the apprenticeships [off-the-job training support materials](#) to bring the text within the materials in line with the 2019 to 2020 apprenticeship funding rules text.

The suite of materials, which will be available week commencing 9 September 2019, will include a new guide (version 3) where we have added some additional clarity and frequently asked questions. There will also be an updated commitment statement, infographic and myths buster (all version 2).

As before, the commitment statement template is non-mandatory and training providers are free to use alternative templates, including their own. However, the completion of the ESFA template will ensure that the apprenticeship funding rules have been met.

An alternative to university!

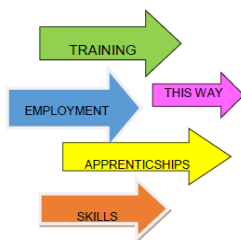
Higher and Degree level apprenticeships are an area of rapid growth and offer a real alternative to university for applicants and not just for those that live in large cities such as London, Bristol and Birmingham. There are some great opportunities across Swindon and Wiltshire from businesses such as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

Calne Skills Marketplace

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"Calne Area Board is delighted to promote this event informing residents of all ages of the training and employment opportunities available to them"
Cllr Christine Crisp, Chairman

Meet local training providers
Discover the range of support and training on offer
View live vacancies and apprenticeships

Open to everyone

Tuesday 12 November 4pm to 6pm
Calne Community Hub and Library,
The Strand, Calne, SN11 0UJ

For more information please contact:
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Apprenticeship Ambassador Network

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 inspires and influences people to choose apprenticeships as a route to create business and individual success across the country.

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](#)

Current vacancies in this area

Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised throughout the year by local employers such as Dyson, The Five Bells, PD Fitness, Imagine Cruising and Beversbrook Medical Centre. You can search for vacancies [here](#).

Below is a sample of live vacancies for this area

[The Activity Zone – Lifeguard Apprentice](#)

[Charlton Park Estate – Apprentice Groom](#)

[Premier Jobs UK - Apprentice Marketing Executive and Recruitment Resourcer](#)

Our offer to employers

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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