

BELIEVE IN BETTER

START YOUR CAREER IN THE
BRICKLAYING SECTOR

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WELCOME

Bricklayers build houses, repair walls and chimneys, and refurbish decorative stonework. They also work on restoration projects.

Careers in Bricklaying

Here are just a few examples of job titles that have been advertised in the South West region within the last year:

- Bricklayer
- Mason
- Bricklaying Apprentice
- Construction Site Manager
- Bricklaying Assessor
- Bricklaying Teacher

Is Bricklaying an attractive career?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2025** there are likely to be **92,709** people employed nationally within the construction industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 2.7%** (2022 – 2025 figures).

Bricklayers and Masons

National Average

£27,040

£17,680

Starter

£30,680

Experienced

Which is the same as



**£520
a week**

Employed Nationally

92,709

91,354

90,000

2022

2023

2024

2025

+2.2%

In the South West the average salary for this job is

£21,840

What type of skills and knowledge will you need?

- Knowledge of building and construction
- Thorough and pay attention to detail
- Ability to work well with others and independently
- Flexible and open to change
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to work well with your hands
- Physical skills like strength, balance and coordination
- Ability to organise your time and workload
- Competent computer skills.

What can you expect to do?

- Measure work areas and set out the first rows of bricks or blocks
- Mix mortar by hand or with a mechanical mixer
- Use a trowel to lay bricks and mortar
- Shape and trim bricks using hammers, chisels and power tools
- Check that rows are straight using a spirit level, laser level or plumb line.



Working environment

You could work on a construction site or at a client's home.

Your working environment may be physically demanding, outdoors in all weathers, at height and you'll travel often.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a construction site supervisor, or move into related areas like estimating or apprentice training.

You could also specialise in heritage work, stonemasonry, or set up your own business.

Qualification requirement

Level
2

The majority of those employed in this role will hold a GCSE grades 9,8,7,6,5,4 or grades A*, A, B, C or a Level 2 NVQ

Apprenticeship options include

- Level 2** Bricklayer
- Level 2** Interior Systems Installer
- Level 2** Plasterer

Jobs in this sector include

- Construction and Building Trades
- Carpenters and Joiners
- Electricians and Electrical Fitters
- Plumbers and Heating Occupations

Where do I start?

Wherever your starting point we have course that is right for you and will enable you to progress with confidence into the industry:

Have a go

Just for fun Garden Bricklaying, Plastering and/or Upcycling
Introduction to Fire & Security | DIY | Basic Home Maintenance

Level 1

Bricklaying (Trowel Occupations)
Carpentry & Joinery (Wood Occupations)
Electrical Installation
Fire & Security
Plumbing Studies
Certificate and Extended Certificate in Construction Skills
Award in Construction Skills (Electrical, Plumbing and/or Multi OpS)
Health & Safety and CSCS Card

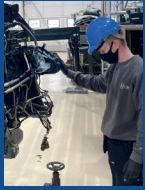
Level 2

Bricklaying (Trowel Occupations)
Carpentry & Joinery (Wood Occupations)
Plumbing Studies
Electrical Installation
T Level Transition Programme in Construction
Extended Certificate in Construction Skills
Diploma in Electrical Installation | Diploma in Plumbing Studies
Apprenticeships: Bricklayer, Carpentry & Joinery, Furniture Manufacturer, Property Maintenance

Level 3

Carpentry & Joinery (Wood Occupations)
T Levels: Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering), Onsite Construction (Carpentry & Joinery), Construction (Bricklaying), Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing Engineering)
Apprenticeships: Carpentry & Joinery (Site & Architectural), Electrician (Installation & Maintenance), Fire Emergency & Security Systems Technician, Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician





Oliver Whyton

Level 6 Aerospace Engineering Apprentice,
formerly of The Thomas Hardy School

"I have gained lots of hands-on experience in the workplace and I have also been able to develop my theoretical knowledge through my studies with Yeovil College."

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