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National News

Sainsbury's has announced 3,500 job cuts, mainly from the Argos chain it bought in 2016:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-54818644>

Marks & Spencer sank to the first loss in its 94 years as a publicly-listed company as the coronavirus crisis hit trading:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-54807247>

The tech sector is expanding and according to Glassdoor, companies including Revolut, Apple, Amazon, Ocado Technology, and Microsoft are still hiring in the UK:

<https://techhq.com/2020/11/job-prospects-in-uk-tech-have-never-been-better/>

The John Lewis Partnership is cutting a further 1,500 jobs through a shake-up of its head office functions: <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-john-lewis-partnership-cuts-another-1-500-jobs-as-pandemic-hits-sales-12123367>

Independent shops have been "more agile" and better at surviving Covid-19 than chain stores, data indicates: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-54795486>

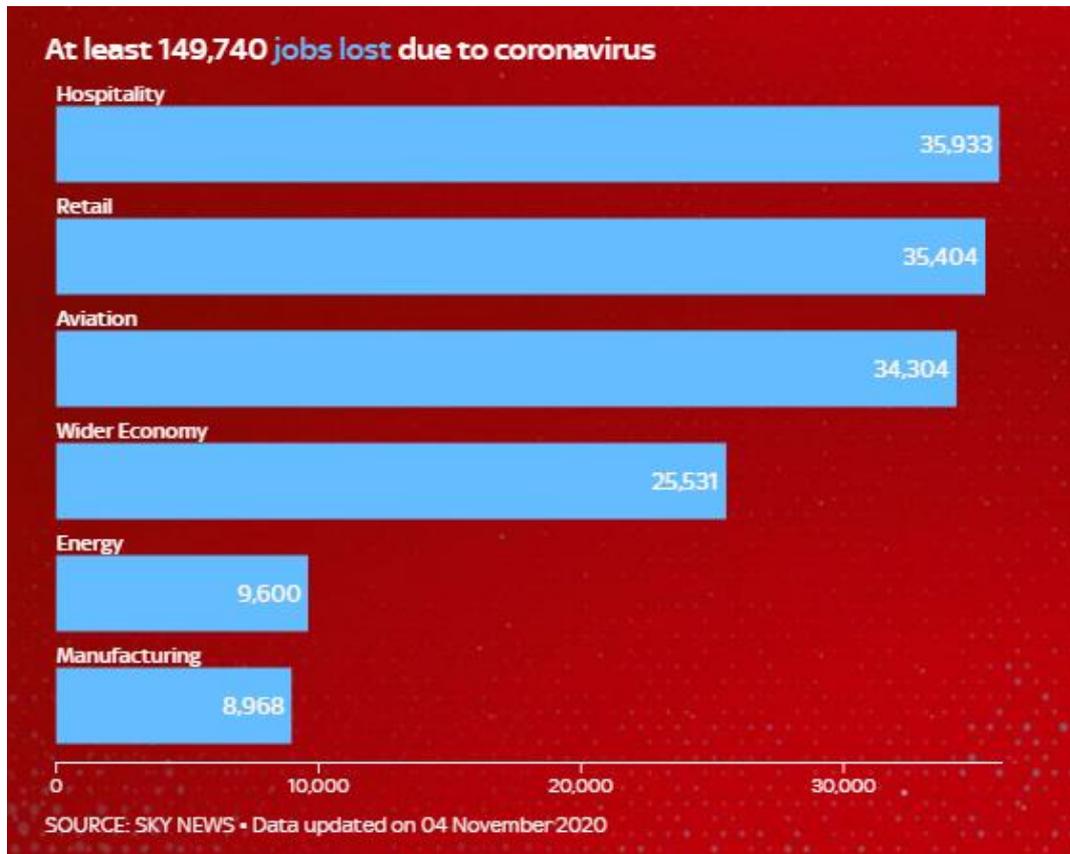
Low-paid workers are most at risk of losing their jobs or being furloughed on less than the minimum wage: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/nov/03/new-lockdown-same-economic-victims-young-low-paid-workers>

Lloyds Banking Group is to cut 1,070 jobs under a plan to simplify structures in some back office operations: <https://news.sky.com/story/lloyds-banks-on-1-070-job-losses-to-simplify-back-office-structure-12123468>

Lots of seasonal jobs available right now:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/money/13027399/christmas-jobs-2020-tesco-royal-mail-amazon/>

Sky News is analysing cuts made public by major businesses since the UK lockdown began on 23 March: <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-crisis-where-jobs-have-been-lost-across-the-uk-12029604> See chart below:



The Travel and Tourism sector in the UK is at risk of losing a total of 2.4m jobs by the end of this year, due to worldwide global restrictions: <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/uk-risks-losing-2-4-million-jobs-this-year-due-to-travel-restrictions/>

The highest and lowest paid jobs in 2020: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/money/13097150/highest-lowest-paid-jobs-2020/>

Royal Mail is looking to hire 33,000 additional workers over the festive period: <https://inews.co.uk/news/uk/royal-mail-jobs-near-me-how-to-apply-for-temporary-christmas-roles-after-increase-in-seasonal-vacancies-737825>

Berks

The Real Greek confirmed they will be opening in The Lexicon in Bracknell from early December: <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18839675.real-greek-expected-open-lexicon-bracknell/>

Slough council could cut jobs to save £4m: <https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/job-vacancies-slough-at-risk-19167575>

Bucks

900 new jobs as Royal Mail opens huge new sorting centre in Milton Keynes: <https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/people/900-new-jobs-royal-mail-opens-huge-new-sorting-centre-milton-keynes-3019104>

ScreenSkills has teamed up with Pinewood Studios, the Buckinghamshire LEP and Enterprise M3 to offer former Heathrow workers information on how their expertise in aviation can be transferred into jobs in film, television and games: <https://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/news/south-bucks/163276/pinewood-studios-to-help-former-heathrow-workers-train-for-screen-industry-careers.html>

More than 1,000 posts were unfilled in Buckinghamshire's adult social care workforce on any given day last year, according to new figures: <https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/beds-bucks-herts/news/1000+-adult-social-care-jobs-sat-unfilled-in-bucks-last-year/>

Cornwall & the Isle of Scilly

Cornwall is facing the likelihood of firms going out of business and further redundancies as a result of the second national lockdown, its chamber chief says: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/lockdown-could-mean-business-failures-19208523>

Christmas jobs at Tesco, Royal Mail, Poundland and more available in Devon and Cornwall: <https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/jobs/christmas-jobs-employment-covid-work-4641708>

Despite the current economic difficulties, there are still lots of full-time and part-time jobs available in Cornwall. Over the six months since the beginning of lockdown, Work Routes - a free Cornwall service that supports unemployed people to start working - helped 423 people in Cornwall into employment: <https://www.cornwalllive.com/special-features/free-support-find-work-cornwall-4646162>

Cornwall's largest care provider, Cornwall Care, is expanding and creating jobs after entering a period of "significant growth" despite the coronavirus pandemic: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/cornwalls-largest-care-provider-expands-19167003>

Dorset

Dorset Police remains on track to recruit its targeted allocation of new officers by the end of the current financial year: <https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/18845054.force-recruitment-drive-still-track/>

Almost 1,700 Bournemouth businesses have found themselves in "significant" financial distress in the past three months: <https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/18833057.1-700-businesses-significant-distress-says-begbies-traynor/>

Hundreds of posts were unfilled in Dorset's adult social care workforce on any given day last year, according to new figures: <https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/18833093.hundreds-adult-social-care-vacancies-dorset/>

Gloucestershire

The Range has opened at the site of the former Homebase site at Centrum Park, having moved along Tewkesbury Road. The move has created full and part time jobs: <https://www.punchline-gloucester.com/articles/aanews/new-cheltenham-branch-close-to-home-on-the-range>

Greggs has opened a new store in Gloucester, their fourth in the city, and created 10 new jobs: <https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink/greggs-open-fourth-gloucester-store-4650213>

Heart of the South West

Wincanton Print Company in Somerset has been sold out of administration, with the loss of nine jobs: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/wincanton-print-company-falls-administration-19214690>

The boss of the revived Appledore shipyard said there's just five years to save the UK's shipbuilding skills: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/warship-work-save-uk-ship-19174893>

Christmas jobs at Tesco, Royal Mail, Poundland and more available in Devon and Cornwall: <https://www.devonlive.com/news/jobs/christmas-jobs-employment-covid-work-4641708>

A popular Plymouth wedding venue, Great Dean Ltd, the operator of Kitley House and Country Estate in Yealmpton, has been forced to cease trading due to the 'devastating impact' of coronavirus: <https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/kitley-house-closing-loss-20-4661663>

Somerset food manufacturer, Baklava Desserts, has announced 127 new jobs in the county: <https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/18840491.127-new-jobs-available-somerset-dessert-company/>

Oxfordshire

HS2 is launching a new base in Brackley, creating more than 120 jobs: <https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/people/hs2-creates-more-120-jobs-new-brackley-office-3022564>

Swindon/Wiltshire

Hundreds of posts were unfilled in Swindon's adult social care workforce on any given day last year, according to new figures: <https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/18832942.hundreds-adult-social-care-posts-swindon-left-unfilled/>

Opportunity for several bus fitters to join a fast paced and busy working environment, performing various maintenance, inspections & repairs tasks across a range of mobile fleets: <https://www.railwaypeople.com/Rail-Jobs/Other-Rail-Jobs/Bus-Fitter/Details/607629>

Youth unemployment in Wiltshire is greater than at the height of the recession, according to Wiltshire Council: <https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/18843349.youth-unemployment-higher-recession/>

West of England

The Christmas jobs up for grabs at these Bristol supermarkets: <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/jobs/christmas-jobs-up-grabs-bristol-4662409>

Thousands of businesses in Bristol are in significant financial distress as they continue to battle with challenges caused by the pandemic, new data has revealed: <https://bit.ly/2TUWaKX>

E-scooters are now available to hire in Bath and Bristol as part of a new trial led by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA). The trial's operator, Voi, will create more than 60 jobs in the region during the trial: <https://www.businesscloud.co.uk/news/uk-e-scooter-boom-continues-in-two-new-cities-creating-60-jobs/>