

National News

Chancellor Rishi Sunak sets out his Spending Review including the following information on jobs:

Jobs

- Unemployment is expected to peak at 7.5% - 2.6 million people - in the second quarter of next year
- The chancellor confirms £3bn for a three-year Restart programme to help a million people who have been unemployed for over a year to find jobs
- The national living wage will rise by 2.2% to £8.91 per hour and will be extended to those aged 23 and over.
- For a full-time worker on the national living wage, that's an increase of £345 next year
- National minimum wage will also increase.

8 Christmas jobs you can apply for right now across the UK:

<https://www.bucksherald.co.uk/lifestyle/christmas/8-christmas-jobs-you-can-apply-right-now-across-uk-3044797>

Halfords is recruiting 1100 temporary jobs for the festive season:

<https://www.retailgazette.co.uk/blog/2020/11/halfords-recruiting-1100-temporary-jobs-for-christmas/>

Pub and bar operator Mitchells & Butlers (behind chains including Harvester, All Bar One and Toby Carvery) has revealed that 1,300 staff have been made redundant:

<https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-mitchells-butlers-reveals-1-300-workers-made-redundant-12142677>

Research into fusion energy has benefitted the UK to the tune of £1.4bn and 4,000 jobs annually, according to the UK Atomic Energy Authority:

<https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2020/11/uk-fusion-investments-creates-36-000-jobs-report-finds/>

CV-Library has released its initial seasonal data and, as expected, job postings are down at -18.2% year-on-year. However, these figures are hugely impacted by the sectors most affected by the

second lockdown. The number of jobs available fell in Retail and Purchasing and Leisure and Tourism. Catering was the worst of all year-on-year, with a -69.7% drop:

<https://londonlovesbusiness.com/seasonal-jobs-are-impacting-the-uk-job-market/>

UK housing market expects 100,000 extra home sales in early 2021:

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/nov/25/uk-housing-market-expects-100000-extra-home-sales-in-early-2021>

Up to 60 Debenhams shops could close next year, putting thousands of jobs at risk, as part of a rescue deal for the department store group:

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/nov/24/debenhams-may-close-up-to-60-stores-putting-thousands-of-jobs-at-risk>

New data has shown the industries with the most remote jobs on offer is copywriting and content marketing, web development and journalism:

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2020/11/24/these-are-the-industries-offering-the-most-remote-work-in-the-uk>

Fashion chains Peacocks and Jaeger have fallen into administration, putting more than 4,700 jobs and almost 500 shops at risk: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55004019>

Berks

Bosses at the new Residence Inn and Thunderbirds-themed Moxy Hotel in William Street are looking to recruit 25 new members of staff. A two-day event will be held for up to 400 applicants on

Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11: <https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/slough-thunderbirds-hotel-jobs-up-19288689>

Thames Valley Berkshire LEP survey shows the impact COVID has had on Berkshire businesses. Up to 73% of enterprises continued to trade throughout the pandemic:

<http://www.thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/news?id=187>

Bucks

No LMI this week

Cornwall & the Isle of Scilly

Luxury homes developer Stephens and Stephens is set to create 40 new jobs as work continues at sites in Truro and Newquay: <https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/luxury-homes-developer-stephens-stephens-4719259>

Cornwall looks to fill 1000 vacant care jobs: <https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/article.cfm?id=128998&headline=Cornwall%20looks%20to%20fill%201000%20vacant%20care%20jobs§ionIs=news&searchyear=2020>

Rightmove has revealed the happiest places to live in the South West in St Ives:

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/rightmove-reveals-happiest-places-live-4731623>

Dorset

Haven – which has three holiday parks in Weymouth – is making an unspecified number of people redundant and Swanage Railway is axing eight jobs:

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/18892671.jobs-go-haven-sites-swanage-railway/>

The department for work and pensions, in a bid to tackle unemployment, said it is recruiting work coaches across Dorset, and hopes to have 440 new coaches across Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by March 2021: <https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/18885593.department-work-pensions-release-benefit-claimants-bcp-dorset-councils/>

Gloucestershire

A massive expansion of biopharmaceutical company Sartorius Stedimbcould could provide 150 new jobs for Gloucestershire: <https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gloucester-news/huge-expansion-pharmaceutical-headquarters-gloucestershire-4720983>

Heart of the South West

Exeter's former ASK Italian restaurant will reopen next month as a new independent fine-dining restaurant and cocktail lounge, No.5: <https://www.devonlive.com/whats-on/whats-on-news/exeter-ask-replaced-brand-new-4734401>

Print company, Harrier LLC, in Newton Abbot is urging anyone with a background in retail, hospitality or manufacturing industries to get in touch as they have a major recruitment drive with 80 jobs available: <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/company-devon-creates-80-roles-4727950>

People of all ages and backgrounds are urgently needed to care for vulnerable people across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay this winter: <https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/devons-vulnerable-need-you-apply-for-a-job-in-health-and-care/>

Oxfordshire

12 of the most exciting tech companies in Oxford: <https://www.growthbusiness.co.uk/12-of-the-most-exciting-tech-companies-in-oxford-2558357/>

Swindon/Wiltshire

Work has begun on Swindon's latest Lidl store at the old Homebase unit at Greenbridge Retail Park creating up to 30 new jobs: <https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/18894785.lidl-work-starts-swindons-greenbridge-retail-park/>

Wiltshire College may be forced into staff redundancies due to the impact of Coronavirus: <https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/swindon/news/wiltshire-college-may-need-to-make-staff-redundancies-due-to-covid-19-impact-2/>

West of England

There are currently 1,965 IT-related job openings in Bristol, with salaries for tech jobs higher than average across the UK city: <https://www.verdict.co.uk/bristol-tech-industry/>