



Company Background

Formed in the mid-1960s, the A.W. Jenkinson group of companies has experienced year on year growth to the extent that it now handles over 3 million tonnes of roundwood, chips, sawdust, bark, green waste and other timber co-products across the UK annually. Services link virgin timber products and recycled materials with the demands of paper and board manufacturers, energy generation, agriculture, horticulture and amenity markets.

The growth of the companies has always been supported by a large in-house haulage and logistics operation. The logistics operation is supported by a highly experienced team of drivers, planners and transport managers and a large, modern fleet of more than 650 vehicles covering the entire UK and Northern Europe.

Every single vehicle movement each day is planned and controlled by A.W. Jenkinson's own highly experienced traffic team. In addition to our logistics operation, we operate a wide range of other units that meet a variety of specialist requirements.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

We are now looking for **Trainee Transport Planners** to join our growing team. We need two trainees based in Penrith, Cumbria and one to join our Timber team in Lockerbie.

The aim of this apprenticeship is to help you learn and develop a range of transferable skills and potential in an exciting and fast-moving environment. You will be supported by a friendly team and experienced mentors who will invest time and effort in helping you make the most out of this opportunity. You will be responsible for succeeding at work and at college, in an environment that will be challenging but also one that will enable you to enjoy your learning experience.

About the role

This apprenticeship programme is designed to develop you over two years to become a respected and successful **Transport Planner**. You will obtain a nationally recognised apprenticeship as a **Level 3 Transport Supervisor**.

During your apprenticeship you will support the Traffic Team, in an efficient and confidential way, and will learn to:

- Manage collections and deliveries while taking into account route planning, reducing empty loads, and cost;
- Manage drivers and deal with day-to-day issues including drivers hours and health & safety;
- Liaise with customers and drivers to provide high quality communication;
- Understand customer contracts, rules, penalties etc;
- Update computer systems with account information, access and egress issues, hold-ups, damage etc.

What you need to apply

You will have a minimum of 4 GCSE qualifications at standard grade C/grade 5 or above, including in Maths, and English. You will also need to be competent on Word, including having some Excel knowledge, as well as have some interest in working in a transport and logistics environment.

You will be a driven, self-motivated and enthusiastic individual with a positive and can-do attitude, happy to work as part of a team and willing to learn and develop.

The key to success for this apprenticeship is to have the ability to balance time between studies and work to ensure success in both.

What you need to succeed

Forward Thinking - Take personal ownership for effectively analysing problems and creating solutions with an emphasis on continuous improvement.

- Teamwork - Develop and maintain sound working relationships between all departments to maximise the service we provide our customers.
- Communication - Demonstrate high standards of verbal and written communication.

What we offer

As an apprentice of today you are an expert of tomorrow. We have high expectations of our apprentices who are rewarded by competitive pay and benefits. Salaries are reviewed regularly throughout the apprenticeship and based on performance and qualifications gained.

How to apply

Please forward your c.v. to Tracey Taylor, HR, A. W. Jenkinson Transport Ltd., Clifton Moor, Clifton, Penrith, CA10 2EY or by email to jobs@awjenkinson.co.uk, by Monday 31st July 2023.

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