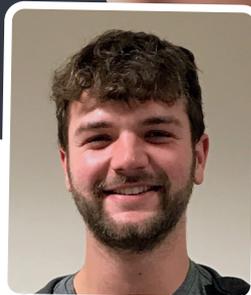


# JACK TRAILBLAZER APPRENTICE

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Jack is nearing the final months of his Trailblazer Waterproof Membrane Installer Apprenticeship. Daventry-based flat roofing systems provider Langley Waterproofing delivers the course to a cohort of apprentices, who are trained up in a number of skills, including interpreting drawings, and measuring and calculating the required amount of materials for roofing work, as well as learning how to install vapour control layers, and maintain flat or pitched roofs.



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*I spend lots of time on the job, getting more hands-on experience, but we go to college as well—usually for a few days, every six weeks or so. We’re not just in the classroom at college, either, we spend time on the rigs, so the instructors can help us improve.*

*It’s worth getting proper training, and getting the chance to build up your skills properly: sometimes the people who have done the job for a while but don’t have the proper qualifications can actually lack a bit of confidence on some jobs.*

*Even as an apprentice, I’ve had a real opportunity to step up: I’m now working on the running of the job I’m currently on, so I’ve been measuring up and ordering gear.*

*I do like my job: it’s hard work and can be tough, but I like that it’s so hands-on, and it’s nice to be outdoors and always having something to do. It doesn’t get boring.*

*In the future, I’d really like to work my way up through the company—I want to be in a Contracts Manager role at some point. It would be great to be that point of contact between the office and the site and I think it works really well when that person has a site background, like I do.*

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