



Bradfield School Careers Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Bradfield Careers Newsletter. This will be produced regularly and will include lots of exciting information relating to local and National opportunities as well as general careers information for all year groups which we hope you will enjoy!



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Spotlight on Careers..... Working with Animals



If you love animals and would like to make the world a better place for them, you'll find an assortment of careers to choose from...

What roles are on offer?

The most obvious roles are those that involve caring for and treating animals directly, with [veterinary nurse](#) and [veterinary surgeon](#) both popular options.

You could also be a [zoologist](#) or a [zookeeper](#) at one of the UK's many zoos. Roles involve managing day-to-day operations or ensuring the wellbeing of animals at anywhere from Paignton Zoo in Devon up to Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland, and safari parks, such as Knowsley Safari Park in Merseyside and West Midlands Safari Park in Worcestershire.

In addition to taking on students and graduates to care for their animals, wildlife charities also require fundraisers to champion the good work they do. Among the more hands-on animal jobs are [animal nutritionist](#), [animal physiotherapist](#) and [animal technician](#).

If you're looking to work on a farm or fish farm, you could choose to work as a [farm manager](#), [fish farm manager](#) or [fisheries officer](#). Read more about [graduate opportunities in agriculture](#).

You could also work with animals in the Army, process them in quarantine at airports or work in a pet shop. To find out what roles are currently in demand, [search all animal and plant resources jobs](#).

Where can I find animal care jobs?

The government's executive Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), which aims to safeguard animal and plant health, provides details of how its vacancies are advertised at [Working for APHA](#). One agency role involves overseeing pets put in quarantine as they travel to and from the UK.

If you'd like to become an [Army Medical Service veterinary technician](#), you'll have to apply via its website. Those who successfully make it through the application process will undergo 14 weeks of military training to become a soldier at its Winchester or Pirbright sites, before progressing to the Defence Animal Centre at Melton Mowbray. Here, you'll learn veterinary nursing skills, military dog handling skills and how to manage veterinary equipment.

How can I work for an animal charity? With a large number of animal charities in the UK, you'll find a range of jobs advertised on their websites. If you want to work for the [Blue Cross](#), you could choose to work on:

- the clinical side (veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse)
- rehoming (animal welfare assistant)
- fundraising, marketing and communications (database services officer)
- strategic planning (data and insights analyst).



Other large organisations in this sector offer similar opportunities. The RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) provides [job profiles](#) showing candidates the various careers they could go into.

You could work at one of the RSPCA's animal or wildlife centres. You could start out as an animal collection officer, progress to become an animal welfare officer and finally an [RSPCA inspector](#), saving mistreated and abandoned animals.

What animal care apprenticeships are available?

A range of recruiters offer animal apprenticeships, from local veterinary surgeries and animal charities to zoos and wildlife parks. The RSPCA offers apprenticeships from Levels 2 to 6 (GCSE to degree) in animal centres, working directly with animals or in office-based support roles. Learn more at [RSPCA - Apprenticeships](#).

More unusual animal apprenticeships include becoming a dog groomer for Pets At Home, where you'll spend 13 months working for its [Groom Room](#). The pet supplies retailer also offers [apprenticeships](#) at Levels 2 to 7 in its support office and distribution operations, where you could focus on an area such as customer service, finance, human resources, warehousing, supply chain or marketing.

There's also the chance to receive a Level 2 or 3 apprenticeship qualification as a [Dog Handler for the Army Medical Service](#).

How do I start a wildlife conservation career?

Wildlife conservation is an issue that's been brought to the fore in recent years. TV programmes such as the BBC's *Seven Worlds*, *One Planet* and *Dynasties* highlight the need to protect the earth's dwindling resources and ensure threatened species can continue to live alongside humans in their natural habitats.

It's not just far-off places that require workers to champion these causes, as many opportunities to work in this area exist within the UK.

As a major employer in the field, [The Wildlife Trusts](#) needs conservation officers to tackle planning issues that concern the nation's wildlife and landscape. Alternatively, you could become a fundraiser for the charity organisation. The part-time countryside assistant position is an entry-level role that gives you the opportunity to work outdoors and share knowledge of the countryside.

The [World Wide Fund for Nature \(WWF\)](#) has a number of vacancies, including roles in public relations (PR), IT and project management.

Can I volunteer and gain work experience?

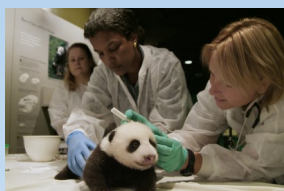
Most animal care charities take on volunteers all year round, so if you're looking to enter the profession and gain experience while still at university, visit the websites of organisations you're most passionate about to find opportunities.

For instance, those aged 16 or over can work for the [National Animal Welfare Trust](#) at one of its animal rehoming centres. During a two-week placement you could work with cats, dogs and other small animals in preparation for a career as a vet.

The [Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust \(GWCT\)](#) accepts university placement or sandwich students to work with them for one year. They take on around 14 students who are tasked with studying insects, mammals and birds. They also host research projects from Masters students at selected universities.

The [Animal Careers Programme \(ACP\)](#), developed by top animal care industry experts, is an employer-led training, development and employability programme. Those who enrol onto the ACP receive full in-depth pre-employment training before entering into work experience.

There are also many volunteering opportunities available both in the UK and abroad. To read more about what's available, see [volunteering with animals](#).



Full article—[Jobs working with animals | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

LMI...what is this?

SOUTH YORKSHIRE LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Labour Market Information (LMI) is data, research and insight which helps us to understand:



- The economy
- Current and future jobs
- The skills needed for certain roles
- Demand for future employment and skills.



Did you know?

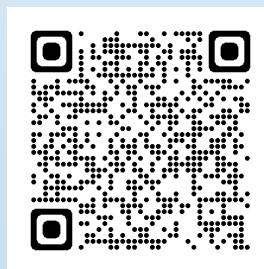
The mining sector used to employ around 12,000 people in South Yorkshire in 1961 and to date now employs around 200 people.

Find out more about the economy and working in South Yorkshire by clicking on the QR Code below.

The QR code takes you to a chart that shows all sectors in South Yorkshire by how many people are employed in that sector. Click on the sectors to see how many people are employed. The bigger the square the more people employed in that sector.

South Yorkshire has a range of sectors or industries which are more prominent here than they are in other areas. This includes the following sectors

- Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing
- Materials
- Construction
- Transport
- Public sector



This is in part due to our economic history which shapes activities to this day. South Yorkshire continues to be an area that produces metals and materials. This has its history in various economic histories of the metals (e.g. steel industry), glass, plastics and other materials. Other prominent sectors can be down to individual large businesses or employers which make jobs easier to find in South Yorkshire than other areas.



To find more about these sectors and more, please visit [Start - Key Industries in Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster & Barnsley \(startprofile.com\)](https://startprofile.com)

Further links within SYMCA for you to look at:

[Growth sectors: South Yorkshire Labour market Info - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

[Top skills: South Yorkshire Labour Market Information - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

[Future of work: South Yorkshire Labour Market Information - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

[Jobs: South Yorkshire Labour Market Information - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

[Resources: South Yorkshire Labour Market Information - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

Visit the SYMCA page for further information relating to the above at:

[South Yorkshire Labour Market Information \(LMI\) - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)



Did you know?

The public sector is one of the largest employers in South Yorkshire, this includes local government, hospitals and education.



Info for our year 11's relating to open events, Sheffield Progress and application processes.

Apprenticeships — Y11's who are still interested in apprenticeships but have not yet found an employer, you may be interested in looking for vacancies through some of the following:

[Apprenticeships with Sheffield City Council | Sheffield City Council](#)

[Browse apprenticeships before you apply](#) www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

[Apprenticeship Vacancies The Sheffield College \(sheffcol.ac.uk\)](#)

[Apprenticeship Vacancies | AMRC Training](#)

[Apprenticeships in Sheffield - Sheaf Digital](#)

[SYB Health and Social Care Careers :: Finding an Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care \(syrechealthandsocialcarecareers.co.uk\)](#)

For further information about apprenticeships please visit: [What is an apprenticeship? \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](#)



Useful information and opportunities for all year groups:



[Children and Young People's Empowerment Project - Chilypep](#)



[Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament | Sheffield City Council](#)



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**

[Fire Cadets scheme - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue \(syfire.gov.uk\)](#)



South Yorkshire

POLICE

Be quick—application window closes on 30th April!

[Volunteer Cadet - Join SYP - SYP \(southyorks.police.uk\)](#)



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ARMYCADETS.COM

[Humberside And South Yorkshire Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](#)

[Army Cadet Magazine - April 2023 by Salt Media - Issuu](#)



[Find your local squadron | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(mod.uk\)](#)



[Home - Sea Cadets Sheffield \(sea-cadets.org\)](#)



General Information for Parents & Carers



If you have missed any episodes of the recent 'Parent Perspective' podcasts in this fabulous collection you can catch them all again here:

[Apprenticeship resources for schools, teachers, parents \(amazingapprenticeships.com\)](https://amazingapprenticeships.com)



[Careers Advice for Parents - Youth Employment UK](https://careersadviceforparents.org.uk)



Online Parent/Carer Guides

For parents/carers of Years 10 & 11 [Careerpivot : Parent zone : All questions : What are the choices for my child at 16? Post-16 Options | UCAS](#)

For parents/carers of Years 8 & 9 [Careerpivot : Get information : Your choices at 14 : Choosing GCSEs: compulsory and optional GCSE choices: Practical ways to guide students | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

All Years [targetcareers Parent's Guide 2022](#) SEND [LocalOffer | Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#)

New 2022/23 FREE Parents Careers Guides available from the 'success at school' team

We are delighted to announce that the brand new 2023 **Parents guides to university and apprenticeships** was released in September 2022. Guides are available for parents and carers to access for **FREE** and will be sent directly to your inbox along with a **free bonus STEM careers guide**.



For more details and to sign up, click here: [New 2022/23 FREE parents careers guides - register today \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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Many parents get in touch with us asking for advice on how to respond to their child when they ask this question. What may seem like a daunting question to many parents, doesn't actually have to be. Careermag for Parents connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information. We explain the various qualification routes available and bust myths and misconceptions along the way. Grab a cuppa and sit down with your child, there are lots of opportunities to explore!

Guides also available for school leavers, graduates and for lifelong learning.

Careers Research

Careers research is a great way to generate ideas about what you might like to do when you have completed your studies. It will also help you to investigate different kinds of career areas and jobs and help to inspire you for the future. It can help you to think about the things you enjoy and the skills and qualities that you have. Why not start a research project of your own and be as creative as you can? These sites are a great starting point and can be used for all ages.



[Start – Careers Information for South Yorkshire \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)



[Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)



[Career sectors and professions for school leavers | TARGETcareers](#)



[Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



[home - i could](#)



Apply for free virtual work experience programmes and online courses —Featured this month are:

[Free Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#)—Register for an account to access a wide range of work experience from major employers.

[Explore Work Experience - Youth Employment UK](#) A selection of great videos to help you understand work experience and with a digital workbook

[Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#) Get to see the inner workings of a digital transformation agency and work with different departments—Estimated time 20-40 mins.

[Halliday Fraser Munro - Work Experience Zone \(hfm.co.uk\)](http://hfm.co.uk) For learners interested in Architecture and Design—Chose from a selection of tasks.

Free online courses:

[FutureLearn | Online learning | The University of Sheffield](#)—Free taster/sample sessions with completion certificates for all.

[Free distance learning courses in Sheffield - Nacro](#) - Free **adult** education courses in English, Maths and Work Skills, with qualifications.



Would you like to find out more about your personality and discover possible related career pathways for you? Try the Complete-Careers Quiz by visiting:
www.careersquiz.complete-careers.com



We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you have any careers related news you would like us to include or have a topic you would like us to cover, we would love to hear from you.

Please email careers@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk or pop and see Sarah Dempsey our Careers Adviser who can be found in the careers office at the back of the library.