

Kent Jobs Boost

New jobs are being created across Kent in such numbers that one of its prominent recruitment consultancies is to double in size. Berry Recruitment in Maidstone is expanding its base in Pudding Lane and is looking for consultants to join.

Employment in Kent stands at 74.1 per cent, compared with the national average of 72.6 per cent, and unemployment is lower than the national average. The latest REC Jobs outlook survey showed that 80 per cent of employers said economic conditions are getting better and none of them had reduced staff pay in the last 12 months, but 41 per cent had increased it. With so many new jobs being created in the Kent economy Berry Recruitment is expanding to deal with the increasing workload.

Currently the business, which is part of the national Berry Recruitment Group, has eight desks, but aims to double that number. It is taking on the premises next door – previously the Daily Bread café – to give it extra space for new recruitment consultants and improved candidate facilities. The consultancy is busy in all the sectors in which it operates: industrial, driving, commercial, catering, construction and engineering.

Jody Page, who manages the branch, said: “Since we moved to this location in 2001 we have grown every year. We realised that we’d have to move into bigger offices, but then the premises next door became available so we are knocking through. It means that we retain our presence on the street where people know us and where we benefit from good footfall.”



Jody and team outside the new, expanded offices in Maidstone

“It also means we have room to bring in more consultants as well as having extra room for conducting interviews and training.”

“There is now the opportunity for us to take on more business and the future is certainly going to be busy for us. “There are many jobs being created across Kent and there is certainly a buzz about the place at the moment. “It’s also an exciting time to be a recruitment consultant and we can offer fantastic career opportunities at Berry Recruitment.”

“We anticipate that the new premises will be completed in the autumn and until then we are open and it’s business as usual.”

Berry Recruitment has 30 branches across the country and is on track to achieve turnover in excess of £56m this year.

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