

UK unemployment falls to 11-year low

UK unemployment fell by 37,000 to 1.6 million in the three months to September, hitting an 11-year low.

The jobless rate fell to 4.8% in the same period, while the number of people in work went up by 49,000, said the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Average weekly earnings grew by 2.3% in the year to October including bonuses and by 2.4% excluding bonuses.

The Bank of England has forecast that unemployment is set to rise amid uncertainty over Brexit.

However, the ONS said the latest figures brought the unemployment rate to its lowest level since the three months to September 2005.

The total number of people in jobs remained at a record high of 31.8 million, the figures showed.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-37997713>

Source: BBC 16.11.16

Coachman Caravans hires record number of Hull apprentices

Hull-based caravan manufacturer Coachman Caravans has appointed three new apprentices.

The trio will be joining an existing apprentice team of four and **make up** the largest contingent of [apprentices](#) ever to be recruited at once by Coachman.

Alan Roberts, production director for Coachman, said: "Since our apprenticeship scheme started eight years ago, we have regularly hired new apprentices to the Coachman workforce. We firmly believe that our trainees are the future of Coachman.

"We do everything we can to give our apprentices practical skills while allowing them to gain formal qualifications through a range of in-house training and college courses."

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/coachman-caravans-hires-record-number-of-hull-apprentices/story-29843567-detail/story.html#DloF1RIB9IgmZjRm.99>

Source: Hull Daily Mail 27.10.16

Graduates queue up for British Steel jobs

UNIVERSITY students from across the UK are queuing up to land jobs with the back-in-profit Scunthorpe-based British Steel [company](#).

During the first week of recruitment, the company received 171 applications for its 2017 graduate intake from students wanting to take up permanent engineering and technical roles at its sites in Scunthorpe and Teesside.

A further 55 students have also applied to join the company on placements, ranging from three to 12 months.

Paul Martin, British Steel's human resources director, said: "We are delighted with the response, particularly in such a short space of time.

"The fact so many people want to join British Steel shows how far we have come and it speaks volumes for the quality of our graduate training programmes.

Read more at <http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/graduates-queue-up-for-british-steel-jobs/story-29843510-detail/story.html#S0jYxid4mH5HUSOB.99>

Source: Scunthorpe Telegraph 29.10.16

Region's knowledge economy grows to its largest size in six years

The knowledge [economy](#) in Yorkshire and the Humber has grown to its largest size in six years.

The knowledge economy is one in which growth is dependent on the quantity, quality, and accessibility of the [information](#) available, rather than the means of production.

There were 14,250 active businesses in 2014, that were classified as part of the knowledge economy, up 7 per cent from 2013, and the highest number since at least 2009.

There were 2,100 business births in these categories in 2014, down 5 per cent, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics.

Read more at <http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/region-s-knowledge-economy-grows-to-its-largest-size-in-six-years/story-29766889-detail/story.html#RG1kDGJ8WC3tO0vG.99>

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Source: Scunthorpe Telegraph 04.10.16

Two Hull engineering businesses have recruited new employees through a training scheme run by Green Port Hull.

Fox Corrugated Machinery UK and CB North are the latest businesses to take advantage of the Pathway to Employment programme, which has been created to supply workers to firms in Hull and the East Riding who may be faced with recruitment needs in the wake of emerging renewables projects.

The programme, which provides 10 weeks of training and work experience to the long-term unemployed, was introduced last year. To date, 38 trainees have been offered jobs, equating to 65 per cent of those completing the programme going into full-time employment.

Read more: <http://www.marketinghumber.com/news/business/more-hull-businesses-reap-rewards-of-green-port-hull-training-scheme/>

Source: **Bondholders** 10.11.16

Google to bring virtual reality to UK schools

Technology firm will offer free digital skills training to UK teachers as part of a scheme to roll out virtual reality technology to schools

Google is to bring **virtual reality** to one million schoolchildren in the UK as part of a new learning initiative, the technology giant's CEO Sundar Pichai announced today.

Speaking on his first visit to the UK as Google's chief executive, Mr Pichai also announced plans to offer five hours of free digital skills training to teachers who would like to use the technology.

Teachers will be able to take their students on what Google calls "virtual reality field trips" using Google's cardboard headsets, along with the **Google Expeditions app**.

"Virtual reality can spark students' imagination and help them learn about topics like how blood flows through the human body or the impact climate change is having on the Great Barrier Reef, in an engaging and immersive way," Mr Pichai said.

Read More: <https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/google-bring-virtual-reality-uk-schools>

Source: **TES** 15.11.16

400 contracting jobs in the pipeline as gas project gets go-ahead

RELIMINARY **work** has started on a new £150 million high-pressure gas pipeline across the River Humber running from Goxhill, following the go-ahead from the Government.

The **work**, by the National Grid, is expected to create 400 contracting jobs over the next three years.

A development consent order (DCO) has been granted to National Grid to build [a new tunnel under the River Humber and replace the existing high pressure gas pipeline.](#)

The tunnelling work will start early in the new year.

The new pipeline will stretch 3.3 miles from Goxhill to Paull, near Hull.

Read more at <http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/400-contracting-jobs-in-the-pipeline-as-gas-project-gets-go-ahead/story-29839682-detail/story.html#oQwf0APA1GqzyxEQ.99>

Source: Scunthorpe Telegraph 25.10.16

Who is gearing up to offer a generation of new jobs in Grimsby?

THIS past month has seen Grimsby's status as the UK's leading offshore wind **industry** operations and maintenance cluster guaranteed.

Dong Energy confirmed the town will host its base for the huge pipeline of **new** projects in the North Sea, a multi-million pound commitment to town and port.

Now the supply chain is forming thick and fast, as the race to win work in the wake of such announcements is well underway.

Read more at <http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/who-is-gearing-up-to-offer-a-generation-of-new-jobs-in-grimsby/story-29813490-detail/story.html#hk10kVu7333auLe6.99>

Source: Grimsby Telegraph 17.10.16

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Siemens Hull jobs: 140 new vacancies announced in recruitment push

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/siemens-hull-jobs-140-new-vacancies-announced-in-recruitment-push/story-29839692-detail/story.html#BvXTOyc7ywCteELu.99>

Source: Hull Daily Mail



New jobs for 30 people after huge careers fair organised by port giant

Read more at <http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/new-jobs-for-30-people-after-huge-careers-fair-organised-by-port-giant/story-29833286-detail/story.html#M9515JZLTrkEwxpg.99>

Source: Grimsby Telegraph 24.10.16



Grimsby Travis Perkins at risk as firm announces 600 job cuts and 30 branches to close

Read more at <http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/travis-perkins-to-axe-600-jobs-and-close-at-least-30-branches/story-29821506-detail/story.html#TEY4EYmj4KPsYU0X.99>

Source: Grimsby Telegraph 19.10.16



150 new jobs as Princes Quay in Hull gets massive £20m outlet transformation

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/150-new-jobs-as-princes-quay-in-hull-gets-massive-20m-outlet-transformation/story-29850039-detail/story.html#ygLxIFBx3vwRXsbM.99>

Source: Hull Daily Mail 29.10.16



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<https://www.cipd.co.uk/knowledge/work/trends/labour-market-outlook>

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