

# A day in the life of...

## Tori Wilson



*Last year, at the age of 17, Tori joined CLdN as **Apprentice Maintenance Engineer**.*

*In her role, she handles various machines, including reachstackers, tugs, translifters, and forklifts. With the guidance of her mentors, Tori acquires new skills and knowledge by working with a diverse range of equipment, repairing things or even manufacturing new tools.*

*Tori says: "I particularly enjoy tackling challenging issues, such as dismantling and reassembling complex mechanisms. It's interesting and makes the job more satisfying when it's done!"*

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## Ben Singleton



*In 2022, Ben embarked on a **Plate Welder Apprenticeship**, collaborating with a diverse team that includes welders, fitters, a car mechanic, and fellow apprentices.*

*A typical day starts with Ben donning the necessary Personal Protection Equipment. He then heads to the main workshop where he discusses the work to be done. One recent project involved a comprehensive refurbishment of a skeleton, entailing the complete disassembly and replacement of mechanical components.*

*Ben says: “Upon finishing my tasks, the supervisor conducts a thorough check for any errors and provides feedback on the quality of the work. As the day winds down, I diligently organize and clean the equipment used, ensuring a hazard-free environment to prioritize everyone's safety.”*



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## Jaimie Sibson



*Jamie is an **Graduate Electro-Mechanical Engineer**. He collaborates with various managers and engineers within the company, providing assistance to the technical project team.*

*Jamie says “The working environment at CLdN is dynamic and fast-paced. My experience has been extremely positive, fostering the development of strong relationships with my colleagues.*

*“What attracted me to join CLdN was the promising career development opportunities. I’m encouraged to push my myself and am given ample support and guidance. Regular reviews ensure that I stay on track.*

*“I can see theory come to life on the port in a real-world scenario. This not only enables personal development but also enhances my career progression. Ideally, I see myself successfully completing the apprenticeship and taking on a role managing projects for the workshops in the UK while contributing to projects in other countries.”*



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## Kieran Smylie



*Kieran started his three-year apprenticeship in the summer of 2023 and is working towards his Level 3 **HGV Engineering Qualification**.*

*He collaborates with a team of engineers, engaging in a diverse range of tasks that keep each day unique.*

*Kieran says: “The people I work with are very knowledgeable, providing constant learning opportunities. One particularly interesting task I completed was the replacement of a gearbox on a reach-stacker. Although it took several hours to complete, the experience enhanced my understanding of the machine's inner workings.*

*“I am also happy to get the chance to go onboard CLdN ships to carry out repair work on vehicles. The first time I went on a ship it was a completely different experience for me!”*

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## Kirsty Grimble



*Kirsty is in the first year of a 3-year Level 5 **Operations Management apprenticeship**. She combines this with day-to-day management of the Freight Department which consists of 33 employees.*

*Kirsty explains: “My role involves working closely with other departmental managers to offer support with operational issues throughout CLdN and overseeing the contracted Security team to ensure operations are running efficiently.*

*“This apprenticeship will give me the essential skills to progress in my career as an Operations Manager. Apprenticeships offer an interesting approach to learning and I would recommend them as a valuable higher education option. Apprentices have the opportunity to gain hands on experience combined with the academic support to meet their goals.”*

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## Lewis Reeve



*Lewis is in the first year of a three-year Level 5 **Operations / Departmental Manager apprenticeship**. His training involves a periodic rotational program, allowing him to develop management skills across various sectors of the company.*

*Lewis says: "It's rewarding to have been entrusted to work independently on diverse projects, particularly on operational safety and efficiency. I am looking forward to obtaining another recognized qualification while building the industry experience to ensure a successful career at CLdN."*

*"I already engage in monthly progress reviews with CLdN's Training & Development Manager. These reviews allow me to discuss my development and address any concerns I may have. Unlike other traditional academic routes, CLdN's apprenticeship program offers a unique hands-on learning experience, allowing you to gain practical skills directly applicable to your chosen fields."*





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## Max Greetham



*Max is in the first year of a three-year **Plate Welding Apprenticeship**. He typically works with a team of welders, fitters, car mechanics and other apprentices.*

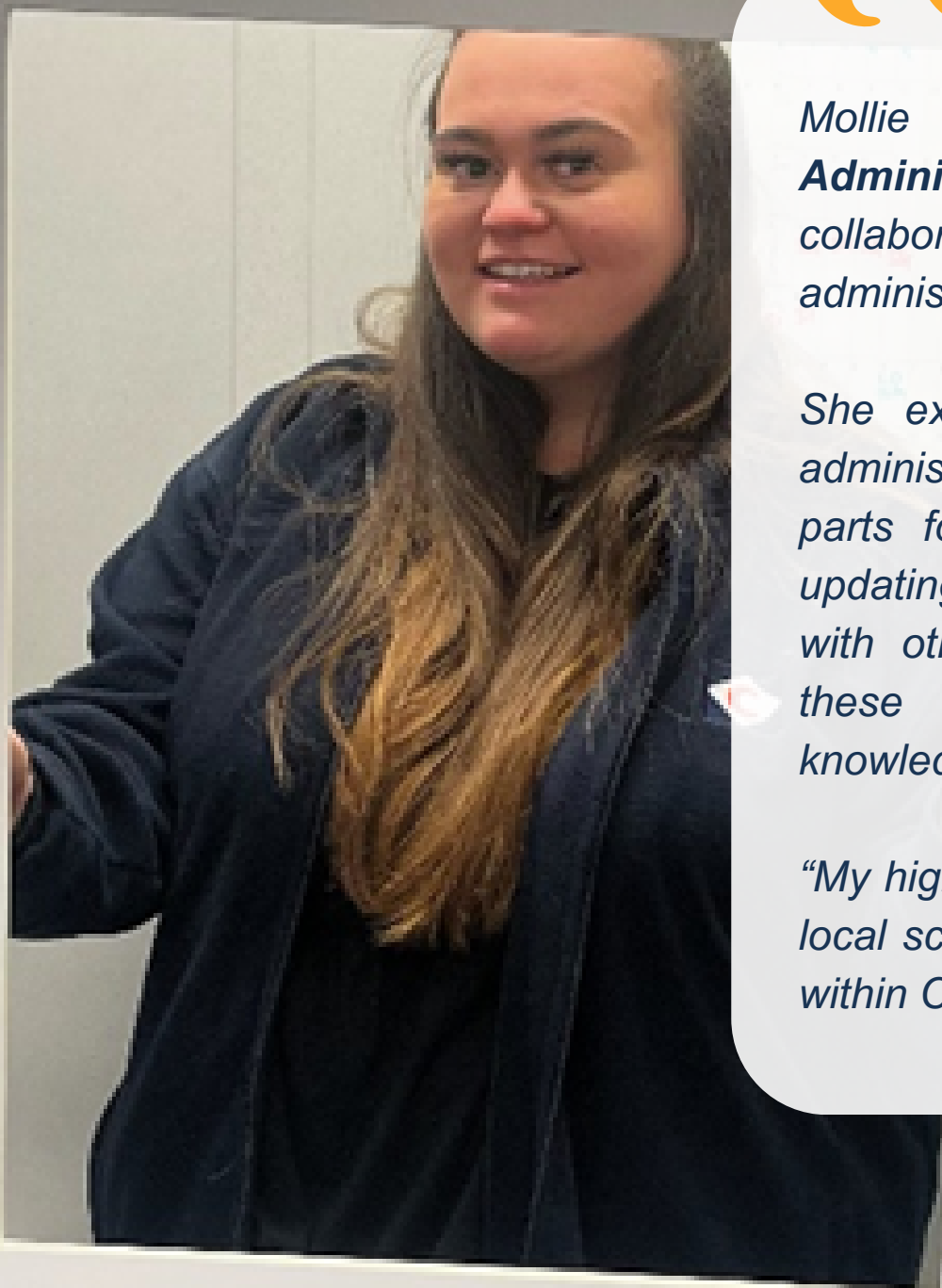
*Max explains the work he's doing at the moment: "One of the larger projects I have been working on is doing mechanical and structural work on a skelly. I fully stripped it down and replaced some mechanical components. I then carefully removed some support beams on the inside, without damaging the rest of the framework. After some preparation, I put the new pieces of support beams back into their original place and did some small welds around the beam. Once I had double checked everything was in the right place I proceeded to fully weld the piece."*

*"The day always ends by tidying away all tools and equipment I had been using and making sure the walkways and the area surrounding my job are free from any obstructions and hazards."*



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## Mollie Williams




*Mollie is currently in the first year of her **Business Administration apprenticeship** and her role involves collaborating closely with a team of Customer Service administrators and automotive staff.*

*She explains: “On a typical workday, I handle diverse administrative tasks such as contacting customers, ordering parts for vehicles for future repairs, answering e-mails, updating the system, completing paperwork, communicating with other departments, and attending daily meetings. All these tasks allow me to continuously enhance my knowledge of the job and the vehicles.*

*“My highlight so far has been attending a careers event at a local school, where I had the opportunity to explain my role within CLdN.”*

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## Nicolas Gomez Davies



*Nicolas is in the first year of a 3-year **Data Science apprenticeship**. He collaborates with fellow business analysts to address issues and contribute to the decision-making process of the business.*

*Nicolas says: “My role allows me to interact with various departments, gaining insights into a diverse range of processes. For example, I’ve gained a deeper understanding of production processes and experienced the hands-on operation of a tug. Each interaction contributes to a more comprehensive perspective.*

*“This hands-on experience not only connects me with the operational aspects of our business but also enables me to translate raw data into meaningful insights. This first-hand knowledge forms a robust foundation for informed decision-making within the company.*

*“The structured learning environment, where theory is integrated with hands-on experience, will enable me to apply newly acquired knowledge directly to real-world situations.”*