

Revealed – Sellafield’s incredible contribution to jobs and economic growth in the north-west and UK

Sellafield supports 58,643 jobs, making it one of the most important drivers of jobs, skills, and business growth in the UK.

The figure, which combines those directly employed and people employed in the supply chain, was revealed in the Sellafield Jobs Map, launched this week at an event hosted by the Nuclear Industry Association (NIA).

Originally the birthplace of the nuclear industry, Sellafield is now dedicated to decommissioning and waste management.

This internationally important work supports 10,843 jobs at operator Sellafield Ltd, 80% of whom live in Cumbria. A further 5,000 are on the books of its immediate suppliers. And a total 42,800 are employed in the wider supply chain.

Sellafield Ltd plays a crucial role in the development of critical skills for the UK with a total of 1,213 people in training with the company.

That includes:

- 973 apprentices
- 199 graduates
- 41 industrial placements

The company runs 16 apprenticeship schemes alone: 7 for GCSE apprentices and 9 for degree apprentices. A programme of schools and community outreach ensures hundreds of young people are recruited from local communities every year.

There are a wide range of additional career pathways available with the company actively recruiting for key roles including:

- IT system architects
- cyber security analysts
- engineers
- design engineers
- project managers

Sellafield Ltd’s contribution to jobs, skills, and growth is underpinned by a social impact strategy – social impact, multiplied – which sees the business invest approximately £10 million a year in its local communities to achieve long-term, sustainable socio-economic outcomes.

The Sellafield Jobs Map was launched via a special webinar hosted by NIA

chief executive, Tom Greatrex.

Guest speakers included: Jo Lappin, chief executive of Cumbria's Local Enterprise Partnership, Anand Puthran, chief executive officer of Cumbria-based SME McMenon Engineering and Charlotte Chan, a Sellafield Ltd apprentice.

Gaenor Prest, Sellafield Ltd's chief people officer, said:

We're immensely proud of the contribution we make to jobs, skills, and business growth.

The Sellafield Jobs Map clearly demonstrates the value we create for our communities, our industry, and for the north-west and UK economies.

Sellafield is a great place to work. The diversity of jobs our work supports is incredible. You can have a challenging and rewarding career across a huge range of disciplines and our people are recognised around the world for their expertise.

[Scottish Secretary comments on November 2022 Labour Market stats](#)

News story

Alister Jack says focus must remain on growing the economy in the face of global challenges for the good of people in Scotland and all over the UK



Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

Scotland's labour market remains strong, with today's figures

showing unemployment still at near record lows and significantly more people on the payroll than at this time last year.

While the figures are encouraging, we appreciate the pressures on many families as we continue to face significant global economic challenges. That's why we have put in place measures to help – including through our energy support scheme and a £1,200 package of support for the most vulnerable.

We will tackle any barriers faced by jobseekers, helping people find work and progress in work. The Chancellor will set out measures on Thursday to help put public finances on a stable footing and support growth.

Background

Figures from the ONS show unemployment at 3.5 per cent in Scotland, down 0.6 p.p. since the same time last year. Scotland's employment rate is at 75.6 per cent, an increase of 0.6 p.p. over the last year.

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[Foreign Secretary signs new agreement with Cypriot Foreign Minister for closer UK-Cyprus relations](#)

Press release

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly signs Memorandum of Understanding with Cypriot Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides



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Foreign Minister Kasoulides to enhance UK-Cyprus cooperation.

- The 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU) will boost collaboration on foreign policy, security, science, climate and trade.
- The UK and Cyprus will work together to respond to shared threats such as global warming and the Ukraine crisis.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly will meet Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides of the Republic of Cyprus in London today (Tuesday 15 November) to sign a new agreement for closer bilateral relations between the two countries.

The 'Memorandum of Understanding' will increase foreign policy, security, economic and educational ties between the UK and Cyprus. It will support joint cooperation on urgent global challenges such as climate change and Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

The modern UK-Cyprus relationship is defined by our shared history, our common values, and our mutual ambition for the future – underpinned by our close people-to-people links.

This agreement will boost research collaboration between our universities and increase opportunities for trade in professional services, shipping and green growth.

To ensure implementation of the agreement, the UK and the Republic of Cyprus will hold regular consultations to assess progress, exchange information and propose new areas for joint cooperation.

After the MOU signing, Foreign Minister Kasoulides will attend a lunch hosted by Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the UN.

The UK and Cyprus have just celebrated 62 years of bilateral relations and share strong people-to-people links, with 300,000 Cypriots residing in the UK and approximately one million Brits visiting Cyprus every year.

Both countries will continue to work closely together for a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus settlement process within the UN parameters.

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[**Update on investigation into**](#)

crustacean deaths on North East coast in 2021

News story

Independent panel to assess the evidence and explanations for high crab and lobster mortality.



A large number of crabs and lobsters died along the North East coast last year.

An independent panel of external experts is to be set up to assess the evidence surrounding the deaths of large numbers of crustaceans, such as crabs and lobsters, on the North East coast between September and December 2021.

In a [letter to the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee](#), Fisheries Minister Mark Spencer confirmed Defra's Chief Scientific Advisor Gideon Henderson, who has not previously been involved in considering this issue, would liaise with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser Sir Patrick Vallance to establish the independent group.

The group will be made up of experts from outside government and will work with Professor Gideon Henderson and Sir Patrick Vallance to assess the evidence and consider all explanations for the sealife mortality, including the possible roles of algal blooms, dredging and pyridine. They will consider the findings of the Defra-led investigation published in May 2022 and research from university researchers, using all available data and informed by the wider scientific literature and by expert opinion.

Fisheries Minister Mark Spencer said:

I recognise fishing communities in the North East want as thorough an assessment as possible into the crab and lobster deaths last year.

Defra's investigation concluded that the most likely cause was an algal bloom, but we have always recognised this is a complex area of science and have remained open to further research.

That's why it is right that all the evidence is now assessed by independent experts and I look forward to receiving their advice.

Defra Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Gideon Henderson, said:

The death of a large number of crustaceans last year in North East England was unusual. The causes have been assessed, informed with a wide range of measurements, by Government agencies and by university researchers, with more than one explanation put forward to explain the deaths.

The increased sea-life mortality has important consequences for local communities and it is important we understand its cause. I have discussed the issue with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser and look forward to working with him to convene a panel of relevant experts from outside government to re-examine all available data and consider this matter carefully.

The panel will be asked to conduct and complete their work in a timely fashion and to provide advice on what further evidence or actions may be advised. Their findings will be published and further details on the panel of experts and their terms of reference will also be made available in due course.

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[PM meeting with Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman: 15 November 2022](#)

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The Prime Minister met His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia at the G20 Summit today.

They discussed the importance of continued UK-Saudi cooperation in the face of regional security threats and international economic instability.

In light of the global increase in energy prices sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Prime Minister said he hoped the UK and Saudi Arabia could continue to work together to stabilise energy markets.

The leaders also shared their concern over threats to peace and security in the Middle East, including Iran's destabilising activity in the region.

The Prime Minister welcomed the strong trade relations and defence and security collaboration between our two countries, and the leaders committed to look for opportunities to deepen investment ties in strategic industries.

The Prime Minister looked forward to continuing to strengthen the UK-Saudi relationship, noting the importance of further progress on social reforms, including on women's rights and freedoms in the Kingdom.

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