

Lidl creating 200 Northern Ireland jobs and ramping up pay packets

Lidl is creating 200 new jobs in Northern Ireland in its distribution centre at Nutts Corner.

The centre supports the budget supermarket's 41 stores and processes, packs and supplies more than 2,000 products and roles will be available across a variety of logistics and warehouse disciplines. Lidl said it is also creating a number of additional retail roles at both assistant and managerial level.

Recruitment will begin in April 2023 and, once filled, the new hires will take total employment by the supermarket in Northern Ireland to 1,500.

The move comes amid the growing cost of living crisis where tightening household budgets have boosted the popularity of budget supermarkets. Lidl said it has grown market share in Northern Ireland consistently over the last five years and only last year added 180 people to its headcount.

In addition to the new roles, the company also announced a £3 million pay increase for all Northern Ireland employees, the third pay increase in the last year.

"We recognise that our success is down to the strength of our team, which is why we have prioritised building an exceptional place to work and nurturing an inclusive, rewarding and fulfilling culture for every employee," Maeve McCleane, Chief People Officer at Lidl Ireland & Northern Ireland, said. "Our People Strategy also focuses on ensuring we offer the most competitive benefits package in the industry."

“This includes competitive salaries, dedicated training and development and a comprehensive suite of industry-leading benefits which support our employees throughout all stages of their lives and careers with us.”