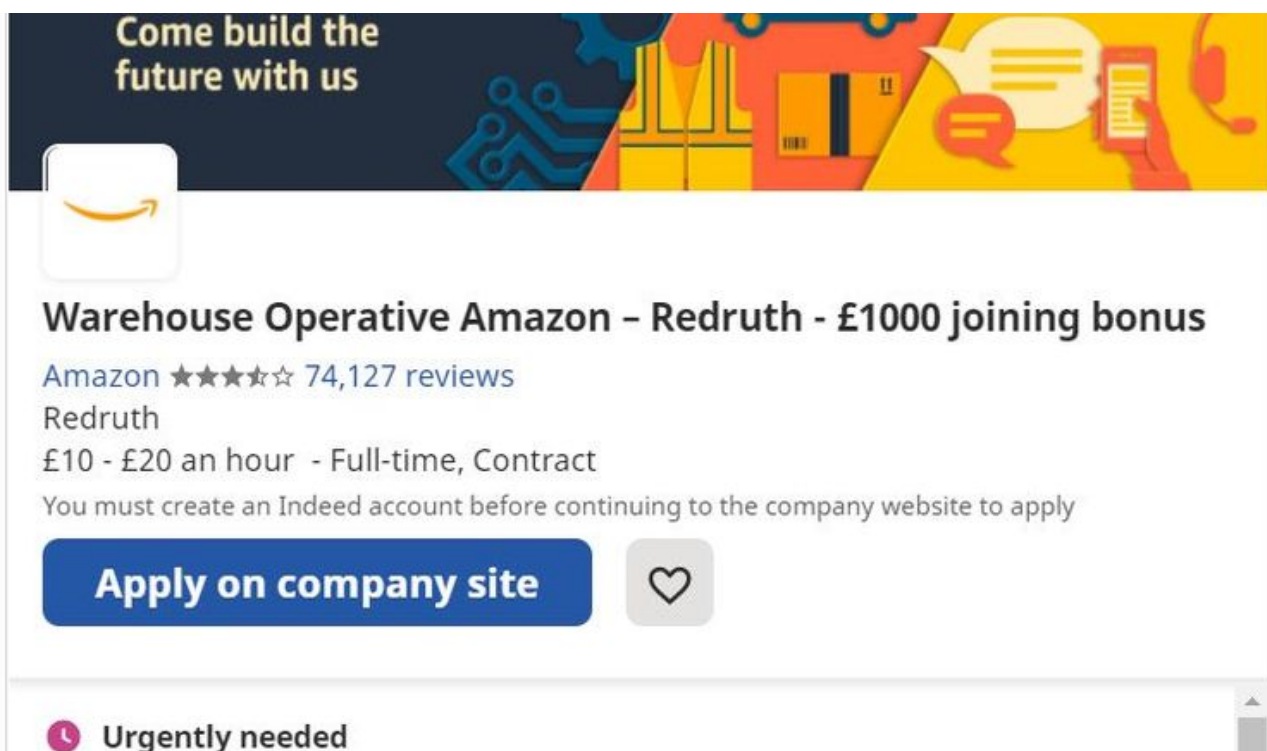


Amazon offers £1,000 bonus to recruits as battle for workers heats up

Online marketplace Amazon is offering new warehouse workers a £1,000 joining bonus as it tries to compete in the current hiring crisis.

The business says warehouse pickers and packers across the UK are “urgently needed” to meet booming demand.

It comes as UK firms struggle to fill roles across a range of industries thanks to worker shortages worsened by coronavirus self-isolation rules and issues caused by Brexit.



The image is a screenshot of a job listing on the Indeed website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "Come build the future with us" and a colorful graphic of gears and a smartphone. Below the banner is the Amazon logo. The job title is "Warehouse Operative Amazon - Redruth - £1000 joining bonus". The listing includes the Amazon company name with a 4.5-star rating and 74,127 reviews, the location "Redruth", and the pay rate "£10 - £20 an hour - Full-time, Contract". A note states "You must create an Indeed account before continuing to the company website to apply". There are two buttons: a blue "Apply on company site" button and a grey heart icon for saving the job. At the bottom left, there is a red clock icon and the text "Urgently needed".

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Amazon is offering bonuses of £1,000 to some of its new recruits

Official data last month showed there were 953,000 vacancies in the three months to the end of June and the number passed one million for the first time in July.

Among the workers most in demand are truck drivers and those in hospitality.

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Amazon is advertising on the website Indeed, saying that those who are hired before 18 September could be eligible for the £1,000 bonus.

It also says it will pay an hourly rate of up to £11.10, rising to £22.20 for overtime.

In July, Sky News reported that Tesco was among the retailers offering £1,000 to HGV drivers to sign on for work, with the UK facing an estimated shortage of 100,000 drivers.