

Transcript of What is it like to work in Building Control?

Text on screen is What is it like to work in building control? Durham County Council logo displayed.

Building Control Officer talking.

What I love about the job is that it's so different every day. You could be working at the coast...

Construction equipment and people working.

And then on the afternoon you could be working all the way up to Weardale, in some very large barn conversion, or something of that nature...

Properties in countryside.

Male on digger.

Two people walking onto building site.

Everyday is different and you don't know what that day is going to be until the morning, until you log on...

Building Control Officer talking.

Text on screen is Kay Wellburn, Building Control Officer.

Building Control Officer writing on paper.

Three workers outside talking.

Construction site, construction equipment and people working.

Building Control Officer walking through gate, looking at side of building.

So, in terms of inspections, we are on a new build site today. We've done completion inspections on 2 properties...

Building Control Officer inspecting outside and inside of a house.

We would be checking fire safety, ventilation, the roof, in the right pitch. We would check each thing off one by one as we walk through the property...

Male worker, working inside the house measuring against the wall with tape measure.

Building Control Officer talking.

I've worked for Durham County Council for a number of years, I've done various different posts in my life, and I came into building control just after I had my daughter, and it was obviously the flexibility of being able to work full time and to continue being a mam...

Building Control Officer smiling.

Two Building Control Officers on site, talking.

Building Control Officer talking.

They very kindly put me on some technical courses, to get me up to speed and then Durham County Council paid for me to go do my HNC at New College Durham...

Building Control Officer inspecting inside house, checking fire alarms.

Two jobs came up for building inspectors and I applied for one and I was lucky enough to get it...

Building Control Officer, working outside, talking to colleague.

Building Control Officer talking.

As a Building Control Officer I think everyone just presumes that it's just very much male, it isn't. And on a wider front, the majority of people we work with, from engineers to site managers are all women. As a woman going on site, you get a little bit more respect.

Building Control Officer walking through building with colleague.

Male Building Control Officer smiling.

Building Control Officer talking.

I've seen a massive change, sort of in my wellbeing. We're a big team, very flexible in terms of your working hours...

Building Control Officer inspecting outside building and on site with colleague.

You're not restricted to sort of 9 till 5, the support is there. That's essentially why I came to Durham, for more support.

Building Control Officer walking in to building.

Building Control Officer on worksite with colleague.

Building Control Officer talking.

So, we have quite a lot within our team, in terms of support and it's brilliant, amazing, you just pick up the phone and someone is there...

Building Control Officer inside building, smiling.

So, for me, it's been absolutely amazing...

Building Control Officer talking.

Being able to have a career, and be a mam is just brilliant...

Two Building Control Officer talking on site.

Building Control Officer talking.

I love this, being outside on a sunny day, in your car driving, who wants more than that, yeah, yeah.

Two Building Control Officers smiling.

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