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BANK IS BOLDER 'N' WISER

BESIDES offering conventional apprenticeships for school leavers, Barclays Bank is hiring staff for its Bolder Apprenticeship Scheme, which has no upper age limit.

Ashok Vaswani, CEO at the bank – which won second place in the large firm category – told Sunemployment: “I’m really thrilled that colleagues have voted Barclays a great place to work in The Sun’s Best of British Awards.

“We want Barclays to be a place that gives colleagues the best possible environment to do a great job for our customers, to grow and develop as professionals, and to have a successful and rewarding career.”

Apply now at <http://joinus.barclays.com/emea/apprenticeships/>

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AGENCY'S A FORCE FOR GOOD

QUICK march back into work, with small firms third-place winner ForceSelect. The specialist recruiter places ex-military staff in jobs on Civvy Street.

CEO and founder Hugh Andree said: “We are absolutely delighted. It’s a great honour to receive the recognition of a Sun Best of British award. But our success has to be attributed to the military service leavers exiting the British Armed Forces, and the companies who have identified what the potential military service leavers and veterans can offer and given them meaningful employment.”

Need help to find work from ForceSelect? Or want a job with them? Visit <http://www.forceselect.com/>

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ONLINE second-hand watch retailer Watchfinder is recruiting for sales positions. Visit watchfinder.co.uk/jobs for details.

TOP 10 MEDIUM FIRMS

HERE, in order, are the top ten favourite medium-sized workplaces:

1. New Directions
2. Tangerine Fields, pictured
3. Beattie

4. Blippar
5. Charterhouse
6. Analox Ltd
7. First Person
8. PHA Media
9. Watchfinder
10. Oxford Products



TOP 10 LARGE FIRMS

HERE, in order, are the best of the big – the household names voted by their staff as great workplaces.

1. Drayton Manor
2. Barclays
3. OVO Energy

4. Halfords
5. National Express
6. Homeserve
7. GlaxoSmithKline
8. Travis Perkins
9. Leonard Cheshire Disability
10. Premier Inn

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TOP 10 SMALL FIRMS

HERE are the ten small firms to work for in the UK, in order.

1. Osborne Appointments
2. Democracy PR
3. ForceSelect
4. Platinum Recruitment

5. Brazen PR
6. Carwow
7. Best of British Beer
8. Cirkle
9. Resolver
10. MAP Chartered Surveyors

A RECRUITMENT firm with just 29 staff has been crowned the UK's top place to work in The Sun's new Best of British Awards.

Osborne Appointments beat hundreds of companies including big names such as Tesco, National Express and GlaxoSmithKline.

The firm, based in Welwyn, Herts, specialises in finding staff for warehouse and driving jobs.

Managing director Michelle Bacon said: “To be chosen as the overall winner of The Sun Best of British Awards Business, by the largest, most successful newspaper in the UK is just amazing. I am so proud of our wonderful team.

“Osborne Appointments belongs to its staff. We would not be where we are without their dedication.

“We are one big happy family,

sharing in the good times and helping each other when needed.”

As well as being the overall winner, the firm was also No1 best small company.

Staffordshire theme park Drayton Manor won the award for best big company to work for, and Cardiff training firm New Directions topped the medium category.

The Sun Awards celebrate UK-owned companies creating jobs, building local communities and keeping the economy growing.

Staff vote for their own firms, ranking them on dozens of factors including career progression, community support and working environment.

Drayton Manor boss William Bryan said of the firm’s award: “It’s fantastic news. As a family-owned and run business it means such a lot for us to be recognised.”

Jeff Tune, MD of New Directions, said: “We have a fantastic, diverse

workforce and when we are acknowledged as employers, it lets us know we are getting it right.”

Business leaders were quick to praise our winners.

Mike Cherry, chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, said: “It’s fantastic to see so many British small firms recognised.

“Our UK small businesses are ambitious, they’re creators and innovators and want to succeed, not just for themselves but the staff they employ.

Uncertain times

“They are the ones going above and beyond for the benefit of their local communities.”

Seamus Nevin, head of employment and skills policy at the Institute of Directors, said: “Employers normally only make the headlines when something has gone wrong, so it is wonderful to see The Sun recognising those great businesses

that stand out as brilliant places to work. The economy of this country is built on the thousands of employers, large and small, in all parts of the UK, who see their staff as integral to their success.

“Companies which invest in training and empower staff to shape organisations are not only doing the right thing for their staff, they will achieve commercial success in the long-run.

“These are uncertain times for our economy and a focus on developing staff is more important than ever if businesses are to seize whatever opportunities are on offer after Brexit.”

Ashok Vaswani, CEO of Barclays UK, which came second in the big firms category, said: “This is a great initiative by The Sun and I encourage all businesses to get involved in next year’s awards.”

● **WANT to work at Osborne Appointments? Email CV to info@oa-uk.co.uk.**

Entrepreneur spirit

BUSINESS Secretary Greg Clark, inset, says:

“It’s an honour to work with Britain’s small, medium and large businesses every day. One of the UK’s greatest strengths is that we are a nation of entrepreneurs. Smaller firms are lynchpins of local economies and big-name firms take on the world, employing millions and driving growth.

It is great to see these businesses recognised by The Sun for doing right for the people. At a time of great change, we can be inspired by the fact more jobs have been created in Britain over the last decade than in the rest of Europe put together.”



Stars drive business

KEVIN GREEN, chief executive of the Recruitment & Employment Confederation, inset, says:

“Congratulations to Osborne Appointments and New Directions. Every day recruiters help people find new jobs that transform their lives and help businesses find the talent they need.

Our industry drives the UK jobs market. We employ more than 103,000 people and contribute more than £31.5 billion to the economy.

Good recruitment and employment is at the heart of our work, so it’s great to see recruiters leading the way as the best companies to work for.”



ENTER IN 2017

IS your firm the Best of British? Let the world know how good you are by entering our 2017 awards.

The free-to-enter competition is open to all UK-owned firms with ten or more staff. Small firms need just ten employees to take part. Medium ones should have 21 to 499, and big companies 500-plus.

Once your firm has registered, you will receive a personalised survey link by email. All you have to do is ask your staff to fill it in. Best of British luck to you. Enter at thesun.co.uk/bestofbritish.

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