

whyWates?

Above all, it's about people

Alec Waterlow is one of our commercial trainees.

Alec joined us after deciding he wanted to change his career. He works in our affordable housing business, Living Space, while studying part time for an Msc in Quantity Surveying at South Bank University.



I came across the Wates trainee scheme on the Wates website, whilst working as an unfulfilled London estate agent. I was looking to change my career to something that offered a greater challenge, better prospects and the opportunity to gain a qualification. I didn't join through the average entry route - at 28 I'm certainly a little older than your average trainee.... Originally I completed a film degree and then moved to Pembrokeshire in an attempt to become a welsh Donald Trump.

Since joining Wates Living Space as a commercial trainee, after a challenging recruitment day, everyone at Wates has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome. They have ensured that I received all the necessary inductions, relevant training courses and placement on my university conversion course.

From quite literally day two I was put onto a site, working on a decent homes programme in Haringey, North London. I have already enjoyed a wide variety of experiences and learnt a great deal very quickly.

Everyone I have encountered at Wates has a strong sense of purpose, but also the ability to enjoy the job they are doing. Wates makes you feel valued as an employee and, more importantly, there is great encouragement to challenge and implement the ways in which the business moves forward. I am very pleased to be here and see great opportunity in front of me.