

Support your local Boatyard!



Some of you may have seen the recent publicity featuring our (former) apprentice, Jacob, who has passed his final exams with flying colours and is now a fully-qualified Marine Technician.

Tooley's is now looking to take on another apprentice from this autumn - but this time with an additional draw: alongside the Level 3 Heritage Engineering Technician, Marine Pathway, we will add two nationally endangered craft skills: traditional wooden boat building and Roses and Castles canal art, delivered by experienced practitioners here in Banbury.

This is an exciting new development, and is bound to attract attention, both locally and wider afield.

As Banbury prepares to celebrate 250 years since the Oxford Canal reached the town in 1778, Tooley's will also mark 250 years of continuous boatyard activity on this site. Over the next two years, in the runup to 2028, we will be releasing regular updates on social media and elsewhere.

We are now offering the opportunity to sponsor our apprentice, and in doing so associate your name with this wonderful project. This can either be for all of the apprenticeship, or part of it. The annual cost of delivering the structured training element of the apprenticeship is approximately £11,000.

Interested? Get in touch! Contact Matt Armitage on info@tooleysboatyard.co.uk or John Madden on john@tooleysboatyardtrust.org.