

Taine Wells
Assistant Site Manager at Blanchard Wells

Site Manager Taine Wells talks about his road into a career in groundwork ...

“I decided to pursue a career in construction as I had family who already worked in the industry. I started off as a labourer, up, but it gave me a good grounding and I soon went on to learn basic sweeping the floors and cleaning drainage, kerbs and edgings techniques.

It was hard work, but my efforts paid off as my boss saw my potential and offered me the chance to do an apprenticeship in Site Management.

I now manage other staff on-site and have had lots of opportunities for progression. Every day in this job is different, there are always new challenges involved but it is very rewarding to see the process from start to finish. The machinery we use every day, such as diggers and dumpers, are really pretty impressive and being on-site is really good fun – we work hard but have lots of banter and laughs too!

I have worked on some great projects in my career – a major success was completing South Parade in Southsea, which consisted of 20 pad ground foundations and a whole ground floor of concrete slab. I am also working on setting up the CETC campus which will host the new CEGA apprenticeship; helping to get this up and running will be a great achievement.”