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- ➔ **What inspired you to become a Skills Coach, and what do you enjoy most about supporting apprentices?**



I've always had a real passion for the industry, and becoming a Skills Coach allowed me to stay connected to the sector while giving something back. I enjoy being able to pass on my knowledge and experience to the next generation and still get involved in the practical side of things through site visits. Seeing learners grow in confidence and ability is incredibly rewarding.

- ➔ **What experience and expertise do you bring to your role that helps apprentices succeed in their chosen industry?**



I bring 17 years of experience working in the industry, with around 7–8 of those years spent coaching. I've completed my own Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, along with PA1, PA2, and PA6 certifications, plus licences in cross-cutting and chainsaw operations. This hands-on experience and technical knowledge mean I can give apprentices realistic, practical insights and guide them through challenges they'll face in the workplace.

- ➔ **What's one piece of advice you always share with apprentices to help them make the most of their training?**



I always encourage apprentices to ask lots of questions and make the most of the experience and knowledge around them. The people they work with often have years of valuable wisdom to share, and being curious and engaged is one of the best ways to learn and progress.

- ➔ **How do you support apprentices in balancing workplace demands with their studies?**



I carry out regular check-ins with my apprentices to make sure they're coping well and staying on track. I also provide welfare support and help remove any barriers that might get in the way of their learning. It's important to create a supportive environment where apprentices feel they can talk openly about any challenges they're facing.

➔ **What achievement—either your own career success or a learner's success—are you most proud of?**



One of my proudest moments is seeing my former apprentice, Abi—who was once a professional golfer—go on to become a Skills Coach herself. Knowing that I played a part in inspiring her to follow this path and support the next generation of learners is incredibly rewarding. It's moments like that which remind me why I love doing what I do

