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Completing an apprenticeship is a lot different from sitting in school six hours a day or completing a college course. When I was in school I was completely oblivious to what career path I wanted to take, I went from midwifery to teaching also the RAF and many more crazy ideas. I left school with GCSE/AS levels and I still could not figure out what I wanted to do with my life.

Last year I came across the apprenticeships for the council and thought to myself why not try a business administration apprenticeship, I thought sitting in an office may be a bit dull but quite easy... Only to realise how wrong I was.

My apprenticeship has been a whirlwind; I have had my good days and also challenging days. One time that was particularly challenging, that also came with a great sense of achievement as a team, was earlier in the year when the snap election was called. Normally a Council has much more time to prepare for an election, but we had to get everything ready in six weeks, on top of our normal day to day work. It was an amazing feeling when it was all done.

I have learnt several new skills over my time as an apprentice, I am more organised and prioritise my tasks to complete. I have learnt so many new computer skills which has increased my knowledge. I have worked in a busy and fast paced environment; annual billing being the making of this which I thought would have never ended. Even though it has been tough at times, it has been worthwhile and a great experience.

I have grown as a person and my confidence has increased a lot, I work with great colleagues who have helped me so much, answered all my questions (even if I have repeated myself). I have got to know different people all over the Council and built some good working relationships. Having the time and effort invested in you really does pay off. I didn't think I would enjoy my apprenticeship as much as I have, but I've enjoyed every moment, and after all that it has taught me it is one of the experiences that have changed me as a person.

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