

Championing employers who make a difference



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I have worked for Magnitude Surveys since April 2018, an archaeological geophysical survey company registered with ClfA, based in Bradford. I joined Magnitude after a period of uncertain employment because of the terms of my contract while working for a different archaeological company. I decided to take action and pursue my career at a company where I would have chances for personal development, progression and stability. I successfully applied for two positions and was thrilled that Magnitude was one of the offers I received! I decided to join Magnitude because I felt they were an ethical company that shared my ambition.

My impressions of Magnitude Surveys have been very encouraging. Initially, I didn't have as much experience as other people within the company, but they gave me confidence, nurturing and enhancing my archaeological knowledge and IT skills. They have invested

in my future career development by allowing me the time to undertake various courses from quad-bike training and the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), to surveying and processing the data. As I have gained experience, working on small-scale to large national infrastructure projects, I have been given the opportunity to take on more responsibility, and have been promoted to Archaeological Geophysical Supervisor. Most importantly, I have been given the opportunity to work on one of Magnitude's research projects, which is of particular interest to me because it allows me to use skills, in practice, that I developed during my Master's dissertation, such as 3D modelling and gaming development. The 3D model will be used to improve the techniques used for processing data from magnetometry surveys and the game development is aimed to be informative to a general audience and raise awareness of the techniques used in archaeological geophysics.

Amedeo undertaking survey work at Chirk Castle in Wales. Credit: Magnitude Surveys



Surveying at a community project in Newport Pagnell. Credit: Magnitude Surveys

Magnitude has a great teamwork ethic, employing around 20 people from diverse backgrounds. I feel I belong to a close-knit, supportive team, which is illustrated by our, and my, participation in the Bradford Dragon Boat Race Festival this coming June. I have found that in the time period I have worked for Magnitude I have been able to learn new skills in a working environment that encourages personal development and progression in a motivated, ambitious, results-driven company. Magnitude Surveys encouraged and supported my ClfA membership, paying for my subscription costs, and they believe in supporting the qualities of the individual – making the company and myself a success.