



“Joining Omega Red was always my main goal”

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I joined Omega Red in **November 2007** as a **2nd year apprentice** having completed year one of my apprenticeship with another employer. Joining Omega Red was always my main goal having been unsuccessful when applying the first time in 2006.

I completed my two-year apprenticeship then continued my learning as a support operative for a further year until getting my own van and becoming a foreman. This role involved leading a team and installing lightning protection systems at various sites around the UK.

I was a foreman for around 4-5 years before applying for and being successful in getting the contracts supervisor role within the Nottingham branch in October 2013. At this point I became responsible for overseeing various lightning protection and power earthing projects in the Nottingham region, putting the site-based engineers to work safely and planning labour etc. This change in roles was very challenging initially, but ultimately was part of my career plan.

In 2016 I was promoted to senior contracts supervisor due to the person within that role having moved on. This role meant additional responsibilities of leading the current team of supervisors.

In 2021 I gained another promotion into the role of Branch Manager, which I still hold to this day. The role is extremely challenging yet rewarding leading the team in Nottingham. We have a fantastic team, both site and office based, so I'm very happy to be a part of that. I believe the employees within Omega Red are the best in the industry so getting to be a part of that is very satisfying.

Having come from a site-based background I also enjoy being able to visit our teams in the field undertaking site surveys/audits with them. This gives me the opportunity to visit various parts of the UK and work on some fantastic projects that we have been involved with over the past few years.

I like working for Omega Red due to the variety of work we undertake, this means that no two days are ever the same. Also, as mentioned, the people within Omega Red make coming to work enjoyable.