

# Job of The Week

## Motorbike Mechanic

### Key Skills

- Problem-solving skills
- The ability to work well with your hands
- The ability to repair machines or systems
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to use your initiative
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Customer service skills
- Persistence and determination

**Restrictions and Requirements:** You'll usually need a valid motorcycle licence.

### Salary

£25,000 - £40,000

### Working hours

38 – 40 per week  
Between 8am and 6pm

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## Apprenticeship

You can apply to do a Motorcycle Technician Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship.

This can take around 3 years to complete and is a mix of on-the-job training and learning off site.

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

## College

You could do a college course in motorcycle maintenance and repair, which would teach you some of the skills you need in this job.

**Entry requirements:** Entry requirements for these courses vary.

## Direct Application

You can apply directly to employers if you've got some experience of repairing vehicles or mechanical engineering.

## Volunteering

You'll find it useful to contact a local workshop, garage or dealership to see if they offer any work experience opportunities.

You can also volunteer to work at road racing or motocross events organised by [Auto-Cycle Union](#) and [AMCA](#).

## Career path and progression

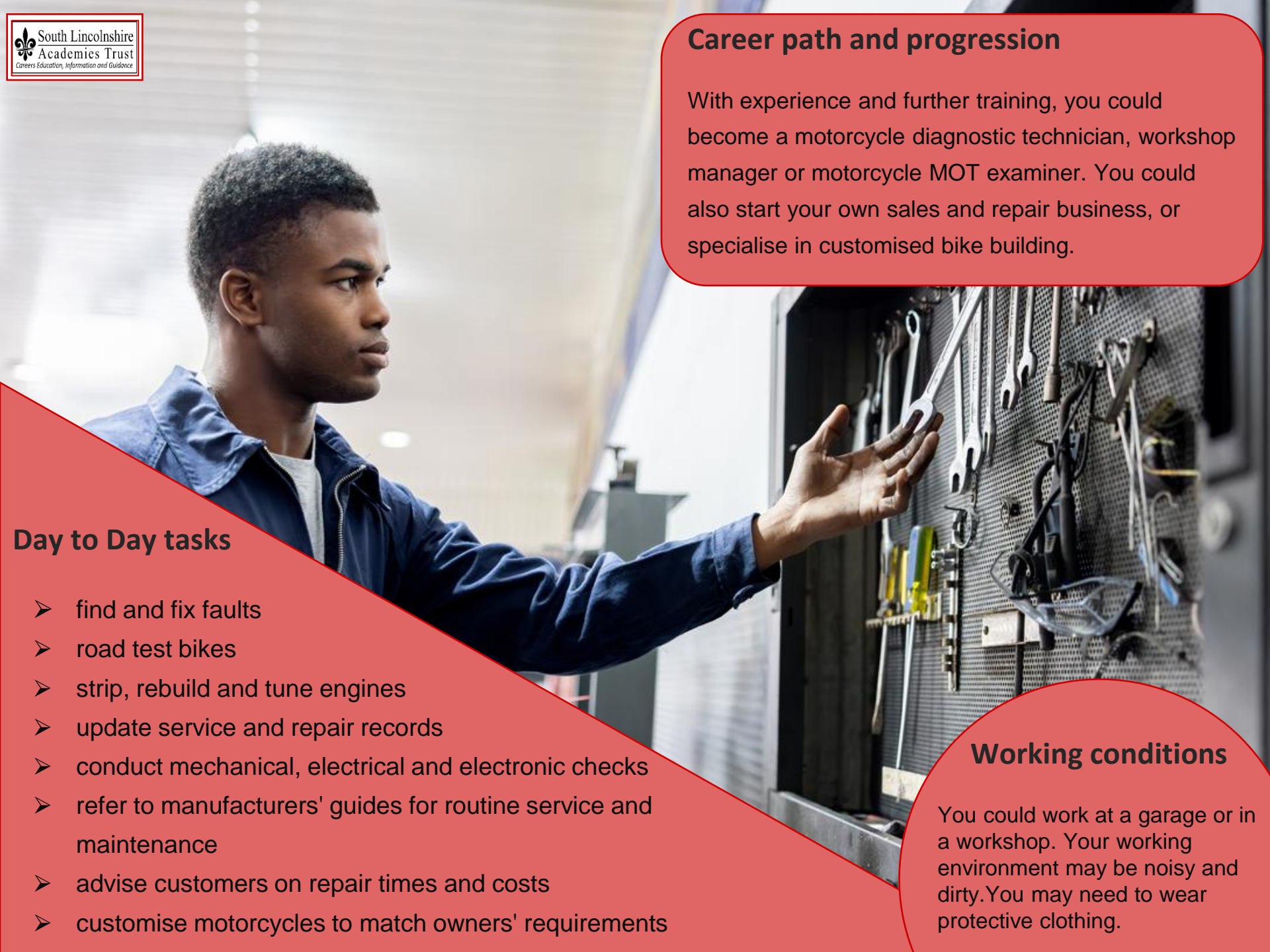
With experience and further training, you could become a motorcycle diagnostic technician, workshop manager or motorcycle MOT examiner. You could also start your own sales and repair business, or specialise in customised bike building.

## Day to Day tasks

- find and fix faults
- road test bikes
- strip, rebuild and tune engines
- update service and repair records
- conduct mechanical, electrical and electronic checks
- refer to manufacturers' guides for routine service and maintenance
- advise customers on repair times and costs
- customise motorcycles to match owners' requirements

## Working conditions

You could work at a garage or in a workshop. Your working environment may be noisy and dirty. You may need to wear protective clothing.



# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

## Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

Weekly Pay <b>£610</b>	Annual Pay <b>£31,720</b>
Hours/Week <b>45h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£14</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction  
**-5.1%**

The workforce is projected to contract by -5.1% over the period to 2035, losing **7,900** jobs.

### You might find this job in

Sale of motor vehicles  
Motor vehicles, etc  
Civil engineering  
Land transport, etc  
Rental & leasing

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## Garage managers and proprietors

Weekly Pay <b>£800</b>	Annual Pay <b>£41,600</b>
Hours/Week <b>44h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£18</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**13.9%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 13.9% over the period to 2035, creating **3,800** jobs.

You might find this job in  
Sale of motor vehicles

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## Mechanical engineers

Weekly Pay <b>£940</b>	Annual Pay <b>£48,880</b>
Hours/Week <b>42h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£22</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**9.9%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 9.9% over the period to 2035, creating **7,800** jobs.

You might find this job in  
Architectural & related  
Motor vehicles, etc  
Metal products  
Construction  
Specialised construction

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# Labour Market Information



## Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians accept calls for help and repair and service the mechanical parts and electrical/electronic circuitry and components of cars, lorries, buses, motorcycles and other motor vehicles, and repair and service auto air-conditioning systems.

Common tasks in this job:

- visually checks, test drives or uses test equipment to diagnose engine and mechanical faults
- removes, dismantles, repairs and replaces defective parts and prepares new parts using appropriate tools
- reassembles, tests, adjusts and tunes the appropriate parts, systems or entire engine
- carries out routine maintenance checks on oil and air filters, brakes and other vehicle parts/systems

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## Garage managers and proprietors

Garage managers and proprietors plan, organise, direct and co-ordinate the day-to-day running of garages and specialist vehicle maintenance and repair establishments.

Common tasks in this job:

- determines staffing, financial, material and other short- and long-term requirements
- ensures that necessary spare parts, materials and equipment are available or obtainable at short notice
- arranges for maintenance staff to perform necessary maintenance and repair work on vehicles or motorcycles
- checks completed work for compliance with safety and other statutory regulations

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## Mechanical engineers

Mechanical engineers undertake research, design and development, direct the manufacture and manage the operation and maintenance of engines, machines, vehicle and ships' structures, building services and other mechanical items.

Common tasks in this job:

- undertakes research and advises on energy use, materials handling, thermodynamic processes, fluid mechanics, vehicles and environmental controls
- determines materials, equipment, piping, capacities, layout of plant or system and specification for manufacture
- designs and develops mechanical equipment, such as steam, internal combustion and other non-electrical motors for railway locomotives, road vehicles and other machinery
- ensures that equipment, operation and maintenance comply with design specifications and safety standards

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## Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

### A Day in the Life: BMW



[A Day in the Life: BMW Motorrad Technician](#)

### Motorcycle Mechanics Course



[Coleg Gwent Motorcycle Mechanics – Meet Joseph](#)

### Suzuki Apprenticeship



[Suzuki Apprentice Scheme - YouTube](#)

### Motorcycle Mechanic: Career profile



[How to Become a Motorcycle Mechanic](#)

## Useful Websites

[How to become a motorbike mechanic - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Careerpivot : Job sectors : Maintenance : Job profiles : Motorcycle mechanic](#)

[Motorcycles – IMI Autocity](#)

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[Motorcycle Maintenance Diploma Level 3 | Boston College](#)