

UNUSUAL JOBS THAT PAY WELL

We all know about the traditional, well-trodden career paths, such as doctor, banker, lawyer or teacher. But if you're someone who doesn't fit the mould when it comes to work, you might want to consider a more unusual way to earn a living.

In this article, we list the **top 10 weird jobs that pay well** and offer some tips on how to succeed in each.

1. Sewer Flusher

Not the most glamorous of jobs but, as a sewer flusher, you would be playing a vital role in keeping the country's sewer systems flowing. Sewer flushers work to clear blockages caused when congealed layers of cooking fat, oils and non-biodegradable waste build-up in pipes.

Salaries start at around **£19,000** and can rise to **£30,000** with experience and overtime.

2. Costume Character Actor

Costume character actors dress up as famous children's characters or historical figures to entertain or scare those visiting tourist attractions or events. You could even get a job as a mascot for your favourite sports team or work seasonally at Christmas events.

You could earn up to **£30,000** per year working in some of London's top tourist destinations, such as the London Dungeon. You might even get discounted entry into the attractions you are working at.

3. Chief Listening Officer

While this may sound like a role with GCHQ, a chief listening officer is actually responsible for 'listening in' to conversations on social media about a particular brand or company. They then feed the information they obtain back to the relevant organisation, helping it to improve its business strategies and marketing campaigns.

Salaries can range from around **£25,000** to **£60,000** plus.

4. Embalmer

An embalmer prepares dead bodies for burial, so this one's not for the faint-hearted. Their work can involve draining blood from the body and replacing it with embalming fluid, as well as reconstructing parts of the body to disguise any physical damage, and applying makeup.

With experience, embalmers can expect to earn around **£30,000** a year.

5. Food Taster

Eating crisps or chocolate for a living sounds like a dream job, but a role as a food taster is much more complex than simply munching on snacks, and requires specific qualifications.

Salaries typically range from **£20,000** to **£40,000**.

6. Body Part Model

You don't need to have the full supermodel package to earn a living from your appearance – many people are making good money by modelling just one standout feature. Hand, foot and leg models are particularly popular but there is also a market for ear, hair, bottom, neck, eyes and lips models.

They may be used in photographic shoots for close-up images of products such as jewellery, makeup, cosmetics, clothes and shoes. Or they might be required as body-part doubles in films.

Day rates for body part models start in the low hundreds, rising to up to **£5,000** for those who are most in demand.

7. Professional Mourner

Professional mourners are common in Middle Eastern and Chinese cultures, with a history dating back thousands of years. Clients generally request professional mourners to increase numbers at a funeral service when the deceased has few friends and family to attend.

Professional mourners can expect to earn around **£45 for a day's work**.

8. Professional Queuer

If you'll happily queue through the night for the latest iPhone or the best Black Friday bargains, then you could turn your staying power into cash by offering your services as a professional queuer.

Customers can ask for bids from queuers around the country – bids are usually around **£15 per hour**, though queuers are free to quote whatever they like. Alternatively, you could find work by offering your services through social media or even by chatting to friends and acquaintances.

9. Golf Ball Diver

Around 20 million golf balls are lost in lakes and other water hazards on British golf courses every year, so a multi-million-pound industry has sprung up around retrieving them to sell second-hand.

A golf ball diver will generally earn around **£15,000** per year.

10. Portable Toilet Delivery Driver

Far from glamorous but always in demand, this job involves delivering and collecting portable toilets from festivals, construction sites, functions and private events, as well as cleaning and servicing the toilets.

Salaries are typically around **£20,000** per year.

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