

Packaging Operative Job Description

Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd

Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd acquired the trade and business of West Berkshire Brewery plc on 23rd Dec 2021. Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Yattendon Group plc.

Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd (trading as West Berkshire Brewery)

West Berkshire Brewery began its journey in 1995, when its founders, two avid homebrewers, pursued their passion for beer and sold their home to fund a 5-barrel brewery, in a shed behind the Pot Kiln Pub in the picturesque village of Yattendon. It's dynamic and passionate team of brewers continuously push the boundaries of new beer flavours and styles, which has resulted in a multi award-winning and innovative range. The brewery is dedicated to using the finest quality, locally sourced ingredients.

Today, it is a 35000-hectoliter state-of-the-art craft brewery with a substantial packaging facility. The company is capable of brewing and packaging all beer styles, brew sizes and formats on site. The brewhouse includes an automatic hop-dosing unit that adds hops at pre-planned stages and a Hop Back that can be packed with hops to add additional flavour and aroma, allowing for more creative styles of beer.

The company markets its own brands such as Good Old Boy bitter, Renegade lager, and Detour IPA and also brews and packs product for other companies. It has an approximate staff of around 100 people.

Yattendon Group plc

The Yattendon Group is a privately held group of companies owned by the Iliffe family. Through its subsidiary companies, the group operates in a range of sectors including marine leisure, property and local media. It has operations in the UK, Europe, Canada and North America. The business has substantial assets and its vision for Yattendon Brewing Company Ltd is one of sustainable growth, cash generation and brewing excellence.

Packaging Operative

Responsible for working with the Shift Leader & Packaging Manager to execute the packaging plan. The Packaging Shift Operator will be responsible for all aspects of packing each beer style on production equipment to the highest standards. The role requires commitment to the maintenance of packaging best practices. They may occasionally be called upon to assist in the brewery, cellar and pilot brew kit

Key responsibilities:

- Packaging of all beers to WBB standards.
- Maintain packaging, inventory and housekeeping paperwork.
- Operate packaging equipment.
- Detailed shift handover.
- Preparation of packaging lines including maintenance and change overs.
- Work safely.
- Gravity and extract analysis and recording.
- pH analysis and recording.
- CO2 and DO adjustments.
- Tasting pass out.
- Recording all data to production sheets, database, and business software.

- Ensure cleanliness & sanitation of all equipment, tanks and work areas to maintain consistent beer quality.
- Have a passion for quality beer and quality workmanship.
- Work well with co-workers.
- Work safely within tight spaces and with various cleaning / sterilisation chemicals.
- Represent the brewery at a local and national level when needed.

Other responsibilities:

- A strong mechanical aptitude is a major plus
- All duties as outlined in the production shift duty checklist
- Work with and report any mechanical issues to the Shift Leader / Packaging Manager / brewery staff.
- Conduct laboratory / QC / QA roles as required.
- Operate a forklift safely.
- Assist other employees as necessary.
- Participate in agreed beer festival(s) or brewery event(s).
- Willingness to work flexible schedules as required.

Other duties as assigned by the management team of WBB.

Measures of success:

- Quality and Consistency of beer production.
- Standards of cleanliness of Brewery and other related areas.
- Recording of all relevant beer production measurements.
- Maintenance of brewing equipment and assets.

Person specification:

- Brewing and packaging training (preferred)
- Brewing and Packaging experience (preferred)
- Chemical handling experience
- Work and communicate well with staff, customers and outside parties.
- Competent with Microsoft office & basic computer functions.
- Organised and detail oriented.
- Ability to problem solve and get assistance as needed.
- Positive attitude
- Hardworking, reliable and dedicated.
- Physically capable of lifting heavy weights.
- Able to work night shifts.