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Warrington is one of four new fulfilment centres that Amazon will open in 2017. Last year Amazon announced that it would open fulfilment centres in Daventry, Doncaster and Tilbury in 2017, creating more than 2,300 new permanent full time jobs. The Daventry site opened in February while Doncaster, Warrington and Tilbury will begin their operations in the autumn.

"We are thrilled to begin recruitment for 1,200 new permanent roles in Warrington with competitive wages and comprehensive benefits starting on day one," said Stefano Perego, Amazon's Director of UK Customer Fulfilment.

All permanent Amazon fulfilment centre employees start on £7.65 an hour or more. This increases over their first two years of employment when all employees earn £8.15 an hour or more. All of our permanent employees working in our fulfilment centres also receive stock grants, which over the last five years equal to £1,000 or more per year per employee. Employees are also offered a comprehensive benefits package, including private medical insurance, life assurance, income protection, subsidised meals and an

employee discount, which combined are worth more than £700 annually, as well as a company pension plan. Amazon also runs an innovative programme called Career Choice that provides employees funding for adult education, offering to pre-pay 95% of tuition and associated fees for nationally recognised courses, up to £8,000 over four years.

Amazon is increasing the size of its UK fulfilment centre network to meet increasing customer demands, expand selection and enable SMEs selling on Amazon Marketplace to scale their business. Warrington and Tilbury fulfilment centres will be equipped with advanced Amazon Robotics technology. The robots slide under a tower of shelves where products are stowed, lift it and move it through the fulfilment centre. Find out more about Amazon Robotics here.

Stefano Perego added: "The Amazon teams are dedicated to innovating in our fulfilment centres to increase efficiency of delivery while enabling greater selection at lower costs for our customers. The introduction of Amazon Robotics in Warrington and Tilbury is the latest example of our commitment to invention in logistics on behalf of our employees and our customers."

In addition, the first dedicated UK receive centre will open in Coventry in 2018 and act as a central hub to receive and sort millions of products sold on Amazon.co.uk each year. Recruitment for Coventry will begin in 2018



and will create 1,650 full time permanent jobs. Amazon currently has 12 fulfilment centres in the UK, including Doncaster, Coalville (Leicestershire), Daventry,

Dunfermline, Dunstable, Gourock, Hemel Hempstead, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Rugeley and Swansea Bay.

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