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MY LIFESTYLE IN NORTH DEVON

Returning to Devon, my wife's home was something that she always wanted to do, career permitting. It's a life changing opportunity with a good work life balance, good schools for our children & a nice pace of life. Cycling, Forest School and enjoying the beach is part of this and finding an employer that was national / international in its views and ambitions.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

I had served in the British Army as a Mechanical Engineer in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). Initially I completed a two year apprentice in Mechanical Engineering and then completed an HNC in Mechanical Engineering.

After 15 years of Service I was selected for Commission and subsequently attained a PG Dip in Battlespace Technology from Cranfield University and an Institute of Leadership and Management Level 7 NVQ in Strategic Management and Leadership. My final tour of Service was as a Capability Manager for all of the 35,000 wheeled vehicles in Defence. After 27 years' service I decided to take on a new challenge in my life.

I now work for Atlas Packaging, one of the UK's largest most comprehensive independent packaging companies. As Operations Manager, I am responsible for the day to day management and leadership of the operations staff. From receiving the raw material into the plant, to the coordination of the machines and staff that convert the material; to storing of the finished product and finally delivery of the product to our customers. We strive to grow and improve the business by implementing cutting edge technology and lean manufacturing processes.

"There is opportunity to find a fulfilling career in Devon not only in manufacturing but other areas also".