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Since returning to North Devon I have become more active in the community. There is always something to do. I am a member of the local rowing club and attend training on a weekly basis. I also enjoy cycling around the roads of North Devon to take in the views.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

From a young age I have been interested in designing and making anything I could think of. For A-Levels I studied Maths, Physics, ICT and Design Technology. This developed as I got older and helped me with my decision to read Mechanical Engineering (BEng) at Aston University in Birmingham where I gained a 2:1 (Hons) degree.

My parents moved to North Devon around 30 years ago and while I was in Birmingham I missed the Devon way of life and the surroundings more and more. The obvious solution was to return to the area.

After my degree I found employment with Aero Stanrew, which specialises in the manufacture of ruggedised, electromagnetic components and electronic systems. These systems are designed for the challenging requirements of the aerospace, oil and gas and other high reliability markets.

I oversee the engineering and material systems that we operate within the business and manage the mechanical design aspects of all projects. The job requires lateral thinking to resolve day to day problems, as well as efficient and effective communication. I am now studying a Master's degree in Engineering Management (MSc) at the University of West England - and I still enjoy making anything that comes my way.

"The area enables a good work / life balance".

