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My remit as Chairman of the North Devon Manufacturers Association is to support our growing business sector by celebrating the benefits of life here in northern Devon and attracting vibrant fresh talent into our companies.

Rural we may be, but many people are astounded by our global connections, the diversity of our local sector and our advanced technologies. With specialisms including pharmaceutical, electronic, marine, furniture, rubber and plastic, metal fabrication, and many more besides, there is a thriving manufacturing community to tap into.

Here in North Devon & Torridge we are lucky enough to enjoy one of the most unspoilt regions of the country.

If you love countryside and wildlife you'll relish our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the moors, surfing beaches and coastal walks. With a host of leisure activities at your fingertips, from coasteering to sailing, off-roading to horse-riding, you're guaranteed a great work-life balance.

So, whether you're kick-starting your career, or seeking a fresh challenge, then why not come and visit us and discover the opportunities and lifestyle benefits for yourself?

Northern Devon. It's our best kept secret. Come and share it with us.

PHIL SCOTCHER, CHAIRMAN

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RACHEL BURY

PRODUCT ENGINEER

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If it is a laid back, outdoor lifestyle you are after, but with all the amenities, it is the perfect place to relocate to. I am very creative, making jewellery, painting and baking using produce from my garden. The coastline and countryside is where I surf, walk and explore the bays sailing my boat.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

I studied Printed Textiles and Surface Design at Buckinghamshire New University, where I specialised in traditional and digital fabric printing techniques. I graduated with a BA (Hons) and took work placements to gain experience within the industry. After this I decided to travel the world and gain life skills.

I was extremely surprised to find a textiles firm like CQC Ltd in North Devon, and working within the industry it is still surprising to find what amazing companies are just around the corner. CQC is a textiles manufacturing company which specialises in design, development and production of military protective equipment, including medical packs, rucksacks and body armour vests.

I am a designer in the Product Engineering team, meeting with customers and talking through design ideas, this then develops into production. Life has been very positive for me since starting my job. I've gained a lot of new skills and friends and it has also allowed me and my partner to buy our first home together. I have travelled the world but the North Devon coastline and lifestyle always brings me back home.

"There are a wide range of eateries, from country pubs to Michelin star restaurants".





MARK LOBATO

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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

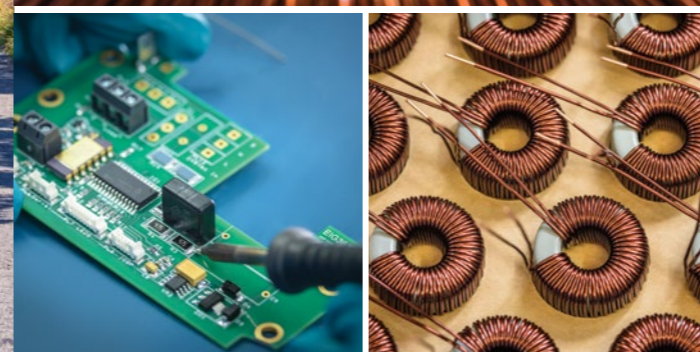
From a young age I have been interested in designing and making anything I could think of. For A-Levels I studied Maths, Physics, ICT and Design Technology. This developed as I got older and helped me with my decision to read Mechanical Engineering (BEng) at Aston University in Birmingham where I gained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





FERGAL MILNE

LIFECYCLE TECHNICAL TEAM LEADER

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I have lived and visited many places in the world and I could not find a more idyllic setting. From beach visits to sporting events and music - I love going to local festivals - I am never at a loss for something to do. I honestly believe there are health benefits to living as I do.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

I found the Perrigo opportunity by chance. I received offers from a company in Switzerland and another in Liverpool, but the recruitment agency asked me to review a position in Devon. I searched the Perrigo company profile, the Barnstaple area, and the schools, as I have two children of school age. I was pleasantly surprised to see the results.

As a 6'6", 18 stone rugby player, I'm not a man prone to whimsy, but I was taken aback by the breath-taking beauty of Devon. On the way to the interview at Perrigo there was a rugby pitch, so I was sold before I even got there. Having a young family, I was attracted to the area for the clean air, countryside and the sea. The Tarka Trail is brilliant for kids - no risk of cars.

My new role as Lifestyle Technical Team Leader is exciting and dynamic. I take a holistic approach to improve value stream compliance and process capability and I'm involved in change management. Having come from a multi-national packaging company in Ireland I found working here refreshing because it does not have that anonymous feel which you sometimes get with large companies. Your opinion is valued and asked for.

"There are good schools and friendly locals, with lots of family activities".



DOUGLAS GRAHAM

ENGINEERING MANAGER

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I regularly walk the South West Coast Path, having completed the walk from Minehead to Lands' End earlier this year. Anyone with an interest in outdoor life will love it here. We camp most weekends in the summer, which needs no planning when you only need to travel 10 miles to the coast.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

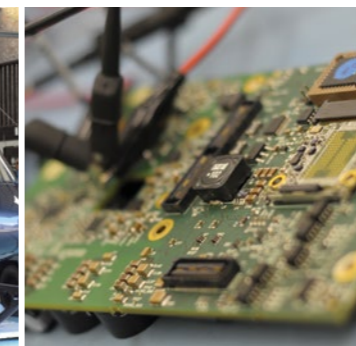
I assumed the only route from school into engineering was 'A' levels and then full time at University. During my work experience with the company, I learned that undertaking an apprenticeship with day release training to Degree level was a credible alternative.

Beran Instruments / Helitune, design and manufacture condition monitoring equipment for the measurement of vibration in rotating machines. My role involves day to day management of the company's engineering department. I am involved with cost and resource scheduling and the delivery of all new hardware and software products.

I have always loved making, building & doing. LEGO, Train sets, Meccano - I was only ever going to be an engineer. My job provides me with the ability to enjoy a great career in engineering, proudly developing some of the best vibration condition monitoring products in the world, while having plenty of great activities on-tap to wind down at the weekend.

Compared with much of the country, the cost of living is relatively low, allowing us to make the most of our spare time. Family time is maximised and a good work/life balance can be easily achieved. North Devon is the perfect environment to raise a family safely.

"There are no stressful traffic jams or long commutes".



WHY NORTH DEVON...





MIKE GARNER & SUE ROBERTS

DIRECTORS

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Sue is taking surfing lessons and Mike is a member of a golf club, which has opened up a new social life. The way of life has a quality we did not experience when living on the South East coast, and we still feel a thrill on our drive to work as the route brings back memories of family holidays.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON



Mike began his career as a mechanical engineer with Rolls Royce in Bristol, working in a team developing engines for military aircraft. After a varied career in manufacturing he set up a business improvement consultancy in 2005. Sue studied Law and Politics in London and began her manufacturing career as a graduate recruit with a major printing company near Bath. In 2008 she joined Mike's consultancy.

Together they purchased Dymond Engineering which specialises in the manufacture of metal shop fittings and retail display equipment. The company offers metal fabrication capabilities as well as design and value-engineering expertise and supplies metal products throughout the UK.

After living in the South East we were seeking an improved quality of life. We looked at businesses for sale elsewhere in the UK, but Dymond offered the best business opportunity and the best synergy with our skills. North Devon is more accessible than people might think, with a vibrant manufacturing sector that will surprise you. It was the business that brought us to North Devon and we love it here.

"Family and friends love coming to stay".





STEVEN BAILEY

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

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My job is challenging, but access to the countryside and hobbies allows me a healthy equilibrium. In terms of lifestyle you have one of the prettiest and varied national parks in the country alongside some of the best beaches in Europe, so come down and explore.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

I studied Biology, Physics, History and IT in Dorset and I subsequently spent three years studying at Plymouth University for my BSc (Hons) in Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology. After this, I worked as a Laboratory Technician for an NHS licensed BioVault for stem cell storage.

I learnt of Pall Corporation by using some of their products and I was surprised to find they had a manufacturing site in Ilfracombe, so I applied for a job and have loved my time here since. I started as a Quality Compliance Officer and then took the role of Quality Assurance Manager. There are lots of manufacturers and technical companies in North Devon, so the ability to develop your career is here.

Pall is a fast-paced growing company with the biggest spectrum of filtration products in the world. The site in Ilfracombe is going from strength to strength and currently produces filters within the Biopharm, Food & Beverage, Microelectronics, Medical Device and Industrial ranges.

My role involves leading the teams to oversee production and assess the system through auditing, investigations and data analysis. I ensure only the correctly manufactured product leaves the site and that we protect our customers by supplying the quality product that they expect.

"I am a member of a Yacht Club where I regularly sail".





PHILIP WALKER

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER

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My biggest hobby is property development. I am creative and I find it a great way to put this into practice. I was born in Barnstaple and I'm still here today. It's a great balance between rural countryside and town life. I've travelled enough to realise there's nowhere else I would rather be.



MY CAREER IN NORTH DEVON

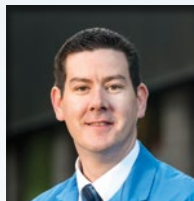
When leaving school I started working for a local DIY store where I soon learnt this wasn't the lifestyle I wanted. I always knew I had engineering skills so I chose A-Levels in Product Design and ICT, earning myself a Diploma. I've never been the idle type and so I volunteered as a labourer for a local property developer, after which an engineering vacancy appeared in the local newspaper, and the rest is history.

My role is an interesting one, as Research and Development engineer I work alongside a team of engineers to solve certain design problems, and prototype and test the solutions. My interest in building what I want, rather than buying it was the original spark for me. It's a great way to see a product go through all the different stages, it's also a great mix of office and hands on work.

When joining SFL as an engineering apprentice they wanted me to continue at college and achieve a Foundation Degree. One thing I would say to those who are contemplating going to University is to do it part-time through an Apprenticeship. My degree was the most rewarding achievement I have ever had and it's something I'm very proud of.

"The company offered to fund a University position to complete my degree".





TIM PUTTICK

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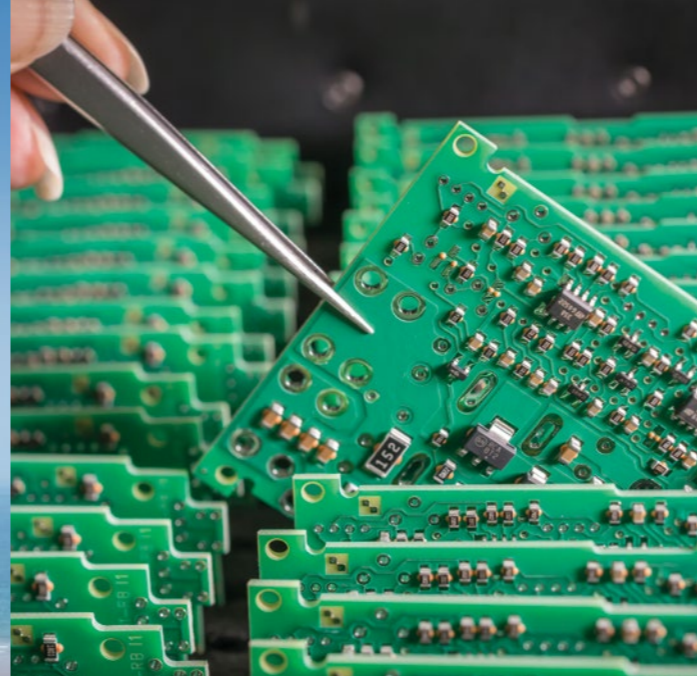
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Having been away and seen many different towns and cities I was attracted back to North Devon for its open spaces and great outdoor environment. It's a safe area with a good reputation. I have strong ties within the community, as part of a Town Council group and Treasurer of the swimming club.

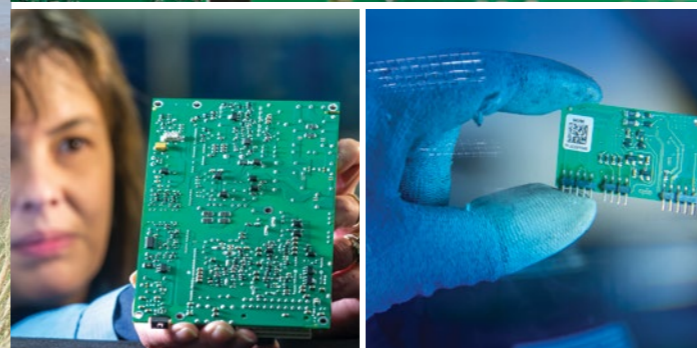


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I grew up in North Devon but left the area after finishing my Business Studies and Maths AS qualifications at Ilfracombe Academy to join the Royal Navy as a Weapons Specialist working on board submarines. This role consisted of operating and maintaining the Strategic Missile Systems. I studied Mechanical & Electronic Engineering in Portsmouth followed by Weapons Engineering in Scotland.

I left the Royal Navy in 2003 to come home and work locally. I grew up in Ilfracombe and I had a desire for my children to have the same positive experiences and opportunities as I've had. I live close enough that I walk to and from work, there's a great variety of eating out, and I enjoy walking my dog across the Tarka Trail.



I started my TDK Lambda career working on the shop-floor and have progressed to Production Manager. TDK-Lambda is a leading global power supply company providing highly reliable power supplies for industrial equipment worldwide. My responsibilities include managing the final assembly process of manufacturing of power supplies, including planning, organisation, Lean and Health & Safety. I'm also responsible for the sites' ISO:14001 Environmental Management System and I'm currently studying for a BA Hons in Leadership and Management with the Open University.

"There are examples of leading edge businesses".

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