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**Neil Adebowale**  
**MRIB**  
**High Wycombe**

My passions lie in dealing with people, be this colleagues, clients, insurers or other suppliers and business contacts. I'm proud of the team I have worked to develop and continue to focus on the personal growth of all team members. This passion extends outside of the workplace and I'm heavily involved in the local insurance institute having served previously as a president of reading CII. I now focus my time with the council on the education programme contributing content to ensure it best serves the local insurance community.



**Ritchie Jones**  
**Gravity Risk Services**  
**Stourbridge**

Outside of work I try to have as much fun as possible; if something stops making me smile, I try to fix or replace it as quickly as possible. One constant in my life will be Wolverhampton Wanderers (despite them not making me smile for several years until recently). I've been an avid supporter since a small child and regularly attend matches with my Dad and Grandfather. I'm fiercely competitive and enjoy playing/watching pool, snooker, darts, badminton, tennis, cricket etc. Until the arrival of my twin children (Archer & Eleni) in 2016; I regularly cycled and took part in many charity/endurance events. The highlight being a 24hr ride from London to Paris where I raised £1,500 for charity. My lifestyle changed dramatically upon the arrival of our twins and where we previously enjoyed the odd night out; this has been replaced with an evening at home listening to Spotify whilst enjoying a bottle of red wine. And I wouldn't change a thing! I'm passionate about music and remain a huge fan of all things Beatles, Oasis and Stone Roses.



**Joe Howard**  
**HJ Boswells**  
**Norwich**

Outside of work I like to relax with my partner. We recently bought our first home and are enjoying having our own place to chill out. We both work extremely hard. I also like to socialise with friends and have a holiday at least once a year to completely relax (and I get told off if I check my work emails). In the future I am hoping to have a family and want to ensure I can provide for them.

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**Jordan Crozier**  
**Consort Insurance**  
**Witham**

I have a young family comprising of two boys; Theo who is three and Lucas who is four months along with my wife Rebecca. My hobbies and interests outside of work are children's birthday parties, soft play, Duplo, swings, slides and Paw Patrol but outside of the above I am a keen golfer and am a member at a local club. Current handicap of 12.7 albeit I can only see this increasing based on the number of times my clubs have frequented the course this year to date! I am also an enthusiastic if not brilliant runner. I have recently taken part in the Great North Run, raising approximately £2,500 for a small charity that provides funds for research into Myocarditis. The event on the agenda for next year is a triathlon!



**Mike Brandon**  
**Giles Ins**  
**Consultants**

One of my main loves, is golf. I find it's a great way to unwind over the weekend or a busy day in the office. Playing golf has taken me all over the world with my holidays (Dubai, Portugal and Scotland to name a few!) which has meant meeting new people (some of whom have become close friends.) along with business contacts as well. I have been lucky enough to represent my county whilst playing golf and also my golf club (Burnham Beeches) at national competitions as well. Picking and coordinating my clubs First Team has also been a duty of mine as Scratch Captain, which was thoroughly enjoyable for the 6 years that I held the position. I enjoy attending my local gym, where I like to challenge and push myself to achieve new personal bests, or even just beat my girlfriend! Travelling is another passion of mine. Being able to try new foods and see new cultures is an amazing experience that I love. My favourite country that I have been to so far would definitely be Portugal. This is probably because it has some of the best golf courses that I have played.



**Peter Anderson**  
**Drayton Insurance**  
**Norwich**

Outside of work I am married to Freya and have two young children, Reggie who is 4 and has just started school and Isla who is aged two. Weekends are spent having family days out and I also have a season ticket at Norwich City Football club.

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**Lucy Elliot**  
**Elliot Westland**  
**Houghton le**  
**Spring**

Outside of work, I particularly enjoy travelling. My favourite place to visit is South East Asia; I have been to Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand etc. I enjoy how different the culture is in that part of the world and also love the food! I also enjoy a city break and am going to Krakow and Rome in the next couple of months. I am also an avid gym goer – I particularly enjoy lifting weights and hold the women’s record in the gym for squats (110kg) and deadlifts (130kg). As well as that, I love to read. I have a Masters in Modern History and so particularly enjoy reading historical fiction. I also have a mini Dachshund who I love to take walking.



**Andrew Smith**  
**Oddie Dalton**  
**Nottingham**

Outside of work I spend as much time as I can with my wife (Rebecca), two gorgeous children (Harry and Ettie) and our black Labrador (Ella). When I am not chasing around after the two children (both are under 3 years old), I love to play golf with my friends/father and also try to find time to keep fit. I am a passionate sportsman and enjoy watching football and rugby, now that my playing days are behind me. I’ve taken part in several long distance runs for charity, including the Great North Run and participate in Park Runs frequently. Meals out and a few drinks are of course thoroughly enjoyed, although with having two young children that is an infrequent pleasure these days!



**Tim Dredge**  
**RK Henshalls**  
**Sandbach**

My main passion is horses and specifically jumps horse racing. I have been fortunate enough to travel extensively and have to date attended races in 14 countries including Italy, Norway, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and India. I own small shares in two horses, both are due to race for the first time in the upcoming months so this autumn promises to be a period of either great disappointment or excitement for me (most likely the former!). Most of the money I have left after wasting it on these animals goes on clothes. To sustain this habit I pride myself on never buying anything new. With space in our home at a premium I made a New Year’s resolution to not buy any clothes in 2019. I sadly failed in August which I thought was a fair effort. My wife and I’s indulgence in life is eating out. Over the last few years we have attempted to do this rarely but once a quarter go to the nicest place we can afford.

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**Ollie Burns**  
**County Insurance Services**  
**Wirral**

I enjoy the country pursuit of game shooting. My challenge is to get another 'left and a right' on a shoot day only having achieved this once before by pure luck. I also enjoy visiting country shows, often taking time off work to travel the country to visit them. More mainstream activities include walking, going to the cinema and theatre, gaming and pub quizzing with a regular team in our home of Kettering, Northamptonshire. Recently I've lost 6.5 stone over an 18 month period doing Slimming World which has given me a new passion for cooking.



**Steven Patch**  
**Lloyd & Whyte Ltd**  
**Taunton**

I live in Exeter with my wife, Sarah and 2 daughters, Abigail (14) and Jessica (12). I have a strong interest in all sports, playing in an over 35 football league to keep fit. I enjoy watching rugby at all levels and go to Sandy Park and watch the Exeter Chiefs when possible. I have been a cadet force adult volunteer at my old schools combined cadet force (St Peters school, Exeter) for over 30 years, The last 4 years I have taken on the role of Contingent Commander so that we can continue to offer the students a wide range of activities both military and adventurous training, including participation in the Ten Tors event.



**Lee Elgie**  
**Erimus Insurance Brokers**  
**Stockton on Tees**

I have a two year old daughter, so that takes up a huge amount of time for my wife and I, but she is worth it! For my sins I remain a long term follower of Middlesbrough Football Club and maintain a season ticket, although the number of away games attended has dropped dramatically since our daughter's birth! I still play 5 a side weekly too, which I continue to enjoy. Running is my major sporting hobby now and I completed the London Marathon this year, raising £2,700 for Dementia. It was my 4th marathon in 7 years. Outside of sport, I love music, listening to it and regularly attend a number of gigs during the year.

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**Alma  
Chambers  
JN Chambers  
Kilkeel NI**

I am a married mother of 3 beautiful and intelligent kids of course no bias statements here! I love to holiday with my husband and kids when the opportunity arises. Also we do a lot of swimming and hiking around the Mourne mountains on our doorstep. Usual kid requests at weekends eat out, going to the cinema or visiting the latest crazy jump box place is a must. New hobby - I just started learning to sail and hopefully obtain Yachtsman certificate as being from a fishing family background and living beside the coast it has always been a passion of small boats and fishing so being qualified is only a positive step.



**Richard Hack  
Allied  
Westminster  
Leeds**

I am very much a sports fan and spend a lot of my free time attending sporting events and getting involved in sports, when I am still capable. My main passion is Rugby League and Leeds Rhinos and I attend most games, but I am also a big fan of most other sports and try to get to as many events as I can, as well as watching live on TV. I am also a big fan of music, film, travel, history, but I do not get as much opportunity to do much in these areas as I would like. I also enjoy a good social event, both organised through work and/or with family and friends, whether this is just a few drinks at a bar, out for a meal or any other event.



**Timothy  
Wilson  
Kerr Group  
Bushmills NI**

I have been married to Sharon for 16 years and we have three fun children, Caleb (11), Phoebe (8) and Reuben (6), who I spend the most of my free time with. We have a Cockapoo called Dexter, who keeps me fit with regular walks in our local forest park. I am an avid reader and enjoy listening to music. I have recently researched my family tree, which has proved to be an interesting exercise! When I get the opportunity I enjoy abseiling, bouldering etc. Outside of my work and home life, I'm the Vice-Chairman of Markethill Primary School's Board of Governors, a member of Gideons UK and am an active member of my local church.

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**Richard  
Fernandez  
Toogoods  
East Horsley**

My life outside of work revolves around my wife and two children, and the many friends that we have. In recent times our wings have been clipped as we have been undertaking building works on our home. At weekends generally however, you would find me outdoors by day (walking, gardening, visiting historic buildings as well as trying to pick up my cycling youth) and by evening we could be found eating and drinking happily with our friends. We like to travel and visited Singapore and Bali this summer but equally are very happy having a great British holiday, which we do several times a year.



**Josh Samrai  
ABA Insurance  
Commercial  
Gravesend**

Some of my main passions outside of work focus around self-improvement and living a healthy lifestyle, with a keen interest in boxing at a local club, football and attending gym. Following my studies in visual effects I take a part time interest in cinematography and have used some of my photography skills while travelling extensively over the world during past five years. You can usually find me of a weekend relaxing with my girlfriend, socialising with my friends and family who are a big part of my life.



**Marcia Berry  
Cox  
Braithwaite  
Borehamwood**

Being a mum to two boys is my main focus and by far my best achievement. I travel extensively with my family and own a property in Barcelona which I love going to on a regular basis. As a family we have all learnt to ski and really enjoy partaking in an activity altogether. Over the years I have been a school Governor and part of the Parents Teachers Association being involved in numerous school social events. For the last 10 years I have been a trustee of a cancer based charity set up in memory of my friend. My role within the charity has been that as treasurer. I am also an active committee member helping with fund raising events throughout the year.

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**Mike Shaw**  
**M R Ratcliffe**  
**Cheltenham**

Outside of work there is nothing I like better than going for long walks in the countryside with my partner Liz and our dog Ruby, who is a 10 year old German Shorthaired Pointer. Despite her age, still has the energy and enthusiasm of a puppy! I also have a passion for horsepower, both equine and mechanical. I love performance cars and National Hunt Racing. The love of National Hunt racing was the original reason for relocating from the North to the Cotswold area, as Cheltenham Racecourse is the Home of National Hunt Racing and it is a fabulous place to experience all that horseracing has to offer.



**Sam Gosney**  
**Mason Owen**  
**Norwich**

I have a keen interest in the art world and its coming and goings. I can regularly be found at art shows and fairs, and keep in touch with several individuals with whom I used to work. This enjoyment spills into my personal life, and much to my wife's horror, I have recently discovered the joys of online art auctions.

Having only lived in Norwich for less than two years, I am yet to find my feet locally, but am currently joining a local five-a-side football team, which was a real passion from my school days (less distance to run than a full-sized pitch...)

My wife and I travel extensively, both nationally and abroad, and we are in the process of ticking off every National Trust property in the UK which is something of a mammoth task. I am a keen football fan, though a regular coast-to-coast trip to see my beloved LFC, whilst sounding appealing and highly romantic, is not something I can indulge so readily.



**Simon Miller**  
**Yutree Insurance**  
**Newmarket**

I'm a father of three and very recently became a grandfather which is wonderful but slightly age defining! Aside from spending time with family and friends, I'm a keen hockey player and have played for Ipswich Hockey Club for many years during which time I have captained, managed and coached most teams throughout the club. Other interests include seeing pretty much any type of live music and running (hockey injuries permitting).

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**John Thorne**  
**CC Flint**  
**Orpington**

I'm a passionate Chelsea fan, who has worked to bring this passion to the business. I enjoy fitness, currently on a personal trainer led fitness regime, play football and cricket when I get the chance. I have a two girls who keep me busy and extended family who we all enjoy spending time with.

