

35 Years in the profession

Partner and Head of Residential Conveyancing at Wilson Browne LLP, Dick Smart, is celebrating 35 years of working in the solicitors' profession this month. Dick, a Partner since 1980, joined Sharman Jackson & Archer in January 1975 before qualifying in June the same year.

Dick initially worked in Wellingborough dealing with criminal and matrimonial cases before moving to new offices in Rushden in 1978. He later moved disciplines to deal with non contentious matters, largely property related before the firm merged with Vincent Sykes in the 1980's becoming known as Sharman Sykes. In 1989 Dick returned to work from the Wellingborough office.

In 1999, Sharman Sykes merged with Wilson Browne, following which Dick was made a member of the board of management for a year as well as head of Wellingborough office, which he remains to date. Dick is also the head of the residential conveyancing team and has been for over a decade.

“Dick is a real asset to the firm with the excellent client service he provides” commented Richard Arnold, Chairman of the Board “This anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for the firm to celebrate the contribution that Dick has made – and for him to buy everyone cakes!”

With a keen interest in the local community Dick has close ties with The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough, where he not only enjoys his role on the Board of Directors, he likes to watch the variety of shows that the theatre puts on.

In addition, he is enthusiastic about sport, more specifically rugby and the Saints as well as the church where he was formerly a warden and now a Lay Chairman of All Hallows PCC. Furthermore he enjoys cooking and has recently been on a training course run by Jean Christophe Novelli and also likes travelling where he hopes to venture across the large swathes of the USA in 210 to visit relations.