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Temple Heelis Solicitors has been serving individuals, families, businesses and communities in South Lakeland for several generations - almost 200 years in fact.

They have seen impressive development over the years and have come a long way since the days of William Heelis, who was married to children's author Beatrix Potter. William had met Beatrix when she visited his office seeking legal advice for the purchase of a property and farmland in the Lake District.

You can still visit William's original office in Hawkshead, where his predecessors founded his legal practice in 1822. W.H. Heelis & Co, went on to become Gatey Heelis who then merged with Temple & Bargh in the 1990's to form the Temple Heelis that we know today.

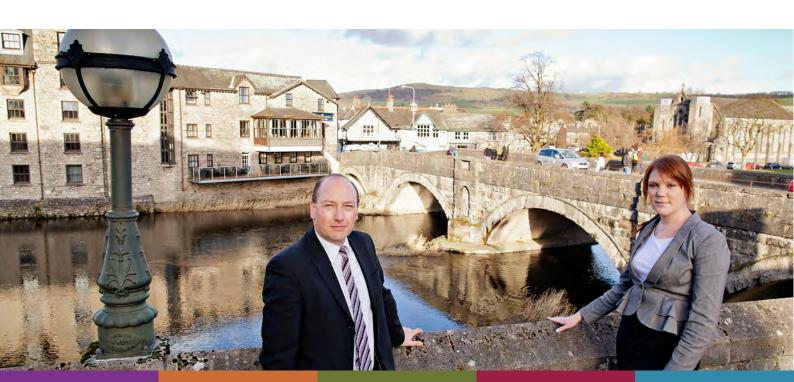
Managing Partner Richard Moore, provides further information on the practice; "We are proud of our history and heritage and have retained many of the best traditional values that have served previous generations well. To this day, conveyancing (and private client services generally) continues to play a major part of our work alongside other core services centred around the needs of our business clients."

The specialist South Lakeland solicitors operate from South Lakeland offices in Kendal, Windermere and Ambleside. They offer a full range of legal services to individuals and businesses, helping manage, protect and act for their clients when it comes to a business restructure or a sale of part or whole of a business, and help manage people within it.

Temple Heelis retains a focus upon innovation so that they can continue to deliver the quality services that their clients can rely on but in ways that they should expect from a forward looking professional firm.

Following a sustained increase in Temple Heelis' business both regionally and nationally, the firm relocated to modern offices next to the River Kent in Kendal where their experienced team of solicitors, legal assistants and support staff are based, and have since expanded further across South Lakeland.

"It was important we maintained our presence in the heart of the Lake District so that we might better support the local community who have been valued clients of Temple Heelis from the outset, hence the development and investment in a second office in Windermere, and third in Ambleside" says Richard.



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Richard Moore joined Temple Heelis as an Assistant Solicitor in 1994, progressing to become a Partner in 2001 and then onto become Managing Partner in 2007, specialising in contentious and non-contentious work for commercial clients, as well as dispute work for individuals. "It is a fact of life that businesses have disputes, perhaps with a customer employee or maybe a tradesman. No matter who your dispute is with, we consider going to court only as a last resort as not only is it costly, it's often possible to resolve issues through negotiation and mediation".

His extensive expertise has led to him representing clients in courts and tribunals throughout the UK and he tells us more about the firm: "We take the view that the modern advisor in this line of work has to combine knowledge of law and procedure with a clear understanding of the client's resources, needs and expectations to ensure we can achieve the best results.

"Together with my partners, we realised that modernising the firm was vital to keep up to speed with the changing and evolving business world – not just legal practices, but to better understand the environment our clients operate in."

"Investing in new technology, an ongoing commitment to staff training and personal development has enabled us to keep all our clients better informed and to speed up our processes that, in turn, have enabled us to provide effective solutions, quicker."

Of course, this would not be possible without highly trained staff who are made up of both legal and non-legal specialists. Temple Heelis enjoy a friendly atmosphere and this approach makes them particularly amenable and easy to work with.

That said, their attention to detail, understanding requirements and an ability to clarify and deal with complicated problems quickly are the fundamental reasons why their clients consistently choose to appoint Temple Heelis.

Richard says, "We continue to look to the future by aiming to build on our past successes and through the ongoing recruitment of high quality staff and the implementation of the latest systems. It's this combination that provides you with the kind of service you expect from a top firm of solicitors anywhere in the UK, not just here in South Lakeland."

"It is a sobering fact, when I reflect, that I came to live in the South Lakes and decided to make my career here more than 20 years ago. Most of my colleagues at Temple Heelis have moved here in the early part of their careers and simply never seen any reason to move away so my experience is quite typical. The reason, I think, is clear, and that is a basic contentment in the quality of life for all generations. In short it seems to me there is simply nowhere in the country that can equal or exceed what we have here."



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Welcome to South Lakeland

A Breath of Fresh Air for Business



An area known globally for its astounding natural beauty and unique vibrant culture, South Lakeland is also home for a thriving and innovative business environment where companies can become established, grow and prosper.

The entrepreneurial business spirit is strongly encouraged in South Lakeland, reflected in the healthy number of fledgling enterprises setting up each year in our region, and our work also encompasses projects designed to help make the first steps to start-up as easy as possible.

The Economic Development Team at South Lakeland District Council are an inward investment service providing information and support to businesses of all sizes, covering all industry sectors, whether you are already here or are looking to locate your operations in South Lakeland.

The Economic Development Team are here to help your business uncover the exciting potential that exists here. Should you have any questions, we are on hand to assist and tell you more about the opportunities to be found in the most beautiful corner of the UK.

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