I have lived in Lympstone since 2017, but before that had been a frequent visitor every year, as my parents-in-law have lived in the village since 1988. My wife and I got married in Lympstone Church in 1993.

Having read English and History at Goldsmiths' College, University of London, I qualified as a chartered accountant in Hertfordshire in 1991 and, on qualifying, moved to work for a bank in the City of London. I worked in London until December 2019, working for various banks and financial services companies, both in the UK, Europe, and the United States. During this time, I managed small- and medium-sized teams and departments, gaining extensive experience in management, financial accounting and reporting, regulatory reporting, strategic planning, budgeting and forecasting, risk management, customer remediation, project and change management and treasury.

Since 2014, I have worked for myself as a forensic accountant and consultant, mainly involved in the remediation and compensation of customers' following FSA investigations into the banking industry.

In the last 20 years, I have invested in an independent brewery start-up in East London, for which I also acted as non-Executive Director and Finance Director, have been Trustee and Treasurer for a domestic violence charity in North London, chair of a tenant's association for an apartment block in London, and have worked with a number of clients as a Soft Tissue Therapist.

Between 2018 and 2021, my wife and I rebuilt our home, using as many materials from the old home as we could. We hand-cleaned c.10,000 bricks for the salvaged dismantle (not demolition!) of our old home and milled and scorched 1.5kms of larch-cladding felled from some woodland that we were bequeathed near Sidmouth. We worked very closely with a Lympstone architect and a local East Devon builder in realising our project. It has, without doubt, been the most satisfying and challenging project to date!

I remain a keen sports participant, playing cricket for Lympstone and hockey for Sidmouth & Ottery, and also enjoy a number of other sports. I enjoy gardening, history, cooking and getting involved in things!

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