

Team Spotlight

GET TO KNOW SOME OF
OUR PEOPLE



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What does a typical day look like for you?

It is key that I try to get the blend right between my role as office manager and allocating time to the team and to projects. My role at the moment is to ensure the office runs smoothly and to give my support to the staff where ever I can. From an office management perspective, it is key that the office runs efficiently in order to give our people the best platform to work in, whilst making it an enjoyable and comfortable environment. The ultimate aim is for the team to enjoy coming into work and to be happy in their working environment and anything I can do to assist with, I will look to do.



How long have you been at Henry Riley?

13 and a half years.



What Clients are you working with at the moment?

We are currently working with a variety of Clients out of the Newcastle office including Northumberland County Council and The Co-operative Group. Working with both private and public sector Clients is interesting as it highlights the different ways businesses work.



What qualifications have you gained or courses have you done whilst being employed by Henry Riley?

I carried out the first part of my degree full time, but for the final year I worked part time at Henry Riley, which I found beneficial as I was carrying out the actual role whilst studying. I have also carried out leadership courses and too many seminars, workshops and webinars to remember!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people and the variety – we have a good team in the office, and the variety means that each day is different and no two challenges are the same.



What's your favourite thing to do when you're not at work?

Spending time with my wife and daughter. I also support Newcastle but the interest in that wains as the seasons go on! I'm also a big fan of Horse Racing and try to get to the Cheltenham Festival every year as well. I also like a podcast and listening to music – those who know me well are well aware of my Freddie Mercury obsession, and the life-size cardboard cut out I ordered when I'd had a drink pays testament to that!



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As Henry Riley is celebrating 130 years in business this year. Is there anything you'd like to say about working for a company with such history, or a memory that will always make you fond of your time here so far?

On a professional level, I would say being asked to take over the running of the Newcastle office last year was a proud moment, and on a social level, I would say the friends I have met along the way over the last 13 years.

