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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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As Christmas and a New Year approaches, I would like to take the time to reflect on the previous year. In this newsletter I will share with you some of our highlights over the last 12 months.

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at Spall Clark Solicitors I would like to say thank you to all our clients, old and new, who have instructed us since we launched in September 2019. As a specialist private client practice, our aim is to provide a personal approach to a complex area of law and we are extremely proud to have had many of our clients refer their family and friends to us following their own experiences using our services.

We would like to wish all our clients a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

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December 2019

Paul was appointed to Law Society Private Client Section Advisory Committee supporting solicitors working in wills, probate, tax planning, trusts and mental capacity. His role focusses on advising members, providing networking opportunities and sharing best practice.

March 2020

Paul co-chaired the Law Society Cross Border Conference in London alongside fellow advisory committee member and Spanish Lawyer Alberto Perez Cedillo. The conference is one of the Law Society's most prestigious events and attracts solicitors and lawyers from around the world.

Pam Murphy joined Spall Clark Solicitors as a Consultant Solicitor. Pam is a highly experienced Solicitor and with a wealth of knowledge and experience in private client law including Wills, Probate and Lasting Powers of Attorney.



May 2020

Becky Spall was appointed as the firm's Practice Manager and oversees the smooth running of the day to day operations of the practice. Becky is a non-practising solicitor having previously specialised in private client work and litigation.



Summer 2020

We ran a successful Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney initiative for key workers with the goal of supporting key workers who have selflessly put everyone else's health and safety above their own during the extremely challenging Coronavirus pandemic. We understand how vital key workers are to public safety and the initiative was a great way for us to give back to the community.

Autumn 2020

Our Solicitors took part in a Will Week to raise funds for East Cheshire Hospice to support them during a time when their fundraising has been severely affected. Many of our Will Week clients had their own connection with the hospice and they all felt it was a great way to give back to such a fantastic cause. As the volunteer Legacy Officer for East Cheshire Hospice, Paul has seen first hand how the generosity of donations from Will Week and legacies left in Wills enables the hospice to continue their great work.

Congleton Lawn Tennis Club

We are sponsoring the New Year's Eve Tournament due to take place on 31st December 2020. It will be a fun way to see out the year with a mixed doubles timed tournament and the prizes for the winners will be an 'afternoon tea for two' voucher from Pecks Restaurant in Congleton.

Rabbit Rescue North West

Rabbit Rescue North West will remain our charity of the year and we will be assisting them with events and fundraising, something which has sadly not been possible this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic.



The charity close to the hearts of Paul and Becky who have seen first hand the hard work and dedication of the Trustees and fosterers who put everything into rescuing unwanted bunnies and finding them forever homes.

Dementia Friendly Sandbach

As a Dementia Friend, Paul is supporting the work of Dementia Friendly Sandbach an organisation that aims to make the local area safer and more welcoming for people living with dementia.



COVID-19 AND UPDATES TO LAW ABOUT SIGNING WILLS

Like many other businesses, the Coronavirus pandemic has presented us with some challenges regarding the way we operate. We have made various changes to our firm's procedures to ensure the continued safety of our clients and staff, including holding meetings online and by telephone wherever possible. As key workers, we have still been able to visit our clients at their home to witness the signing of legal documents whilst adhering to government guidelines surrounding face coverings and social distancing.

A temporary new law has recently been introduced enabling Wills made between 31 January 2020 and 31 January 2022 to be witnessed remotely by 'video conference or other visual transmission'. The new law poses several practical difficulties and Wills should only be witnessed in this way as an absolute last resort. We will therefore be continuing to arrange for Wills to be witnessed in the usual way - that is signed by the person making the Will in the physical presence of two witnesses who are also present at the same time.

We have adapted well to a new way of working through the use of technology and we continue to strive to deliver the highest quality legal advice to our clients who need us both during these unprecedented times and beyond.

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