



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2021

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As we approach the end of another year, there is no better time to reflect upon the last 12 months.

We are pleased to report that despite the ongoing challenges in the legal sector brought about by the coronavirus pandemic, Spall Clark Solicitors has continued to go from strength to strength.

Over the last 12 months, there has been an increase in the number of people needing help with disputes arising from Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney. To support those in need of assistance, we have expanded our offering with the introduction of our disputes and litigation services. Find out more in our highlights section over the page.

On behalf of everyone at Spall Clark Solicitors, I would like to wish all our clients a happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Paul Clark
Managing Director



HIGHLIGHTS

May 2021

Simon Heapy joined Spall Clark Solicitors as a Consultant Solicitor. Simon has a wealth of knowledge in Court of Protection and Contentious Probate matters and he advises clients on a wide range of disputes relating to Wills, Trusts, Probate and Lasting Powers of Attorney. Away from the world of law, Simon lives in Macclesfield with his wife Kirsty. He is immensely passionate about supporting his local community and spent over six years as a trustee of local charity the Rossendale Trust. Simon has a huge amount of experience in his practice area and we are very pleased to have him as part of the team.



August 2021

We were honoured to sponsor the Congleton Lawn Tennis Club's Vice President's Trophy tournament. Both winners of the timed mixed doubles match were presented with a voucher for a traditional afternoon tea for two from Pecks Restaurant in Congleton. The tournament was held to celebrate the contributions that John Doe and his late wife Marion made to the club over many years. A great afternoon was had by all and it was lovely to see the club thriving with new and existing members and we hope that it will continue to do so going forwards.

October 2021

Throughout 2021 we have supported Rabbit Rescue North West (RRNW) with their mission of caring for and rehoming unwanted rabbits. We have donated goodies for the RRNW Easter raffle and their raffle which marked Rabbit Awareness Week in June. In October, we celebrated the success of our charity of the year initiative by making a monetary donation to RRNW. Part of the donation is being used to help fund the living costs of the permanent stay foster bunnies with the remainder being used towards vets bills, vaccinations and neutering (which all bunnies undergo before being rehomed). As a firm of animal lovers, it has been a privilege to support such a fantastic cause and help make a difference to bunnies in need.



Dementia Friendly Sandbach

Earlier this year we supported Dementia Friendly Sandbach as part of Dementia Awareness Week (which included a visit from Fiona Bruce MP). Each year, Dementia Awareness Week promotes awareness of dementia and the challenges faced by those living with dementia. We are currently the only law firm in Sandbach to be recognised by Dementia Friendly Sandbach as a 'Dementia Friendly Business' and so we aim to encourage other local businesses to support becoming a dementia friendly community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sandbach Round Table

Our Managing Director Paul Clark volunteered for the Sandbach Round Table again this year to deliver Christmas hampers to people in the local area. The hampers were put together for some of the older and more vulnerable people living in Sandbach to help spread some Christmas cheer and bring joy to those less fortunate.

This initiative was made possible through the generous sponsorship and donations from local businesses together with the hard work of the Sandbach Round Table and Sandbach Ladies Circle volunteers.

December 2021



The end of the year marks the retirement of our Consultant Solicitor, Pam Murphy. Pam has been an integral part of the firm since March 2020 and we are very grateful for all of her hard work over the last 22 months. Pam has always strived to deliver an excellent and friendly service to all of our clients.

As a thank you to Pam, we visited the Yellow Broom in Goostrey for a lovely afternoon tea, not only to celebrate her time with Spall Clark Solicitors, but also her career in the legal profession.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Pam and her family all the very best for the future.

March 2022

We are delighted to announce that we will be continuing to support the Congleton Lawn Tennis Club by sponsoring their Chairman's Trophy tournament which is due to take place at the end of March 2022. It will be a great way to kick start the new tennis season and we will be announcing the prizes on our website and social media pages in the new year.



Our Charity of the Year Initiative 2022

We are now taking nominations for our charity of the year for 2022. We are very keen to support a local charity which helps to support the wellbeing of both adults and young people through creative art such as painting, music, performance and much more. We would love for you to share your nominations with us by emailing our Practice Manager Becky Spall at becky.spall@spallclark.co.uk.



COVID-19 UPDATE - THE LAW ABOUT SIGNING WILLS

As the situation with coronavirus continues to improve, we have been able to return to a more normal way of working including face to face appointments in clients' homes and at our meeting rooms. However, the safety of our clients and staff is of paramount importance to us and so we continue to offer appointments online via zoom as an option to those who would prefer their initial meetings to be carried out remotely. For clients who prefer face to face meetings, we are more than happy to continue wearing masks and adhere to social distancing.

Earlier in the pandemic, the government amended the Wills Act 1837 to enable Wills made between 31 January 2020 and 31 January 2022 to be witnessed remotely by 'video conference or other visual transmission'. It remains to be seen whether the government will extend the date for 'video witnessed Wills' beyond 31 January 2022. However, the law poses a number of practical issues and so witnessing Wills by video conference should only be carried if it is absolutely necessary. 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.

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