



# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2022

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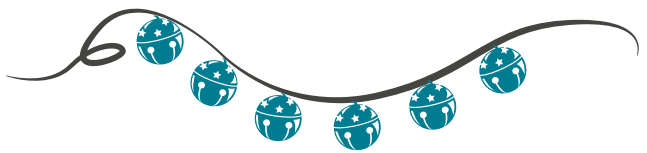


As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the time to reflect upon the events of this year. In this newsletter, I share with you some of our key moments during 2022.

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. It has been a pleasure to meet new people and stay in contact with existing clients.

**On behalf of everyone at Spall Clark Solicitors, I would like to wish all our clients a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.**

**Paul Clark**  
**Managing Director and Solicitor**





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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Congleton Lawn Tennis Club

Our Practice Manager Becky Spall deals with our community engagement. We sponsored the Congleton Lawn Tennis Club's 'Chair's Trophy' competition and the two winners each won a gift voucher for Pear Hospitality. One of the winners chose an afternoon tea at Pecks Restaurant and a wonderful time was had! We look forward to sponsoring the club again in 2023.

The Congleton Lawn Tennis Club is a great sporting venue and welcomes players of all ages and abilities. It has excellent facilities and everyone is very friendly and encouraging. If you do fancy playing tennis or even sitting in the bar and watching a few games, it is a fantastic way to spend some time.



## New Head Office in Congleton

In Autumn we moved into our new premises at Oak House, 3 Swan Bank in the heart of Congleton. Oak House is a recently refurbished Grade II listed building conveniently located in the town centre opposite the Lion and Swan Hotel.

It is wonderful to be in the heart of such a vibrant market town and it is fantastic to see so many new businesses and shops entering the high street. We are keen to play our part in the local community and support other local businesses, for example our coffee comes from local coffee shops.

Please rest assured that any original documents that we hold for you have been carefully transported from our previous head office address and are now being held in safe storage at our new premises.

If you are yet to pay a visit to Congleton, please do come over and say 'hello'!

## Contentious Probate and Disputes

Simon Heapy is our Court of Protection and Dispute Resolution specialist. Sadly, disagreements about Wills and inheritances are becoming increasingly common.

Simon has achieved successful results for our clients including in a case which another firm of solicitors would not take on due to the difficulties in succeeding. Much to our clients' satisfaction, Simon was able to bring the case to a swift conclusion using his excellent negotiation skills therefore avoiding the need for court proceedings.



## Sarah Bushell, Solicitor

In October we welcomed our newest Solicitor Sarah Bushell to our team. Sarah and her family live locally and she has spent much of her legal career working in both Congleton and Macclesfield. Paul and Becky previously worked with Sarah and we are delighted that she has joined our team.

Sarah brings with her a wealth of knowledge in Private Client law and advises individuals and families on personal legal matters including Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Trusts and Estate Administration.

Sarah is also a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (also known as STEP) which is a global professional organisation for lawyers and other specialists that help individuals and families plan for the future. As a full member of STEP, Sarah can use the title TEP (Trust and Estate Practitioner). TEP status is recognised internationally and is only granted to professionals with proven qualifications and experience.



## A note from Paul Clark about his role as Trustee at charity SUSO (Speaking Up Speaking Out)

After five years as a trustee of SUSO (a charity in Macclesfield supporting adults with learning disabilities), it was time for me to retire. I first joined SUSO when they were in their old rooms at Old Park Lane in Macclesfield. I remember it being a very happy place and everyone being keen to come and say hello. I made many new friends that day. Since then, SUSO has continued to grow and acquired a second room across the road at the Silk Museum before moving to its current home in the Heritage Centre.

There have been many wonderful times since I started as trustee (including many friends made) and my favourite memories include attending the art exhibition, the AGM (very informal and lots of fun unlike other many other AGMs!), cake baking competitions and watching the musical performances at Christmas. Above all else, my abiding memory is of walking through the corridor at SUSO for one final time listening to the chatter, laughter and joy that filled the air.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR



## Supporting Local Artists

We have a lovely space in our new office premises and plan to fill our walls with artwork. There are many local artists in Cheshire with interesting pieces (that often 'paint' a story) hidden away without fulfilling their true purpose of being displayed for the enjoyment of others. We are planning to offer our meeting space to display artwork that would otherwise not be displayed due to lack of local exhibition space. If you know of any local artists, art groups or charities that wish to display their artwork as part of a temporary exhibition, please do pass us their contact details. We plan to change the exhibitions every four to six months.

## Building a Sustainable Future

As a 'paper light' firm, we are always looking at ways to lower our carbon footprint. We use as little paper as we can, recycle as much as possible and where we can, we use products which are made from recycled materials. As a business, we wish to contribute further to making the world a more environmentally place and so in 2023 we will be supporting a local tree planting / wildlife saving initiative.

## Finally...

We spend our professional lives helping our clients prepare for the challenging times that lay ahead and we also provide them with support in the most difficult of times. Although Christmas is for the most part a joyful time, we understand that is sadly not always the case for everyone. Although we are often in our clients lives for a fleeting amount of time, everyone we meet leaves a mark upon us. When our office closes for Christmas at 1.00pm on 23 December, we will be holding a moments reflection to remember those people that are no longer with us. After the festive period, our office will reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

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