

People on the move: key North East appointments and promotions

Durham law firm Swinburne Maddison has made seven new appointments to its growing team.

New appointments include Rebecca Logue who joins as associate solicitor from another regional law firm, and Carole Gwynn who joins in a newly created role as legal director. Alex Siddle, who joined Swinburne Maddison in October 2021 as a paralegal in the dispute resolution team, has been promoted from a trainee to a solicitor within the corporate team, having qualified last October, while Imogen Bosanko is just starting on her legal career with her first seat in corporate as a trainee solicitor.

The commercial property team also welcomes Zoe Limon, a solicitor, who previously worked in house at the Malhotra Group, and Grace Robinson, a Cilex paralegal. The private client team has welcomed Brooke Jefferson, who first came to Swinburne Maddison on a work experience placement in 2019, was then offered a secretarial position, progressed to a paralegal and was supported throughout her legal studies to qualify as a solicitor last September.

Managing partner Jonathan Moreland said: "It gives me great pleasure to announce these new appointments and promotions, which are underpinned by a huge amount of hard work, dedication and growth across all departments. Together with our excellent office location at Aykley Heads – at the heart of Durham's dynamic regeneration and development plans – we confidently expect that the employment opportunities we can offer will enable us to attract further talented lawyers and support staff to work with us as the needs of the business

dictate.”



Sarah Robson of Karbon Homes
(Image: Karbon Homes)

Karbon Homes has appointed Sarah Robson to its executive team as executive director of development and asset management. Ms Robson took up the new role on January 1, having previously been director of development and regeneration at Karbon for the last four years, leading a team responsible for developing new homes and maintaining Karbon’s existing stock. She has experience working across property development, affordable housing and economic development and before working for Karbon, she held high profile roles at a number of local authorities including Durham County Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

Paul Fiddaman, group chief executive, Karbon Homes, said: “We are delighted to appoint Sarah to our executive team. She has

led our development and regeneration work over the last four years, including our strategic partnership with Homes England which is delivering 2,200 homes across five years, and our significant investment programme across 34,000 homes.”

Ms Robson said: “I am looking forward to taking on my new role at Karbon and contributing further to shaping the future direction of the organisation. Since I joined Karbon four years ago, I’ve had the pleasure of working with a wonderful team of colleagues and partners, and I’m delighted to have the opportunity to build on the great work we’ve already done together.”



Homes by Carlton: Left to right: Paul Fidgeon, Jessica Buttress. Laura Jane Barnes-Martin-Foster and Greg Carr
(Image: Homes by Carlton)

Homes by Carlton has strengthened its workforce with key new hires. They include sales manager Laura Jane Barnes-Martin-

Foster plus Graeme Simpson and Greg Carr, who join as site manager and assistant site manager respectively. Jessica Buttress has started as an apprentice quantity surveyor while sales executive Lee Bradford rounds-off the new appointments which the company hopes will help them flourish even further.

Simon Walker, managing director, said: “These appointments have further strengthened what was already an award-winning team and put us in a great position to start 2025 and build the homes our region needs.

“From Middleton Waters, our largest development to date, through to Eastfields which is our most exclusive, our ethos remains the same: to deliver beautifully designed homes – homes that expertly combine luxury and practicality – with the highest quality materials in fantastic locations. Our team’s dedication and hard work throughout 2024 has allowed us to deliver on this ethos. We’re particularly proud of the progress at Middleton Waters and the successful launches of Woodberry Park and Beauford Park.”