

People on the move: key North East appointments and promotions

Durham accountancy firm Mullen Stoker has appointed former apprentice Courtney Lynn as its new office co-ordinator.

Ms Lynn, 21, has completed a Level 3 Business Administration apprenticeship since joining the company, prompting directors to reward her with a full time role of office co-ordinator, based at the head office at Mandale Business Park at Belmont. As well as general administrative and office support, she will also manage Mullen Stoker's social media platforms.

She said: "I am loving my time at Mullen Stoker, and now that I have finished my apprenticeship I'm really looking forward to supporting the directors and the team with all of their administrative needs. It's an exciting time for the business as we continue to grow across the region, and I'm confident that my role will be invaluable within the practice."



Leanne Chambers with Dean Durrant
(Image: greenbean)

Recruitment specialist greenbean has added to its senior leadership team by appointing Dean Durrant as associate director of client solutions. Mr Durrant has more than two decades of expertise in recruitment and talent management, and his appointment is a planned move to lead the expansion of greenbean's strategic hiring division.

Leanne Chambers, managing director at greenbean, said: "Dean's induction to our leadership team signifies a remarkable advancement for greenbean. His proficiency in strategic hiring and innovative partnership models stands to propel greenbean

to new heights, offering unmatched value to our clients.”

Mr Durrant said: “Joining greenbean is an exciting chapter in my career. I was looking for an opportunity to leverage my experience within change and transformation with a business with proven capability to deliver complex experienced hire projects.”



Left to right: Partner and head of construction and engineering Adam Aston and Zi Chuen Gwi, solicitor.
(Image: Mike Smith Photography)

Law firm for business Muckle LLP has boosted its construction team by retaining newly qualified solicitor Zi Chuen Gwi.

Before joining Muckle in November 2021 Ms Chuen Gwi studied bar at Northumbria University and later completed the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) course online via BARBRI. She is among just the second group of students to successfully pass the SQE exam.

She will now work closely with the firm's partners to provide valuable support to clients in reviewing and creating construction-related documents. This includes tasks such as professional appointments, collateral warranties, construction reports and commercial contracts.

She said: "I'm extremely pleased to have achieved my solicitor qualification within a highly respected and welcoming firm. Each day, I have the opportunity to immerse myself in work I'm truly passionate about while being part of a company I admire."

Caroline John and Sarah Bell of Hadrians Resourcing
(Image: Sarah Deane Photographic)

Alnwick based resourcing partner Hadrians Resourcing Solutions has appointed Caroline John as non-executive talent director. Ms John will oversee and guide the company's talent acquisition strategies, focusing on bolstering its capabilities to meet client demands.

She said: "I am thrilled to be joining the innovative team at Hadrians Resourcing Solutions and am excited to see what lies ahead as we strive to deliver an unparalleled service to our clients and partners. The passion and ambition of the team is infectious, and I believe my experience and values will amalgamate well within the organisation and continue to drive Hadrians Resourcing forward as a leader in its field."

CEO and founder, Sarah Bell, added: "Caroline's presence will undoubtedly enrich our team and broaden our perspectives, enabling us to continue offering innovative solutions that make a difference in the talent landscape. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead and the value she will undoubtedly bring to our team, clients, and partners."



Gentoo Group has appointed Stephen Flounders as executive director regulatory and business services.

(Image: Gentoo Group)

Sunderland housing association Gentoo Group has appointed Stephen Flounders in the newly created role of executive director regulatory and business services.

Mr Flounders will be responsible for regulatory matters, compliance, health and safety of colleagues and customers, risk and assurance, internal audit, strategy, portfolio management and technology in his new role.

He joined the group in 2019, as head of health and safety and soon progressed in the organisation to become director of risk and assurance before taking up his new role earlier this month. He has over 15 years of experience as a Health and Safety professional, including working for KPMG and EY.

Mr Flounders said: "I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into my new role and as part of that I want to make sure

our customers and colleagues forefront of our decision making. Since joining the group in 2019, I have worked with some hard-working colleagues who have developed within Gentoo and I want to continue to encourage this throughout the organisation so we can get the best out of our people and develop our talent.”