

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This is a feature where we ask notable clients and/or contacts of HH a range of obscure questions in order to get a better appreciation of their life and interests.

This edition features **Chris Carson, Director of Siren Furniture Ltd.**



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- 1. Where were you born?**
I was born and raised in Stafford.
- 2. Can you summarise your education in a few words.**
I have a degree in Accountancy and am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.
- 3. Can you summarise your business career in a few words.**
A constant battle to maintain a margin.
- 4. What do you enjoy most about being in business?**
No two days are the same.
- 5. What one piece of advice would you give to aspiring entrepreneurs?**
Work hard, try to get all the facts before making a decision and then follow your instincts.
- 6. What is your most memorable event in your life?**
The birth of my three children.
- 7. What is your favourite book?**
About a Boy – Nick Hornsby.
- 8. What fictional character would you most like to be?**
Rocky Balboa.
- 9. If you were a superhero what would your superpower be?**
To fly into the office and miss the traffic.
- 10. What was the biggest challenge you faced in your business and how did you overcome it?**
The tightening of credit and the attitude of the banks after the banking crisis.
- 11. If you could travel in time, where would you go first?**
The summer of 1966, it would have been nice to see England win something.
- 12. What are you currently listening to?**
The Wombats and Bastille.
- 13. What makes your approach to business unique/different/special?**
Hopefully I listen, I'm fair and considered.
- 14. What did you wish you knew this time last year?**
The weather forecast for this summer.
- 15. What would your ideal Sunday be?**
Watching my children play football.
- 16. What is your biggest regret and why?**
Never being a professional footballer.
- 17. What motivates you to work hard?**
I do.
- 18. What is your favorite thing about your career?**
It's not over yet.
- 19. What did you want to be when you grew up?**
Interior Designer.
- 20. Who would you want to play you in a movie about your life?**
Ryan Reynolds.
- 21. If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?**
Be more patient.

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NEVER TOO BIG TO CARE



Left to right - John Brierley, Davinder Sanghera and George Hinchmore

John Brierley, (MD of Signis Group) spearheaded the formation of the Signis Group back in 2014 by bringing together various businesses including "tri.x" and "Reconstruct". The purpose of this group was to provide both online procedure manuals as well as providing safeguarding, child protection training, consultancy and independent children's services in one entity.

John had a lot of knowledge and experience within the social care sector and he wanted to continue to grow the group. That is why he felt it was a natural step for him to find another partner for the Signis Group. The new partner is Carter Brown which John knew was fast paced and dynamic enough to help continue the growth of the Signis Group.

Carter Brown is based in Mansfield and has its roots within children and family work. Carter Brown's ethos revolves around providing a high-quality service and offering specialised expert witness assessments for family law cases. It has developed and expanded across the UK to become the largest provider of multidisciplinary assessments, widening its specialism to include reporting directly to Local Authorities and within Criminal Law, Asylum and

Immigration, Mental Health Tribunals, Panels and Pre-Proceedings.

We assisted John Brierley and Signis Group in the legal process. Colin Rodrigues said that: "having worked with John for over 10 years on various matters it has become clear to me that it is not just a question of having a vision it is a question of delivering that vision and making it become a reality and John has this unique ability to do both."

John Brierley said that: "having formed the Signis Group and ensured that it was relevant within the sector of social care for children I wanted to ensure that there would be continued success so it seemed natural to pass the baton on to Carter Brown who would help the Signis Group grow and expand to have a national footprint".

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HAWKINS HATTON STERLING DINNER

We hosted our annual event at Weston Park, at which Brexit was the focal point for discussion, made more palatable in good company with free flowing fine wine!

