

Lasting Powers of Attorney MADE SIMPLER AND MORE AFFORDABLE.



New forms for Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA's) were introduced on 1st October 2009. A Lasting Power of Attorney allows you to appoint one or more people, known as attorneys, to make decisions on your behalf if, for example, you are no longer able to make decisions yourself because of physical or mental illness.

Once an LPA is in place and registered it is available to be used immediately should the need arise.

Richard Wilkes says 'The new forms are definitely better. It is still advisable to get help from a Solicitor with the process, because it is not straightforward and easy to make a mistake. Even a small error can mean that the forms will be rejected. However, because of the new forms, we have been able to reduce the cost to clients.'

For more information about Lasting Powers of Attorney including costs contact **Richard Wilkes** at HallmarkHulme Solicitors on 01905 726600 or email him on: richard.wilkes@hallmarkhulme.co.uk or visit the HallmarkHulme website at www.hallmarkhulme.co.uk.

Richard Herriman Retires



Richard has retired as a Consultant with HallmarkHulme, bringing to an end a career of more than thirty seven years as a Solicitor. Born in Caerphilly, Richard was articled with the then Hulme & Parry following his studies at

Bristol University. He became a Partner with Hulme & Co in 1974 – specialising initially in Divorce and Matrimonial and latterly in Property, Probate and Wills. In 2009 Hulme & Co merged with Hallmarks and Richard continued to practise as a Consultant.

Outside the office Richard has been Chairman of Worcester Round Table and more recently President of Worcester Severn Rotary Club. He remains an active member of the latter. He is currently Chairman of Herefordshire and Worcestershire Lawn Tennis Association and is still a keen tennis player and golfer, following other sports where possible.

"I would like to thank clients and business contacts alike for their support over so many years and I am delighted to be able to retire in the knowledge that the same level of advice, service and expertise can continue to be provided by my colleagues at HallmarkHulme LLP."

Jason Hodnett



Awarded **Agricultural Law Qualification**

We are delighted to announce that Jason has become the first lawyer in Hereford and Worcester to be awarded the Fellowship of the Agricultural Law Association (ALA).

The ALA is the UK's leading independent organisation which provides professional support for the agricultural sector. The qualification confirms Jason's specialist knowledge of rural property and business matters – Town and Country Planning, Lettings and Farm Sales, Landlord and Tenant and Rent Reviews, amongst others.

ULTRA Challenge

FOR WORCESTER BUSINESS MEN



Duncan Sutcliffe (left) and Richard Wilkes (right) at the finishing line of the Eagle Isle Ultra Marathon.

Worcester-based businessmen Richard Wilkes of Solicitors HallmarkHulme and Duncan Sutcliffe of Insurance Brokers Sutcliffe and Co are recovering after completing the 75 mile (120 km) Eagle Isle Ultra Marathon earlier this month. The pair undertook the challenge in order to raise £500 for local girl Rosie, who suffers from profound cerebral palsy and epilepsy and needs round-the-clock care.

Richard Wilkes of HallmarkHulme added: "The route took us through forests, up mountains and along Mull's spectacular coastlines. It was a very beautiful place, and we did our best to appreciate it, but to be honest we were mostly focused on keeping going."

Family DEPARTMENT NEWS



Lesley Bartlett



Lucy Webley



Laura Williams

The Family Department consisting of Lesley Bartlett Partner and Head of Department, Lucy Webley Solicitor and Laura Williams trainee Solicitor, are pleased to announce that Lesley has recently completed a Mediation course and is now a qualified Family Mediator. Lucy has recently returned to the office following maternity leave.

Lesley, Lucy and Laura are happy to discuss any family difficulties and offer a free initial half hour interview.

ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE WILL OFFER MARCH 2010

Why make a Will? It's what you leave behind. During March 2010 you can make a simple Will with HallmarkHulme Solicitors and benefit St Richard's Hospice. For a Single Will* created in March (cost £150 + VAT) we will donate £65 to St Richards Hospice. For a Joint Will* (cost £200 + VAT) we will donate £85.

- Assets will be passed on in accordance with your wishes
- Choice of Executors/Trustees to ensure your wishes are carried out
- Choice of Guardians for children
- Provide details of what should happen to your body
- Protect family assets
- Tax Planning – in particular in relation to Inheritance Tax
- Ensure you do not die intestate

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*offer covers majority of Wills. More complex Wills may require individual quote.

HallmarkHulme Hackers Golf Day

HallmarkHulme held their inaugural Hackers Golf Day at Gaudet Luce on 24th September 2009. The afternoon was aimed at both social golfers and those that are new to the game. The day was a great success and finished with a raffle which raised over £200 for the Noahs Ark Trust Charity.

We aim to arrange a similar event in 2010 – any interested business-minded golfers out there please contact: julian.powell@hallmarkhulme.co.uk



Pictured from left: Richard Bywater, Rob Richards and David Mendham.