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In June 2016, I joined Heat Trace as an Engineering Project Engineer, this role will involve managing all aspects of heat tracing design and installation projects and in doing so develop relationships with clients.



Phil Riley (right) with his Manager Keith Wylie (left)

I started my career in engineering when I joined the Royal Air Force after leaving secondary school, undertaking an Apprenticeship in Engineering Maintenance. I initially worked as an aircraft ground equipment technician, carrying out mechanical and electrical maintenance & rectification on complex electrical, hydraulic and air conditioning systems. As time progressed, my responsibilities also included helicopter refuelling equipment and vehicle maintenance.

As I progressed, I took on roles as Workshop Manager and a service wide Fleet Manager for various equipment types. These diverse positions enabled me to gain a varied experience in engineering.

Spending 16 fulfilling years in the Royal Air Force, led to 'home' being all over the country, living in places such as; Lincoln, Telford and unusually, The Isle of Benbecula, in the Outer Hebrides. Work life was also varied, with operational tours in Afghanistan, Iraq and The Falkland Islands, to name a few.

In 2015 my family and I decided it was time to rejoin civilian life. I took employment as an Engineering Surveyor, carrying out thorough examinations on lifting equipment.

Living in Liverpool with my wife, Laura and our 4 young children, the opportunity arose for me to join Heat Trace. With prior knowledge and some research of the company, it was clear what a great opportunity this was. I am thrilled to be working as a Project Engineer at Heat Trace and looking forward to whatever challenges the role brings.