

## Keith Wylie

Originally from Belfast I moved to England in July 2000 when I joined the Royal Air Force at the age of 17, as an engineer. I served worldwide for 13 years including many operational tours of Iraq and Afghanistan before leaving to pursue an engineering career in the civilian world.



I have lived all over the UK over the years, but as my wife is from Frodsham, on leaving the RAF I moved to the North West. I have two children aged 5 years and 18 months.

My background is primarily engineering maintenance management and project engineering. I lead and managed projects, mainly based around climate control and refrigeration on communication equipment, from initial concept through to installation and commissioning. My role as project leader took me around the world, working in some very challenging working environments, which was very rewarding and interesting work.

My first job, post military, was in the further education sector working with engineering apprentices, which brought me to Heat Trace on a different capacity. In my short visits to Heat Trace I could sense the excellent

culture and work ethic of the employees and often thought it would be a great place to work.

I got the chance to join Heat Trace in July 2015 and naturally I jumped at it. My role at Heat Trace is Engineering Project Manager. I primarily work on managing design, supply and installation of trace heating projects for our UK market.

In my own time I also volunteer as an Engineering Technician Assessor for the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE). I assess the applications and suitability of aspiring EngTech's and feedback to the UK Engineering Council for award of professional registration and membership of the IMechE. I also sit on the Merseyside and North Wales IMechE committee. My primary role here is to pass on advice and guidance to young people of school age on the benefits of choosing a career in engineering. I find this work very rewarding and do my best to fit this into my busy life, attending school and college events throughout the region.