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Date of Birth: 27 January 1957

Nationality: English

Driving License: Full UK (pre 1997)

Place of Birth: Bristol

Health: In good health and with a physically fit sense of humour

BUSINESS

Outdoors, Television, Film & Media Work 1980s – To Date

Since the late 1970's worked on freelance basis as an outdoor activities instructor in various roles such as dinghy sailing, safety boat, waters skiing, climbing, hill walking, team building and development by local authorities and groups.

Working previously for On Sight Safety Solutions (trading name of Personnel Development Ltd) or directly employed by a wide range of production companies. I have worked with numerous production companies including BBC, Sky, Warner Brothers, ITV and Company Pictures recruited for my extensive experience working at, with or near specialist risks (heights and water).

Location Safety Ltd (Film, TV and Media Safety Services) New Company

Established my own Limited Company business. This was in response to suggestion from a number of my existing clients. Through this change of trading, I can continue to provide my full existing range of services and allow for / build capacity for future expansion of these and other safety services as are requested.

I have also worked in front on the camera including, in the ITV drama Lucan, where I acted in the role of "Alan, the skippers mate" of the Western Spirit. Additionally in the Bristol based Channel 4 drama Skins, I acted in the lead role of "Alan, the taxi driver". Furthermore I have been in many supporting artist roles, across numerous productions.

A J George Refrigeration & Air Conditioning 1982 – To Date

Established own engineering business. Wide range of client base including Yeo Valley, AXA, Chew Valley Dairies, Catalent Pharmaceutical Solutions, University of Bristol, Engineering Employers Federation and many small to medium sized businesses located mainly in Bristol, Bath, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset. Providing a range of services as required from full turnkey conception to commissioning projects and management. To routine service and planned maintenance operations.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue, Experienced Chief Rescue Officer (CRO) and founding member



The first team was formed in 1975 by local climbers from Avon and shortly after a separate team in Cheddar in order to allow climbing to take place. To this day, access to climbing in Cheddar remains underpinned by the existence of the team and its volunteers. The two original mountain rescue teams have evolved beyond pure cliff rescue into Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue (A&SSAR). The team also now encompassing land SAR and water margin SAR, with land search

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now the most frequent service. A&SSAR is justifiably proud of its earned reputation and the quality of service offered. It has become one of the most progressive search and rescue team in the UK and is often pivotal in shaping national policy. It enjoys full working partnerships with the Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue, MCA HM Coastguard and Cave rescue.

Our taskings involve working in the strictest confidence and with the greatest integrity. I have undertaken the role of Chief Rescue Officer (SAR Incident Commander) for numerous incidents since 1990, ranging from small low key events, such as simple pick-off rope rescue, through to major incidents, including Gloucestershire floods 2007, Joanna Yates search 2010 and Somerset floods 2014.

Alongside having operating in a CRO role I am conversant with all other operational roles, in both land SAR roles (qualified Search Manager), technical rescue and water rescue. I regularly am involved with organising training for less experienced members of MR(E&W) teams.

I am still actively involved with development of SAR response and civil resilience programs, including innovative training and the introduction of customised SAR response assets and vehicles. Thus, I am very experienced in liaison at multi-agency planning level, through the LRF framework and at incidents to ensure the diverse skills of the different services work together in partnership with all other emergency services.

Mountain Rescue England & Wales (from c.1990 onwards), acted as the Regional Officer for the South and West of England Rescue Region and have/ do sit on the Forward Planning, Training, Communications, Finance and Transportation and Vehicles Sub Committees in addition to which I held until recently the elected National Executive Officers post of Transportation and Vehicles Officer. I currently hold the following national positions: vice-chair training national training group, as well as represent the south west on the the major incident task group and forward planning group. Instrumental in changes to regulation of the Road Traffic Act by statutory instruments.

South & West of England Rescue Association (from 1977 onwards) acted in various roles at regional and national level. Roles included regional officer and now chairman of the regional body. These roles have included coordinating the different teams with the regions, organising joint training between teams and advising on best practice.

Avon Outdoor Activities Club, Chairman and founding member (c. 1976-1986)

St Andrews Youth Centre, Filton, Part Time Youth Worker (c. 1975-1980)

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES & MEMBERSHIPS

Awards:

- Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
- Outstanding Contribution to the Community, Severe Weather December 2009/ January 2010, presented by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for the Communities & Local Government
- Chief Officer Commendation for exemplary actions, 2009, presented by Great Western Ambulance Service Chief Executive
- Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Avon & Somerset Constabulary, 2008
- Outstanding Contribution to the Community, Floods of Summer 2007, presented by Prime Minister Gordon Brown
- Waley-Cohen Award for performance of meritorious service in support of law and order in the Avon and Somerset Constabulary area, 2003
- Queens Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002

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- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Gold Award

Certificates:

- Certificate of Management of Major Incidents, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, 2008
- Certificate of Aircraft Post Crash Management, Ministry of Defence, 2008
- RYA Powerboat Level 2, 2004
- Certified FPE Inspector (MR), HSC Ltd, 2013
- Swift Water Rescue Technician, Rescue3, 2011
- Adult & Pediatric Basic Life Support and AED (SAR,) North Bristol NHS Trust, 2015
- Refrigeration Industry Certification

Membership:

- Avon Rocks Rescue Team, 1975 and the Cheddar Gorge Cliff Rescue Team, 1976
- Amalgamating into the present Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue, founding member
- Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue
- Trustee and Chairman of South & West of England Rescue Association
- Associate Member of The Institute of Refrigeration since 1988
- Member of Equity

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities, including fishing, arts and crafts, caravanning, simply relaxing. I really enjoy the countryside, community environments both rural and urban cultures, travelling, and spending time exploring. I love spending time outdoors - walking the dogs, cycling and following country pursuits. Other interests are going to the cinema or theatre, live music, eating out and socialising with friends.

EDUCATION

- Charbough Road School and Filton High School
- Brunel Technical College, Filton Technical College, City of Bath College (Day release basis)
- University of Bristol (Department of Extra Mural Studies and Business Management)

REFERENCES

References are available on request.

Previous examples of the Film and TV productions I have been involved with, advised and worked on:

Feature films

Man from Uncle

Provision of 2nd unit (stunts) standby emergency response mountain rescue and safety cover, standby emergency incident response management and command system (air ambulance, medical and fire & rescue) for stunt cast and crew, in remote mountain environment.

Provision of rope, wire access and rescue systems (work restraint and work positioning) for standby emergency response team (medical and fire & rescue) to gain access to incidents or casualties, working at height (structures, cliffs, forests, mountainous terrain).

Provision of rope system (work restraint and work positioning) for crew, working at height (structures, cliffs, forests, mountainous terrain).

Provision of air ambulance helicopter ground safety and helicopter landing site communication, and crew safety

Provision of crew general welfare and background safety whilst operating in mountainous terrain.

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Jack the Giant Slayer

Provision of crew transport helicopter ground safety and helicopter landing site communication, and crew safety

Provision of crew general welfare and background safety whilst operating in mountainous terrain.

The Italian Key

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actress, working at height (structure).

Provision of rope system (work restraint and work positioning) for crew, working at height (structure).

Bertie and Elizabeth

Provision and operation of boat (safety) together with bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Health and Safety Officer / Advisor

The Truth about Love

Health and Safety Officer / Advisor

Television dramas

New World

Provision and operation of boats (safety & camera) together with bankside water safety cover (cast and crew).

Casualty (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision and operation of boat (safety) together with bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees, cranes and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint and work positioning) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees, cranes and cliffs top).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Merlin

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, trees and cliffs).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Atlantis

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actress, working at height (trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (trees and cliffs).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Skins (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision and operation of boat (safety) together with bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work positioning) for in action lead actress, working at height (simulated hanging).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Dirk Gently

Safety Specialist – Fire Warden

Lucan

Operation of boat (in action) with two lead actors, together with onboard (at sea) and bankside water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire system (work restraint) for in action lead actor, working at height (cliff edge).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (cliff top).

Being Human

Provision of rope and wire system (work restraint) for in action lead actor, working at height (cliff).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (cliff top).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Servants

Provision of rope and wire system (work restraint) for in action lead actress, working at height (roof top).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (roof top).

Born and Bred (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

999 Life Savers

Dr Who (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Torchwood (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Bone Kickers

Provision of bankside, unstable ground (estuarial mud flats) and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Down to Earth

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Teachers

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Kiss of Death

Provision of bankside, unstable ground (estuarial mud flats) and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Larkrise to Candelford

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (structures, roof tops).

Public Enemies

Provision of rope system (work positioning) for in action lead actress, working at height (simulated hanging).

The Mimic

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint) for in action lead actor, working at height (roof top).

Provision of rope system (work restraint) for crew, working at height (roof tops).

Without Motive

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of unstable ground (estuarial mud flats) safety and rescue cover (cast and crew).

Stella (multiple episodes across multiple series)

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Provision and operation of boat (safety) together with bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors, working at height (structures, roof tops, trees and cliffs).

Lorna Doone

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors and crew, working at height (structures, trees, gorges, waterfalls and cliffs).

Children's Programs such as The Really Wild Show, Robin Hood, Dead Famous, Sparticals

Provision and operation of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors and crew, working at height (structures, trees and cliffs).

Provision of crew general welfare and background safety whilst operating in hazardous terrain.

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Natural History Programs such as Animal Planet, River Monsters.

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for in action lead actors and crew, working at height (structures, trees and cliffs).

Provision of crew general welfare and background safety whilst operating in hazardous terrain.

Examples of Film and TV productions I have most recently been involved with, advising, working on, include

Feature films

Access All Areas

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (cast and crew).

Television dramas

Stella Series 5

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Agatha Raisin Series 1

Provision and operation of three boats (1 # safety-rescue boat & 2 # SFX work boats -platforms) for SFX Techs and crew safety.

Provision of bankside and in water safety cover (crew).

The Living and the Dead

Provision of temporary rope hand lines to assist with stability of cast and crew, while working on steep, slippery or uneven ground.

Provision of rope and wire systems (work restraint and work positioning) for crew, working at height (caves and cliffs).

Provision of crew general welfare and background safety whilst operating in hazardous terrain.