



I became a director of Newton Lodge Flat Management back in June of 2007 and accepted the position following the engagement of Handley Gibson to be our managing agents. I spent many a happy year living in Newton Court (14 years to be exact) and really enjoyed the quiet, friendly and leafy surroundings. Due to a personal relationship I decided to move to nearby Chapel Allerton some 5 years ago, but still have two flats on the estate; and being where I bought my first “owned” home, I continue to consider Newton Court and its prosperity very highly.

Being a director at Newton Court, in the early years, was a major learning curve for me, but something I totally relished, and still do. We (me, Ian and Karen) have taken the estate through some very tough financial times and only in the last two years has it moved into a relatively solvent position. Having to balance the priorities of the shareholders and those of the pressing structural remedial works has been challenging at times but I have always strived to keep a balanced approach, to benefit the estate as a whole.

Unlike Ian, I have not brought any specific experience to the table but my knowledge and love for Newton Court hopefully goes some way to balance that. However being in the service industry for many years with a wide professional network I have been able to table certain improvements and provide Handley Gibson with introductions to suitable professionals to better the estate for everyone.