

# InFocus

This month we meet Alison Strudwick, Finances very own bodyguard!



From running marathons to knitting hats - this lady has our credit control process down to a tee...

**Bellsures finance department sits in their very own corner of the main office, traditionally seen as the 'gatekeepers' of a company - our team takes a different approach!**

Starting out her career as a graphic designer having studied at Richmond Upon Thames College, Alisons first role was for Building Design Partnership in the early 1990's.

This interesting and varied role included working for clients such as The Bentall Centre in Kingston designing all of the signage which is still in use today.

The next move for Alison was a small graphic design company in Farnham before a year of travelling the world including countries such as America, Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Bali, Lombok, Singapore and Hong Kong.

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“ I found researching and implementing this new way of applying for money really interesting, someone has to! ”

## 1 / HAVE YOU EVER RUN A MARATHON?

I ran the London Marathon raising £2500.00 for Asthma UK. The following year I ran the Milton Keynes marathon and went on to complete 2 triathlons. I am now training towards the Hundred Acre Woods half marathon in April.

## 2 / WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

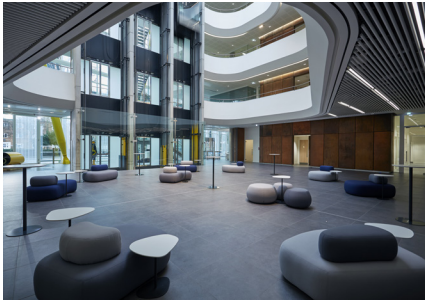
I initially started knitting hats for myself and friends, this hobby is turning into a small business, add me on instagram @ahhhats !

## 3 / WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN UPTO?

I have a son who is living in Australia and a daughter who is at this moment skiing in Switzerland.

## 4 / ARE YOU AN ANIMAL LOVER?

Just so we're clear; I like dogs I just don't want to own one! (The dog in my picture is my friends).



After returning from her travels, Alison got married and had her two children, a son called James, 21 and a daughter called Chloe, 23. While working for a small groundworks company Alison retrained in accounts and completed the AAT Level 4 Professional Diploma. She stayed with this company for a total of eight years and then moved to a plumbing and heating engineers firm for three years. These positions ultimately lead Alison to her role as credit controller for Bellsure in 2017. Alison saw the company move from their old office in Guildford to the brand new offices in Petersfield!



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Alison joined Bellsure at a time when our Streetsure division was moving into subcontractor projects. This required a completely different approach to collecting payments. Researching and implementing this was a fantastic opportunity for Alison to create and streamline a new process. Alison is a firm believer in organisation, doggedness and patience being the driver behind the success of credit control.

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## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON THIS MONTH?

### Oxford University/Frencon - Styletech

An old friend, Oxford University called up to order keys to suit a range of cylinders that we'd previously supplied. The Styletech team also supplied a collection of Doors & Ironmongery including glazed panels and safe hinges to the Great Missenda Primary School via Frencon.

### Lee Warren Fabrications - Streetsure

The Streetsure team supplied 900 Classic Double Decker cycle racks to the basement car park of 100 Bishopsgate in London - a brand new commercial/residential development. A battle of logistical issues to say the least, however our Project Management and Installation team rose to the challenge!

### Facade & Glazing Solutions - Vista

We supplied a range of door rails and associated fittings for the entrance/lobby area of an Odeon Cinema.

## WHAT WOULD YOU TELL A 10 YEAR OLD ALISON?

Be kind to yourself. Other people are as unsure of themselves as you are of yourself. You are better than you think you are.

