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# Re-accreditation of the Law Society's Lexcel Practice Management Standard

We were the first firm in the South West to be awarded this highly coveted accolade within the law industry – awarded to just 10%



of solicitors in the UK that meet the highest management and customer care standards – and are proud to have been continually in receipt of the award ever since by way of re-accreditation. We feel this demonstrates our commitment to you, our clients, and our attention to detail within each case. It's the little things that we have put in place – like our single point of contact policy, keeping things simple and working at your speed – that have enabled us to continue to meet such high standards.

#### Industry expertise is essential...

Which is why we're able to cater for niche business needs, such as commercial property and planning, employment, litigation, dispute resolution and corporate law. To find out more about our legal services for businesses please visit our website.





## Don't risk your future, get wise about wealth...

We can help our clients protect their wealth and personal assets for a more secure future for both them and their family. To find out more about our services in will drafting, estates administration and lasting powers of attorney, please visit our website.

### Landowners mineral rights

With reserves of black shale gas for fracking identified under parts of the UK including North Somerset, we have recently seen an increase in queries from clients relating to the rights to minerals beneath their property. This has coincided with the recent letters some land owners have received from the Land Registry, informing them that the Church of England is seeking to register their own ancient rights to these minerals. The Church says that they have an historic claim to these minerals and that registration at the Land Registry results from a change in the law and has nothing to do with fracking.



Powells with Chawner Grey offer expert legal advice for individuals and businesses, covering a wide range of areas, from property conveyancing to estates administration. If you'd like to discuss your rights as a landowner, arrange to speak to a member of Powells' expert conveyancing team today by calling 01934 623 501, or emailing helpforyou@powells.com



## Ensure your house move stays within budget...

We can help you budget by quantifying major expenses, such as estate agents commission and Stamp Duty. We offer a free 15 minute appointment to assess the job and help you decide which cost arrangement is best for you.

For more information on payment options, please visit our website.

#### News from the office...

We're delighted to welcome back Claire, our legal secretary who has recently returned to work after her maternity leave. Claire will now be supporting the Civil Litigation team with their cases.

This also brings us to welcome Charlie (pictured right), our new legal secretary who is supporting the Private Client Team. Charlie has a Law degree and has recently taken part in Endure24, raising money



for The South West Children's Hospice. Charlie is also captain of the Mendip ladies football team and is a qualified children's football coach. We're sure we'll be hearing more about Charlie's sports challenges in the future!







