

# Providing a Lifetime of Legal Care... for You and Your Family!

At Thorneycroft Solicitors we have always taken great pride in the quality of service that we provide to all of our clients. Whether we are representing them on a Personal Injury Claim or providing services through our Private Client Team, Thorneycroft believe that we provide a level of legal care that is of the very highest standard. This applies to all clients and we are obviously doing something right as there are many families where we provide legal services for two or more generations.

From its inception in 1990 as a general solicitors practice, Thorneycroft now provides legal care across a broad range of areas. Within this newsletter you will read about many of these, as well as the new association that we have with How Financial Review. This enables our clients to benefit from their considerable expertise and experience (see page 4).

How have kindly offered to provide Free Financial Health Checks for our clients, an opportunity well worth taking advantage of.

I am pleased to include on page 3, testimonials from clients to whom we have provided legal care in the past. If you feel that you could provide us with a similar note of your experiences dealing with Thorneycroft, please e-mail it to me at [rachelstow@thornecrofts.co.uk](mailto:rachelstow@thornecrofts.co.uk)

Hopefully you will find the contents of the newsletter interesting and informative.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Stow.



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✓ Personal Injury



✓ Conveyancing



✓ Employment Disputes



✓ Wills



✓ Probate



✓ Lasting Powers of Attorney



✓ Divorce



✓ Family Matters



No matter why or when you need a solicitor, it's reassuring to know that you're talking to individuals who understand your requirements. Experience, expertise and empathy are matched by a realistic approach to cost. So talk to Thorneycroft Solicitors first, for advice you can build on.

**Call Now 01625 503444**



# Shirt Sponsors of Warrington Wolves

Through one of the companies within The Thorneycroft Group, Claimant Law, we are delighted to be extending our sponsorship of Warrington Wolves RLFC into the 2011 Super League Season.

We have now been involved as sponsors for a number of years and this season sees The Claimant Law logo sitting proudly on the players' shirts, as the team looks to complete a hat-trick of Challenge Cup wins (having won it in 2009 & 2010!).

We do have a number of special offers that are available to Warrington Wolves Supporters and we can arrange to meet you in one of the legal clinics that we hold at the stadium.



**To discuss your specific requirements (including Wills, Conveyancing, Family Matters, Employment Disputes or Personal Injury Claims) ring 01625 503444 and ask for our Private Client Team.**

## Our Success Speaks for Itself!

### Representing a Motorbike Accident Victim

The Claimant was riding his motorbike along a main road displaying his headlight when the Defendant's tractor emerged from a gateway into the path of the Claimant and collided with the Claimant's bike knocking him to the floor and the rear wheel of the Defendant's tractor ran over the Claimant causing him to sustain a fractured coccyx, ribs and right index finger.

The Defendant drove away from the accident scene. The Claimant telephoned the police who located the Defendant in a nearby farm and he denied involvement. The Claimant's bike was written off by the impact and the

Claimant had tractor tyre marks running over his leather motorbike jacket.

Medical evidence was collated and proceedings issued which continued to 3 days before trial before the Defendant conceded liability in full.

The Pre-Accident Value (PAV) of the bike was over £4,000.00.

The Claimant also incurred hire charges of over £8,000.00. Arguments were raised in relation to rate and the Claimant proved he was impecunious.

▶ With over 150 people employed across the different areas of the business, there is always a lot happening at Thorneycroft.

▶ We're delighted to welcome a new face to our Private Client Team, and to see a familiar one return.

Sharon Farrow has returned to the company following maternity leave. It is good to have her back and to once again benefit from her experience and knowledge.

Philip Wilkinson has recently joined the team, bringing with him a broad range of experience across private client and conveyancing work. Philip has worked in a number of senior roles and will certainly provide the safe pair of hands that our clients require.

▶ Sue Phelps has returned to the PI Team following maternity leave, it's good to have her back and Jo Li has also returned.

▶ Emma Slack has recently had a baby boy, Tracy Mould and Jenna Owen have both had baby girls.

▶ Legal Executive Hazel Madden has rejoined the firm, having previously worked for Thorneycroft Solicitors whilst undergoing her training. Having qualified, Hazel joined local firm Hilary Meredith to run her own caseload. It's good to have such an experienced person back as part of our team.

### BUPA Manchester 10K

The BUPA Manchester 10k run was on Sunday 15th May and we entered a team. We raised money on behalf of East Cheshire Hospice (this is a local hospice in Macclesfield who do a fantastic job).



### BIG MOVEMBER... Well Done Guys

Well done to the guys who took part in raising £192 towards male cancer research. Those who took part were Rob Thorneycroft, Aaron Press, Craig Fisher, Mark Galvin and Leslie Chetwood.



# Buxton & Holmes Chapel Legal Clinics

In addition to our main offices in Macclesfield, we also hold regular legal clinics in other areas.

The clinics are staffed by members of the Thorneycroft Solicitors team who can advise on a broad range of legal matters including: Wills, Probate, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Personal Injury, Conveyancing, Employment Disputes and Divorce/Family Matters. In Holmes Chapel, we hold Thursday afternoon clinics in the offices above Thorneycroft Estate Agents. If you live in or around Holmes Chapel and Thursdays are not convenient for you, we will arrange another time that is convenient for an appointment, either at your home or our offices. Just call us to make an appointment.

We also hold weekly clinics in Buxton, in offices above Jon Mellor Estate Agents. The days of these clinics can vary from week to week, so just give us a call to arrange a day that suits you. We are keen to broaden the areas covered by these clinics and we are also happy to send a solicitor to speak at events (local clubs, organisations, etc) that may find talks on Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney etc informative.



Ring  
**01625 503444**  
to book an appointment

## The Cyclists' Friend

Due to a number of factors, including cost savings, efforts to improve fitness and a desire to slow down climate change, cycle use has increased significantly in the UK over the last few years.

There are incentives for commuters to cycle to work and we are also seeing more cycle lanes appearing on the roads of our towns and cities.

There is however a negative knock-on effect of this as cyclists have to deal with the dangers presented by our heavily congested roads. Consequently, there has been a significant increase in the number of accidents involving cyclists and this often results in serious injury, particularly where another vehicle is involved.

Having successfully represented a number of cyclists in accident claims, we set-up Cycle Assist last year, in order to specifically represent those who have been injured whilst cycling either for pleasure, training or commuting to their place of work. Claims will be funded at no cost to the claimant, by a 'No Win, No Fee' agreement, who will receive 100% of the damages recovered. Matt, from London, is one cyclist who we have represented.



If you have been injured in a cycling accident, start your claim by calling us now on 01625 506655.

**CA CycleAssist**  
[www.cycleassist.co.uk](http://www.cycleassist.co.uk)  
01625 506655

## What our clients say about us...

"I would like to take the opportunity in thanking you and your colleagues for your exemplary service and assistance.

It is not often that I experience such a high standard of service, but in this instance you should be congratulated in the professional, efficient and courteous approach in resolving what could have been a protracted affair.

I will pass on these sentiments to my insurance company direct, but in the meantime many thanks again for assisting me in this matter.

Very best regards."

**Mr H M Warren (Derby)**

"Thank you for a speedy outcome and all the help given. Just let me wish each and every one all the very best for the New Year. Thank you again."

**Mrs G Nicholson (County Durham)**

"Thank you for your work on mine and my husband's behalf ensuring our receipt of compensation after our car was seriously damaged by a stolen vehicle on 6th March 2010. I received my cheque today and am pleased with the amount you obtained for me. Thank you also for the card giving a privileged access to the firm's services."

**Doreen & Lionel Agutter**

"Thank you for your letter dated 10th December regarding settlement of my claim for damages. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the service you have provided and in particular to thank Jennifer Hicks for her professionalism and ease of manner which made a difficult time for me manageable. I would not hesitate to use you again should I need to or recommend you to anyone."

**Miss C Burbage (Macclesfield)**

## Wills

only **£75\*** +VAT

**CALL US NOW**

**01625 503444**

\*Applies to standard Wills and is valid until 30.4.12

# Making YOUR money work harder for YOU

Many of our clients ask us for advice on who they should talk to for advice on pensions, investments and many other financial matters.

We are now delighted to have entered into an arrangement with How Financial Review, who we are certain will offer our clients an excellent level of service.

They have established a reputation for achieving excellent results for their clients and the following case illustrates this:

A married couple with a Joint Life plan paying £20 per month have life cover of £100,000 for 20 years for the benefit of each other and their two children. Due to How Financial Review being independent and working on their client's behalf we were able to go to the whole of the market and for the same £20 premium dramatically improved the client's situation.

## SOLUTION

### 2 x single life plans

- Mr £11 per month premium  
Life cover of £130,000
- Mrs £9 per month premium  
Life cover of £140,000

Both policies were written for the same 20 year term and obviously on an individual basis with higher sums assured.

## BENEFITS

1. Increased life cover with the same premiums
2. Both lives now covered separately
3. If Mr dies first £130,000 payout
4. If Mrs dies first £140,000 payout
5. Total payout on both deaths now £270,000

Both new plans are now written in Trust. This means that the payouts would fall outside the client's estate negating the need for probate which would speed up the payments from the policies.

## Don't let a break up lead to a breakdown



To achieve the best and most amicable settlement sometimes a light touch is required, whilst on other occasions a heavy hand is needed. Consequently, we'll discuss your situation in depth and then between us decide the best course of action.

Whichever approach is required, you can rest assured that Thorneycroft will put your interests first and help you every step of the way.

### Our effective, personal service covers:

Divorce and separation, children issues, financial disputes, including ownership of property and pension rights, pre-nuptial agreements, cohabitee disputes, residence and contact disputes, care proceedings, applications by grandparents – SO TALK TO THE EXPERTS.

**Call now on 01625 503444**

## Confidential Free Financial Health Check

Available at Thorneycroft Offices or in the comfort of your own home by one of our experienced dedicated Financial Planners.

### Specialists in:

Mortgages  
Re-Mortgages  
Life Assurance  
Critical Illness  
Income Protection  
Buildings and Contents  
Pensions  
Investments  
Business Advice  
Personal and Company  
Medical Insurance

To make an appointment please call Thorneycroft on 01625 503444

### YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE

How Financial Review charges a fee for mortgage advice of £495

Thorneycroft is an introducer to How Financial Review which is an Appointed Representative of Personal Touch Financial Services Limited which is Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

## Conveyancing

### Special Offer

# £400<sub>+VAT</sub>

On properties up to £250,000

### CALL US NOW

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