



NEWCASTLE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

IAN SIMPSON

I am a native Northumbrian and was a student at RGS in the days of the Direct Grant.

I've had a 30 year career with Barclays Bank, during which time I was the RGS's Bank Manager, which included arranging the finance for the Millar Theatre. I left Barclays to become Managing Director of Heighley Gate Garden Centre and after taking that through a trade sale, I set up my own Consultancy, working with a portfolio of owner managed, family-based SMEs on structure, strategy and succession planning. I also hold Non-Executive Directorships with several clients.

I currently live in Morpeth with my wife Jean; our son is based in the French Alps so being keen skiers, we are often out visiting.

I am an Elder at Alwick Baptist Church (where they have an Old Novo as Pastor and another as Treasurer!) and am a long-term (and long-suffering), season ticket holder at Newcastle United.

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