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## **NEW APPOINTMENTS AT ASHTON BURKINSHAW**

### **Georgina Burkinshaw – AB's new Training Officer**

Ashton Burkinshaw is delighted to announce the appointment of Georgina Burkinshaw as AB's Training Officer, a new role within the Company.

Georgina has been with AB since 1996 when she began her career as an Administrative Assistant at the Tenterden branch. Three years later she moved to Tunbridge Wells to be a Negotiator and was promoted to Branch Manager at Lewes in October 2001. In April 2003 Georgina then moved back to Tunbridge Wells as Branch Manager.

"Having worked in the branches for over 10 years, I can use this experience to make my mark on the way staff are trained in an effort to increase and maintain the high standards across AB," says Georgina. "The Company endorses the national ARLA qualifications and the moves towards raising standards in the profession. It is AB's policy to support all staff to achieve the technical awards," she continues.

"We are thrilled that Georgina has joined the training team," says Graham Harrison CEO. "We take industry training very seriously at AB and Georgina will be training all members of staff in each of the disciplines within the Company as well as towards attaining the nationally recognised qualification."

"We believe that both clients and staff benefit from this investment in training which is bound to improve upon our already high standard of customer service and contribute to the long term success of our business," he added.

### **Photo 1: Georgina Burkinshaw**



### **Wendy Close – Sevenoaks’ Branch Manager**

Wendy Close has recently joined Ashton Burkinshaw’s Sevenoaks branch as Branch Manager where she heads up a team of four staff. Wendy has come with several years of senior management experience of both sales and customer service from working with BT.

“I am delighted to be managing the Sevenoaks branch. AB is built on providing first class service and is renowned for fostering strong relationships with existing landlords and new clients. I am thrilled at the prospect of leading the Sevenoaks team forward in an increasingly busy marketplace” says Wendy.

**Photo 2: Wendy Close**



### **Father and son team – John and Martyn Bacon**

Ashton Burkinshaw is delighted to introduce and welcome a father and son team to the Company.

Father member, John Bacon has recently joined AB’s Tunbridge Wells office as Branch Manager. John started his career in estate agency in 1963. During his career he has spent time in selling new homes and, over the last 15 years, in the lettings industry in Tunbridge Wells working for Oakley Prior, before it was taken over by Connells. John then moved to E J Nye in Paddock Wood.

“I am delighted to have joined a company which believes in offering an exceptional service to its clients, both tenants and landlords, leaving the rest of the competition in the shade” says John. “I very much look forward to servicing AB’s clients in the Tunbridge Wells area and to working with such an enthusiastic team”.

**Photo 3: John Bacon**



John's son Martyn, has joined AB as Negotiator at its Tonbridge branch. He started out as a trainee auctioneer at Clive Emson Auctioneers covering the southeast corner. Martyn then moved to E J Nye Estate Agents as Residential Sales Negotiator based in East Peckham where he was for three years covering the local villages and Tonbridge.

"Joining AB has been an excellent career move for me and I am looking forward to all the challenges that I am about to undertake. My aim is to continue to make the Tonbridge office the leading letting agent in the town and one of the top three offices in the whole of the company", says Martyn.

"John and Martyn are welcome additions to the AB team," adds Graham Harrison CEO. "Their enthusiasm and energy will really strengthen the teams at Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge. We wish them every success.

**Photo 4: Martyn Bacon**

