

X-Press Legal Services®

Your professional property partner



Welcome to the X-Press Summer Newsletter

Welcome to this special 25th anniversary edition of the X-Press Legal Services newsletter.

2024 marks 25 years of our company supporting conveyancing professionals across England and Wales. From our humble beginnings with a single office in Warrington, we are now an industry leading 28-territory strong firm.

Our commitment to great people coupled with a strong desire to innovate enables us to continue to deliver products that make conveyancers working lives easier. Here's to another 25 years of great ideas and outstanding client support.

Compl:ex Issue 4: out now!



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The 4th edition of Compl:ex, our in-depth compliance briefing, written by leading industry experts is available to read online now. Enter your email address online to ensure you don't miss a copy.

Summer offer

Due to the popularity of this offer, we have decided to continue it for all X-Press clients who will receive:

- ✓ Report on Title (RoT) 20 free per practice
- ✓ Source of funds 20 free per practice

Watch our latest videos

Visit the X-Press website to watch our two latest videos.

We've created a shiny new video for 2024 showcasing all we offer at X-Press Legal Services and a second focusing on our Intelligent Conveyancing Online System, the free solution conveyancers love. Scan the QR code and watch them both here:



QMP is our cloud-based quotation management platform designed to take you from quotation to completion. Learn how it can improve your working life by scanning the QR code:



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25 years of X-Press Legal Services

We've come a long way from a single fax machine and a phone which was how X-Press started some 25 years ago.

The company was established by the Lister family around their kitchen table. Lynne, Dave and their eldest son, Christian Lister, pioneered the concept of X-Press Legal Services. Younger siblings Hannah and Russ joined a few years later and the family values of honesty, industry and teamwork that X-Press was founded on, continues today.

In the early days, the X-Press offering was purely property searches but the Listers' passion for innovation soon took hold with the family keen to deliver products that would improve the way conveyancers worked. And indeed, they have.

25 years later, X-Press provides conveyancers with access to a suite of industry leading property services and products. Devised, designed and created in-house, digital products including ICOS, QMP and X-Press Pay are all available to conveyancers alongside the first-class service and support of X-Press' 28 regional offices.

Below: X-Press Legal Services celebrating 25 years.









Lynne and Dave Lister past and present.







Selection of X-Press logos through the years.

Conveyancing Timeline

1999

Conveyancing is predominantly paper-based.

2003

SDLT introduced in Finance Act 2003.

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Property Codes Compliance Board (PCCB) formed. The past 25 years has been a rollercoaster journey in the world of conveyancing featuring a property crash and a staggering 20 housing ministers. It's no wonder conveyancing remains one of the most archaic legal processes. Here's hoping the process may get a full overhaul sometime before the next 25 years is over.

2008

2008 – 2009: SDLT Holiday (August – September).

2002

Introduction of the Land Registration Act 2002, which encourages electronic conveyancing and makes registration compulsory for certain transactions.

2007

Home Information Packs (HIPs) and EPCs are introduced.

2007 – 2008: Financial Crisis Crash.

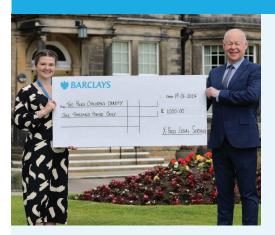
2010

HIPs are abolished.



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X-Press donates £25,000 to charity



In celebration of 25 years in business, X-Press Legal Services will be gifting £25,000 to charities and grassroots organisations throughout 2024.

Each regional office has been invited to select local charities that resonate with their team. Donation recipients so far include:

- ✓ Sussex Cricket Foundation
- ✓ Inclusive Sports for All
- ✓ Focus4Hope
- ✓ YMCA Derbyshire
- ✓ Featherwell Foundation for wild birds
- ✓ The Police Children's Charity
- ✓ The Welcome Centre Foodbank
- ✓ South West Children's Hospice ✓ Warrington Animal Welfare
 - √ The Toybox Project

"Without the support of local communities, X-Press wouldn't be what it is today. We are delighted to be able to contribute to so many worthy charities and local causes to celebrate our 25th year."

- Lynne Lister, MD, X-Press Legal Services.

2013

Land Registry begins offering digital mortgage services.

The launch of the Business Gateway service, allowing conveyancers to access Land Registry services directly.

The Brexit Referendum.

2020

COVID-19 pandemic accelerates the adoption of digital solutions, including virtual viewings, electronic signatures, and online verification of identity.

2020 - 2021: SDLT Holiday (July - March).

Brexit Day - The UK officially leaves the EU.

Law Society postpones compulsory use of new TA6 Form.

Labour return to power... the start of a new era?

SDLT reform increases tax for properties.

Introduction of the UK's first digital mortgage deed.

Anti Money Laundering (AML) regulations introduced.

2022

Land Registry begins to trial blockchain technology to enhance security and transparency in property transactions.

Post your job vacancies for free on Law Plain and Simple

Did you know we own the website **www.lawplainandsimple.com**? Law Plain and Simple enables solicitors to contribute news articles on their field of expertise to consumer readers.

Law Plain and Simple

The website also hosts a jobs board where law firms can post job vacancies for free. To post a vacancy, simply send us a few paragraphs describing the role, its location, a link to where to apply and application deadline to: help@lawplainandsimple.com

CPDs on the Road

We are continuing to traverse our network to deliver in demand CPD events across England and Wales. So far this year, we have delivered 21 events with plenty more in the pipeline before 2024 is over. Featuring industry experts Richard Snape, Stephen Desmond, Ian Quayle, David Keighley and our very own Dave Lister, our CPD events are packed with all the latest industry developments and insights you need to know.

To find the next CPD local to you, please visit our website.



Find your local X-Press office

X-Press Legal Services is now officially the largest independent search company, providing property searches and a full range of conveyancing products and services across the whole of England and Wales.

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Central, SW & NW London

0203 771 3840 **Cornwall & Devon**

01503 263 927

Cumbria

01228 406 385

Central Midlands 0330 159 5365*

Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire

01977 355 015

Dorset

0330 159 5312*

Durham

01916 593 567

East London 0330 159 5364*

Essex, Herts & Cambs 0330 159 5356*

Fylde Coast, Lancaster & Cumbria

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Gloucestershire 01453 707 664

Greater Manchester

& Cheshire 01616416503

Hampshire 02380 981 273

02380 981 273 **Home Counties &**

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Kent

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Leicestershire, Warwickshire

& Worcestershire 01788 574 706

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North Cheshire, Merseyside

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