



Trainee lawyers join scheme

SEVENTEEN aspiring new lawyers have joined Browne Jacobson's trainee scheme for 2019-2021.

Split between three of the firm's five offices, Nottingham will gain three trainees, Birmingham eight and London six.

They will work across various key sectors for the firm including corporate and commercial, insurance, construction, health, retail, government and real estate.

Iain Blatherwick, managing partner at Browne Jacobson, said: "We pride ourselves on knowing we offer a scheme which allows our trainees to gain exposure to a broad range of legal matters and a really strong client portfolio.

"This will give our 17 new starters a great foundation for the start of their legal careers and we hope that many will continue their careers with the firm upon qualification."

The new recruits will join 19 second-year trainees, bringing the total of trainee lawyers at the firm to 36.

Ten of the new starters have come via the firm's vacation scheme which was launched in 2015.

The summer vacation scheme provides an opportunity for prospective trainees to undertake genuine work whilst learning more about the firm through interaction with partners, lawyers, trainees and support teams.

One of the trainees is also an internal candidate, having already been an employee of the firm.

Ian added: "The quality of external applicants was very high, as were the 10 applicants who came through our summer vacation scheme, so we are confident we have appointed the right people to support the future needs of our ever growing business."



Wood you believe his new role

ANDREW Madge, managing director of Alfreton-based timber window and door manufacturer, Gowercroft Joinery, has been appointed to the board of UK trade organisation, the Confederation of Timber Industries (CTI).

In his new role, Andrew, *above*, will be acting on behalf of the British Woodworking Federation (BWF), where he also sits on the executive board, to ensure that its 700-strong membership is well supported and represented in key areas.

He said: "As we move towards a low carbon economy, I believe that the CTI and the BWF together will play a vitally important role in ensuring that the use of timber and timber products remains at the top of the agenda and the natural choice for specifiers, designers and con-

structors. The CTI represents producers, manufacturers and distributors across the entire supply chain and speaks for the timber industry as a whole in matters relating to jobs and skills, quality control, economic growth and environmental protection.

CTI chairman Roy Wakeman said: "Timber is clearly the prime building material for sustainable construction.

"The CTI is committed to keeping timber in the forefront of growing our low carbon economy and utilising this fantastic material to help reverse the housing crisis in the UK."

Gowercroft Joinery, formed 20 years ago, has received a number of accolades for the quality of its products and projects in recent years.