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## OLIVER'S NEW JOB BUILDS ON HIS EXPERIENCE



Some people tweak their CV to get a job but Oliver Cooper is literally building on his.

Oliver, a qualified chartered surveyor and agricultural valuer, has moved to the Isle of Wight with his wife Francesca and their two children, already putting his skills to use before they arrived to gain consent under permitted development rights to change the use of an agricultural barn to residential and then start work on the conversion himself.

Now Oliver, with his can-do attitude, has been welcomed to the Newport team at BCM rural property specialists by James Attrill, partner and head of Isle of Wight office. Oliver has joined BCM as an associate from a national property firm where he qualified as a member of both RICS and CAAV having achieved a first class honours degree in land management at the prestigious Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester.

“We are pleased that Oliver, who now has six years’ experience in land management on the mainland, is bringing his skills to BCM,” explained Mr Attrill. “Many of our team are actively involved in the fields in which they advise. Several key partners are farmers in their own right, so can use their voice of experience when assisting with the rural community.

“Nurturing talent is key to how we achieve results, and it was immediately apparent that talent comes as standard with Oliver.

“We have already had a team lunch to welcome him and at the same time celebrate the promotion of our Island colleague David Long to full partner status. The lunch at the Royal Solent Yacht Club was also attended by partners Andrew Bays and Alastair Wilson from our mainland office in Winchester.

“During the event, I was able to outline my plans for growing the BCM consultancy on the Isle of Wight, where we already have a strong presence. We will double our business turnover in the next few years, supported by able team members who deliver specialist expertise through a variety of land management and development skills.”



Meanwhile, as well as being busy in his new role, Oliver is getting on with homebuilding with Francesca at their barn near Ryde.

“I have a wide experience of farm and estate management, incorporating residential, commercial, and agricultural property advice. In addition I have also got heavily involved in sustainable land use, forestry, diversification projects and renewables and it’s exciting to be bringing this experience to BCM as it expands activities across the Island, especially working with David Long and the team on residual and commercial valuations plus planning and development.

“Many farmers have buildings where permitted development rights will allow a change of use and I have gained direct knowledge of the challenges involved with that, too,” he added.

“Now for the next hurdle, the barn conversion itself where I’ll be doing a lot of the hard work and calling on the experts when it comes to the technical areas of plumbing and wiring.”

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