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No better cause to support

At the time of going to print we were on the cusp of agreeing a deal that will make us proud sponsors of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. While we haven't dotted the 'i's or crossed the 't's, we're pretty confident the deal will go through.

The Air Ambulance charity provides a 365-day service covering Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Bedfordshire - approximately 11% of the country.

It's the second busiest Air Ambulance in the country flying an average of four missions per day. An air ambulance journey takes only minutes, greatly increasing patients' chances of making a full recovery. The equipment is expensive, and running costs are high at around £250,000 per month for both helicopters. But this equates to just £1 per person per year for the population of East Anglia.

Speaking about the arrangement, **Ian Comer**, senior director, said: "We're delighted to be supporting the Air Ambulance - it's a perfectly logical and natural association. I can think of no cause in East Anglia that is better deserving of our support."

We'll bring more news of this exciting new partnership in the next issue of News & Views.



Location, location, location - doesn't matter at all...

It may be one of the key things when it comes to buying or selling property - but it doesn't matter a jot in terms of who should represent you if you have to make a personal injury claim.

"We often get asked whether we can represent people living in many different parts of the country, and the answer is almost invariably yes," explains **Emma Crawley**, director of **comercrawley**.

"In this age of instant communication by email and mobile phone, where our clients live is largely irrelevant - we can represent them wherever it is."

To prove the point, recent cases have involved clients living as far afield as Barnstaple in Devon, London, Hull and Nottingham - along with a good number from various parts of East Anglia.

"We are always very pleased to hear from potential clients wherever they live - and if a face to face meeting is necessary, we will always travel to meet at a time and a place that is convenient to them," Emma adds.

Playing the game

We're delighted to have teamed up with two Norfolk-based sports clubs to provide financial support and encouragement.



First, we are keen supporters of **Kings Lynn FC** through perimeter advertising and vice presidency. 'The Linnets' are currently flying high at the top of the British Gas Business Football League Premier Division and attracting gates of more than 1,000. You can follow the team's progress online at: <http://www.thelinnets.co.uk>.

We were also delighted to sponsor the **Diss Athletics Club** annual 'round the town' run in our home town on 23 September. The event always draws great support from 'proper' runners and those there just to enjoy the day - and we were pleased to provide the sponsorship to ensure its success.

These days our work comes from far and wide - but we're still very proud of our East Anglian roots.

The professionals



Here's the first in what will be a regular column in which we get to meet some of the people who help us deliver a top quality service to our clients - we call them 'the professionals'.

This time round we meet former Special Forces medic Dr Marshall Garrett.

Name:

I'm Dr Marshall Garrett and I live in North Yorkshire.

Occupation:

I'm a Specialist Medical Legal Practitioner - one of very few in the UK - which means I only see patients who have suffered personal injury (PI).

Background:

I'm a graduate of Glasgow University and a former military doctor. I came out of the military 14 years ago after serving in many areas around the world.

What do you do?

I deal with patients who have suffered soft tissue orthopaedic injuries - mainly road crash victims, especially motorcyclists. I've seen literally thousands since I became a PI specialist.

I also deal with military personnel - soldiers mainly - who have been injured while in action.

Where do you see patients?

For the convenience of **comercrawley's** clients in East Anglia I hold a regular clinic at their offices in Diss. This means they get to see a PI medical specialist on their doorstep - and I meet regularly with the PI lawyers dealing with their cases.

As far as I'm aware **comercrawley** is the only firm in Norfolk or Suffolk to offer this service to their clients.

Why do you choose to work with comercrawley?

In my view, they are pretty much the perfect people to work with. They do the job properly - they provide me with a thoroughly professional briefing and all the necessary paperwork. Which means I can provide a top quality service to their customers.



A new alliance

We've struck up an alliance with Ipswich and Chelmsford-based solicitors, **Prettys**, after it decided not to offer a personal injury service to its clients in the future.

On its website, the firm says: "We are very happy to recommend the specialist services provided by **comercrawley**, who deal exclusively with personal injury work and provide a 'no cost' service."

If you are a Prettys client we can promise you the kind of high quality service that you will be used to.

Pleased to be of service...

Here's a quick-fire round up of some of the recent cases we've been pleased to help settle on behalf of our clients:

We helped a motorcyclist from **London** secure a settlement of £13,150 after he suffered a broken leg as a result of a car coming across his path while making an illegal turn.

A college matron from **Norfolk** received in excess of £30,000 after she injured her leg by tripping on defective stairs while at work.

We managed to secure more than £2,000 in compensation for a lady from **Barnstaple in Devon** who suffered facial injuries as a result of a trip on a piece of unfinished paving.

A man from **Diss** was awarded more than £8,000 when he was struck in the eye by a plastic shard while carrying out trenching work for his employer.

A motorcyclist from **Hull** suffered a leg injury when a car drove into him while he was riding in a bus lane. We helped him secure £5,500 when his claim was settled on a 50/50 basis.

We successfully represented a maintenance worker/fitter from **Norfolk** who was awarded £8,000 after receiving a crush injury to his hand while he was working on a slurry pump.

We also helped a student from **Nottingham University** to recover more than £10,000 when he suffered ankle and head injuries after being struck by a car while crossing the road.

And finally, a **Norwich** man received £1,000 when an overhead sign fell on his head while he was at work.

As with all the cases we handle, these clients received their claim in full - and our services cost them nothing. That's because our fees were met by the other party's insurer.

*If you - or a friend or relative - have been unfortunate enough to sustain an injury and would like to know whether you may be entitled to make a claim, simply give us a call on **01379 644311**. It won't cost you a penny.*

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