What made you choose this career path?
I started my employment from school as an apprentice pipefitter welder. SES is a major employer in my home town and I thought it would be great to develop my career path working for a well-established company.

What do you most enjoy about your job?
No two days are ever the same. I enjoy the day to day challenges of working within the construction industry.

What is the greatest challenge you face in your job?
The greatest challenge of my job is keeping up with the fast paced changes that occur in the construction industry.

Please describe a typical working day:
A typical day consists of managing my own workload as well as sub traders, whilst ensuring the installation meets professional standards and the company’s quality assurance procedures. In addition, I spend a lot of my time liaising with the principal contractor and attending client meetings.

What is your greatest professional achievement to date?
My greatest professional achievements are achieving registration as an EngTech and graduating from Leeds Metropolitan University with an HNC.

What attracted you to gain professional registration as an EngTech?
For me, it was the professional recognition that EngTech registration brings from the industry and my peers. A colleague also advised me of the benefits of registration.

How has gaining EngTech helped with your career?
It has given me a great sense of achievement knowing that I am now professionally recognised for my hard work and my commitment to continuing professional development.

What advice would you give someone considering professional registration as an EngTech?
EngTech registration opens doors. The possibilities for career progression and increased employability with worldwide recognition may bring many great benefits and opportunities.

How does your employer benefit from you being professionally registered as an EngTech?
My employer benefits from the knowledge that professionally registered employees are skilled and competent, and act in a professional manner. Clients view this in a positive light as it means that the company employs professional and dedicated people.

Where do you see yourself in five years’ time?
Progressing in my career, gaining the knowledge and experience to give me a steady grounding for the years to come.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
Playing golf, running and watching sport.

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Which institution(s) are you a member of? Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) and American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)

Grade of membership: Licentiate / Associate

Job title: Project Engineer

Employer: Shepherd Engineering Services Limited (SES)

Length in current job: 11 years