

Chris Blake - Blake Geoservices



“The best thing about working for yourself, in my opinion, is having the freedom of your own time.”

Geologist Chris Blake is from Dingwall and studied at the town’s academy before graduating from the University of Glasgow. In 2006 he chose the same location to start his business Blake Geoservices. From the premises he shares with his family and their businesses, Munro Sawmills and Woodblocx, the small company provides site investigation contracting services across Scotland.

By using specialist plant and equipment, the company provides support services to the civil engineering and construction sector by investigating the ground conditions on sites prior to building, thus allowing the correct design of projects to be completed. The company owns and operates three drilling rigs and numerous testing apparatus to enable them to do this effectively. All site work is carried out by qualified engineering geologists who have a background in the site investigation industry, allowing the company to provide a high understanding of environmental and geotechnical issues.

It is Chris’s commitment to providing the highest quality service to his clients, with contracts structured to suit their requirements and project budgets, which has contributed greatly to the business’s success. The company has transformed since its early days, when it received start-up funding and assistance from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Prince’s Trust, to a staff of three full time employees and an annual turnover of £250,000. It is little surprise then that in 2008 Chris was named the Highland’s top young entrepreneur as a result of winning the prestigious Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT) Business Award.

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