

CARRIE JAMESON

Purchasing Manager & Office Manager, David Jameson Roofing Services Ltd



Growing up in a family business Carrie naturally she spent a lot of time in a busy office helping out with different departments to earn pocket money. It was during this time that Carrie learned what each department entailed and appreciated the effort team members put in. The family-run roofing business in County Armagh works throughout the UK and Ireland, offering a comprehensive range of roofing and asbestos services for both the residential and commercial/ industrial markets.

Carrie knew working in the family business was going to be tough, and she felt she had a lot to prove - that she deserved to be there on merit and not because she was the boss's daughter. Both Carrie and her brother both work in the family business and their parents ensured they learned their job roles like everyone else new into the industry.

Carrie's first job role in 2007 was in reception, carrying out the typical administration jobs such as taking phone calls, typing up quotes and organising meetings. Even in the early stages she had a real sense of job satisfaction each time they met a daily, monthly or yearly target.

Since then Carrie has worked her way through various roles and promotions such as Property Assistant Manager and Training Manager. Her current role as a Buyer, which she has held since 2011, is by-far her favourite. Carrie says, 'I get to put one of women's finest traits to the test, looking for quality material for a good bargain price'. In the last year she has earned her next 'step up ladder' by becoming the Office Manager and more recently a Director of the Company.

As well as overseeing the office staff Carrie is the internal Quality Auditor for her company and the company has just recently been accredited to ISO 9001:2015 which she is extremely proud of as they have held the standard for over 25 years - they were first accredited back in 1993 being the 1st Roofing contractor in Northern Ireland to achieve this accreditation.



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In her role as the Buyer for the company Carrie carried out many tasks, such as:

- Providing prices for all materials
- Identifying potential suppliers and new products
- Contacting a range of suppliers to obtain quotations
- Agreeing delivery times
- Keeping detailed records and maintaining well organised work schedules
- Assessing the reliability of suppliers
- Dealing effectively with challenges with suppliers and the flow of materials
- Ensuring compliance with the Quality requirements of materials and services
- Liaising closely with the estimator at the tendering stage to ensure that an accurate project cost is provided
- Preparing and maintaining cost reports in order to maximise efficiency within the business
- Negotiating and agreeing the most favourable terms possible with suppliers once a contract has been secured.

As the buyer, Carrie works mainly in the office, and can expect to work around 40-45 hours a week.

Carrie reflects 'Just over 10 years now with the family business and I feel a sense of pride in my achievement of earning my position. Determination and dedication can go along way to helping you reach your goals. My educational studies help me set the foundation for me to build on'. Carrie studied at Belfast Met College and took part in a Management course with CITB NI

(delivered by Esteem) and she found these both very insightful and helpful to ensure she was able to progress when she started her career.

Carrie says 'I am lucky too to work with such a great team of office staff, site engineers and managers. All team members need to meet their targets to ensure the company overall performs and meets its high standards and it's a pleasure to say we do. Over the last few years alone we achieved a wide range of awards including Environmental Sustainability Finalist 2018, Winner CN Roofing Specialist of the Year 2018 and CN Roofing Specialist Finalist 2019'.

Carrie continues 'The things that I like the most about the construction industry is how interesting and challenging it is as no two days are the same. I also enjoy the networking opportunities that arise often in this industry which often are very fruitful and lead to good long-term connections. Over the years I have built up a great relationship with clients and suppliers and I'm still learning something new each day. I love my job so here's looking forward to the next 10, 20, 30 years!'



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