

LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES

Law firm handles it all so smoothly

LOCATED in a prominent position next to the Clock Tower, Whatley Lane Solicitors is a well-known fixture on Newmarket High Street. The high-profile firm has a team of specialist lawyers, and undertakes work in all areas of the legal profession.

Conveyancing forms a major part of Whatley Lane's work, and Michael Whatley, the principal of the firm, believes that it need not be the mysterious or lengthy procedure some people perceive it to be: "With the right solicitor, sales and purchases can be handled smoothly and clients will always receive honest progress reports," he said.

The firm has particular experience in shared-

ownership properties, and Mr Whatley said: "Clients wishing to buy a property in this way face particular hurdles which can be time-consuming to deal with. But we can guide buyers through the process and provide clear explanations along the way."

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Michael Whatley, principal of Whatley Lane by the Clock Tower.

veyancing is Mr Whatley's specialist area, and he has a keen interest in helping clients with what can be a very stressful and expensive aspect of running a business.

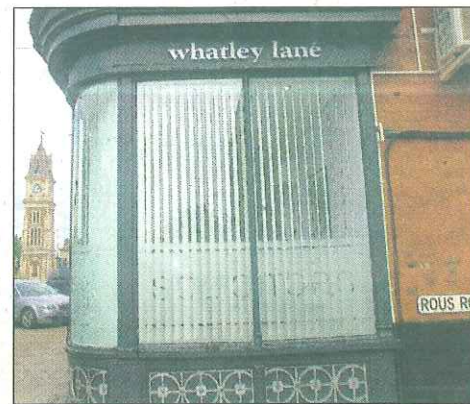
The wills and probate team advise on wills, tax planning, long-term care costs planning, powers of attorney and matters in the Office of the Public Guardian, as well as carrying out probate work. "A properly prepared will is essential, and the team can assist with the many decisions, sometimes difficult, that have to be made to ensure that the client's wishes will be carried out," said Mr Whatley.

The family department deals with matrimonial, co-habitation, arrangements with children, domestic violence and injunction matters. The specialist solicitor is on the Law Society Family and

Children panels, which means that she can act for parents, children and grandparents in care proceedings involving social services. Legal aid is available.

The four-strong criminal team deals with all types of both legally-aided and private work, and attends clients at the police station, Magistrates Court and Crown Courts.

In addition, Michael Whatley has a personal interest in the horseracing industry which spills over into his working life, and he acts in horse-related matters including ownership disputes.



■ **WHATLEY LANE SOLICITORS . . .** well-known, well-liked and much respected in the area.

Non English-speaking clients are welcome, and languages spoken at the firm include Cantonese, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Punjabi and Spanish.

"When you need an expert guide through the legal maze our efficient and friendly approach will put you at your ease and give you confidence," said Mr Whatley.

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