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EDUCATION: **Hymers College, Hull:** A's: Maths, Phys, Chem in 1973; and Law in 2001
Cambridge University: Fitzwilliam (Computing (pt 2) & Engineering Science (pt 1))
Open University: 1996 Psychology, 2022 Human Biology
ACCA: 2002 (Diploma in Financial Management (DipFM))

Current commercial positions

2019-date Investor and director, **Vital Signs Solutions** – point of care health monitoring
2019-date Investor and board observer, **Spotta** – high accuracy, rapid pest detection, weevils and bedbugs
2018-date Co-founder and director, **Invested Investor** – angel/entrepreneur educational publisher
2016-date Investor and board observer, **Dogtooth** – strawberry picking robot
2014-date Investment Committee, **Angel Co-fund** – £100m government money co-invested with angels
2011-date Founder and Investment Director, **Martlet Capital** – Cambridge, UK deeptech VC fund
2010-date Investor and director **Plumis** – innovative fire suppression systems
1998-date Principal, **Starfish** – project, sales, marketing and technical consultancy in Nfp, IT and healthcare market sectors.
1984-date Founder and director, **Camdata Limited**. Developer and manufacturer of rugged fixed and hand-held peripherals, computers and interfaces. 55,000 products shipped. Brands: Microscribe, RFIDCAM, MeLock, ZedCam, Two Technologies and Transtech

Current voluntary positions

Board member, **Global Business Angel Network** - trade body for the global startup ecosystem
President Emeritus, **European Business Angel Network** – trade body for the multi-billion European startup ecosystem
Member (previously chair), **Cambridge Angels** – group of investors/mentors
Chair, **Camentrepreneurs** – Cambridge University entrepreneurship society for alumni/alumnae
Fellow in Entrepreneurship - **Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge University**

Previous commercial positions

2020-2022 Investor and board observer, **Poro Technologies** – Gallium Nitride technology developer
2018-2022 Investor and board observer, **Pervasid** – passive RFID IoT platform with 99%+ accuracy
2011-2021 Investor and board director, **Arachnys** – instant worldwide due diligence – good exit
2013-2020 Investor and chair, **James and James** – multi-channel eCommerce fulfilment – excellent exit
2013-2019 Investor and director, **Vantage Power** – retrofittable hybrid double decker engines – positive exit.
2015-2019 Investor and chair, **Converge.io** – B2B Internet of Things within construction
2012-2016 Investor and board observer, **Cambridge CMOS Sensors** – good exit
2010-2014 Investor and director, **Eluceda, e-Go aeroplanes, Captive Media** – investments (failed)
2010-2011 Mentor, **Understanding Finance for Business** program
2007-2009 Founder and shareholder, **Ept Computing Limited** – exited at a 15x multiple on investment
2006-2008 Sales & marketing director, **Equivital** – ambulatory physiology monitoring products
2005-2008 Partner, **Starbridge** – home and garden improvements in/around Cambridge
2002-2006 Partner, **Parkside Associates** – property development joint venture
2000-2012 Founder and Owner, **Starfish Developments Limited** – Built five 3-storey town houses. Renovations incl Grade 2* listed cottage. £1.6M refurbishment - the Cambridgeshire Advice Hub.
1981-1984 Founder, CTO and International Marketing Manager of **Gercom GmbH** (Bavaria)
1980-1981 Software Development Manager of **Ulbrich Automation GmbH** (Bavaria)
1977-1980 Consultant within the Industry Group of **Logica plc**
1973-1974 Retail dogsbody, **Dick Smith Electronics**, Sydney, Australia

Previous voluntary positions

Director, **United Kingdom Business Angels Association** – and UK Angel Investor of the Year (2014-2019)
Board member, **World Business Angels Investment Forum** – Best Angel Investor of the World (2016-2018)
Policy chair, Equity Finance, **Federation of Small Businesses** – trade and policy body for UK SMEs (2017-2018)
Chair of Supporters and member of steering committee, **IdeaSpace**, Cambridge (2011-2018)
Chair of Trustee Board, **Cambridge Centre for Sixth-form Studies (CCSS)** – Independent sixth-form college (2010-2015)
Council Member, **Cambridge Computer Laboratory Ring** – a Computer Scientist graduate society (2002-2014)
Chair of Trustee Board, **Focus12** – East Anglian drug/alcohol rehabilitation service (2006-2011)
Development committee, **Future Business Centre**, Social Enterprise/cleantech incubator, Cambridge (2010-2013)
Advisory board member, **Spark Inside**, social enterprise helping prevent young offenders re-offend (2007-2013)
Volunteer, **British Red Cross** – strategic consultancy for the main board (2009-2010)
Director, **Cam Contract Bridge Centre** (2008-2013)
Director and Treasurer, **Bedford and District Citizens Advice Bureau** (2008-2010)
Chair, **Area Committee of Central England of Citizens Advice (CAB)** (2008-2009)
Chair, **East Region Committee of Citizens Advice (CAB)** (2006-2008)
Chair (previously Treasurer), **South Kesteven Citizens Advice Bureaux** (1999-2006)
Director and Trustee, **Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau** (operations, IT and property committees) (2004-2008)
Vice Chair, **Stamford YMCA** (2000-2004)

INTERESTS:

Duplicate bridge; real tennis/squash/badminton/racket ball; skiing; fell-walking (climbed Kilimanjaro, Mount Kinabalu and Galdhøpiggen, the highest peaks in Africa, SE Asia and Northern Europe, 192 mile English Coast to Coast); SCUBA diving; Speak German. Freeman of the City of London. There is greater detail at www.petercowley.org