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Frameworks

I was born in Blyth and have lived in Blyth all my life. My parents and grandparents had successful businesses in Blyth.

I purchased the elegant Victorian building on a prominent corner position on Bridge Street (dating back to 1800). I attended a course on picture framing and in 1996 Frameworks started trading and including a coffee shop employing two staff. In 2013 we undertook major renovation work to the building adding a Victorian wrought-iron canopy and new shopfront. The framing, coffee shop, gifts, artwork and newly added photography department now employs 14 staff.

We consider ourselves one of the leading independent businesses in the heart of Northumberland attracting visitors to Blyth from all over the region and all parts of the country. I feel that Frameworks has proved that the high street can survive and make a comeback as shops provide jobs and prosperity.

Our vision is to get local people to spend in their own town and our great reputation and credibility should play a significant part in strengthening the case that Blyth has a town centre.