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## **Press Release:** The Oxford Knowledge Company announces exceptional growth

### **Thriving Oxford-based IT consultancy kicks back at economic downturn**

*The Oxford Knowledge Company, the leading Oxford based IT consultancy and outsourcing provider, is pleased to announce recent rapid expansion with the recruitment of seven additional staff members over recent months; cementing their position as the leading IT provider in Oxford and surrounding regions in the SMB sector.*

A further four full-time technology consultants have been hired, together with two additional technical staff members on the service desk where all inbound technical queries are handled. The business development team has also expanded with the addition of one new staff member who will be focussing on developing new business, as well as expanding the company's marketing activities. The Oxford Knowledge Company is now exceptionally well placed to meet the needs of clients across Oxfordshire and the region, and develop true long-term IT partnerships through their diverse and well qualified team of 15 industry professionals.

#### **New employees bring wealth of experience: Introducing Alex Baker, Charlie Cooke, Alistair Holt, David Hughes, Abe Prieto, Chris Pyne and Anton Zeelie.**

**Alex Baker** (recent service desk hire): Alex joins us from the University of Reading as an additional technical team member on our service desk, and will be part of the team that deals with initial client queries.

**Charlie Cooke** (recent service desk hire): Charlie joins from The University of Oxford as a new technical staff member on our service desk. Charlie has experience of working with a diverse range of clients and tackling a wide range of support issues.

**Alistair Holt** (recent business development hire): Alistair's background includes working in both business development and marketing roles for Diageo plc, working on brands including Smirnoff, Guinness and Baileys. Alistair will be working on expanding The Oxford Knowledge Company's client base, and developing the company's marketing activities.

**David Hughes** (recent technology consultant hire): David began his IT career in 2005 when he trained as a Network Engineer and worked for an emerging IT service company. He achieved MCSE certification in May 2008, and joined The Oxford Knowledge Company shortly afterwards.

**Abe Prieto** (recent technology consultant hire): Abe joins us with several years experience in the IT industry and a MCSE certification, having relocated to Oxford from Perth, Scotland. Abe's particular areas of expertise and

interest are network design and managed services. Abe's skills and experience in the provision of managed services will be put to particularly good use as The Oxford Knowledge Company continues to expand its managed services offering.

**Chris Pyne** (recent technology consultant hire): Chris Pyne joins with 8 years experience as an IT Manager, complemented by strong experience with Microsoft servers and Citrix in a multi-site environment. Chris holds the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certification.

**Anton Zeelie** (recent technology consultant hire): Anton began his IT career in Pretoria, South Africa. He moved to the UK in September 2000 where he completed formal Microsoft and Cisco examinations, working initially as a full-time Microsoft trainer, and later as a training consultant. He recently joined The Oxford Knowledge Company as an additional full time technology consultant.

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### **About the Oxford Knowledge Company**

The Oxford Knowledge Company works with small and medium sized businesses local to Oxford or larger organisations with satellite offices in the region to provide advice, technology support and maintenance. For some organisations this means serving as the outsourced IT department: providing advice; installing computer systems; performing regular preventative maintenance - all to ensure the smooth running of their businesses. For others it means complementing the in-house team: in a strategic consultancy role, to fill skills gaps; to provide extra resources as required. For all clients it means understanding their long term business objectives and designing technology solutions that will enable them to reach these as their businesses grow, underpinned by a technology solution that will adapt with them. The Oxford Knowledge Company maintains reassuringly high standards with a highly personable team developed through its long term commitment to excellence. These high standards are demonstrated through Investors In People and Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Programme awards. For more information, please visit [www.oxford-knowledge.com](http://www.oxford-knowledge.com) or call 01865 322100.