

A Day in the Life

BIM Manager



My name is Marc Warren, and I am the BIM Manager for the North East & Scotland region of Bowmer + Kirkland. Before joining Bowmer + Kirkland, in February 2017, I gained 12 years' experience, as an Architectural Technologist, for a number of successful architectural practices. During this time, I studied part-time to gain a HNC in Building Studies (Darlington College) and BSc(hons) degree in Architectural Technology (Northumbria University), completing my studies in 2012.

Throughout my career as an Architectural Technologist; as well as Architecture; I developed a strong interest in technology and digital construction, which led to my first step towards BIM, exploring Autodesk Revit in 2008.

From my very first Revit project in 2008, to the issue of the Government Strategy in 2011; mandating BIM Level 2 to all government funded projects; and the release of the 'BIM Standards' I have learned a strong understanding of the relevant BIM standards and guidance.

From this understanding, I have developed and implemented BIM Standards and processes, for a number of years.

Now working employed by a Main Contractor, I have full visibility of the whole delivery process, managing information from Consultants and the supply

chain. Whereas previously, I had visibility and management control of the design information being exchange between consultants.

For me, the best parts of my job is the diversity. Whilst based in the North East & Scotland office, at Rainton Bridge, Sunderland, the projects that I provide support for, can stretch across multiple regions in the business. A lot of the time travelling regionally and nationally, giving support on multiple projects and delivering BIM training to internal B&K project teams and the wide supply chain. I, therefore get to meet and work with lots of great people within a vast organisation.

A typical day for me starts at 8.00am

in the office. Each day I will have a list of tasks to complete by the end of the day. However, being a point of contact on a large number of projects means that ad-hoc support is required from people working on different projects. Whether it be support on the BIM procedures, CDE setup and information exchange. It can also stem to the preparation of training sessions, one-to-one guidance and support, project setup (CDE), reviewing and responding to client's BIM requirements on potential projects, in the tender process.



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Trainee BIM Manager



With a job as varied as this, it is difficult to explain a 'typical day', as the role demands many attributes. For me, the variety is great. I work with many different people in the group and frequently visit many locations; both regional and site offices; which keeps the job interesting and fresh.

Typical finish time, in the office, would usually be around 5.00pm.

Whilst the role of a BIM Manager, for a Main Contractor, may appear a little erratic and a bit of a 'juggling act', the job brings its own unique reward in the support of internal and external project personnel. Through training and on-call knowledge-sharing and seeing a vast increase in project requirements and BIM engagement within the business, brings great job satisfaction.

