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## **SHARON BUNDY IEng FIHIE, Area Surveyor, Cornwall County Council**

Sharon entered the industry through work experience for Hants CC. She found it “very interesting and something I thought I could do.” She trained with Hants, took a year out, and moved to Cornwall, who encouraged her to pursue her goal of achieving IEng, something she “had been doing for years but never quite got round to completing.” She thinks IEng has a higher profile now, and Incorporated Engineers “are seen as engineers in their own right, with clearly defined areas of expertise.” Registration is also “more important to employers now, being more worried about possible litigation, as IEng shows a recognised level of competence.”

Sharon knows registration has “opened up a lot more opportunities for me.” She joined IHIE “relatively late in my career, having looked at the options.” Her experience has led her to say “IHIE is there for Incorporated Engineers, is very supportive, and its courses are very helpful.”

She says she joined “a very male-dominated industry – it was seen as a man’s job.” But she praises Hampshire for its “very good attitude. I was encouraged. Now, in Cornwall, there are women in a wide range of key jobs.”

She is on the Committee of S.W. Branch, “I set up workshops for IEng and think it important for people to get involved and help others. I help pass on my experience, organise courses, and put something back into an industry I have enjoyed being part of.”

She thinks “Engineering has changed a lot in my 17 years, and is now far more concerned with customer care, and taking on board the public’s needs.” She is about to move up to becoming Revenue Programme Officer at Cornwall, and urges anyone unsure of grappling with IEng to “get started; write up your record, and get a mentor, now! It is the first and best way forward to making a good career.”