## **Laure Voisey**

I am a French national and came to the U.K. in 1993. I gained my experience and qualifications in Accounting in France. My mentor was F. Moretti of J. Causse et Associés (Cabinet d'Experts Comptables et Commissaires aux Comptes, French for Chartered Accountants and Auditors). Before EC 'normalisation', the French Accountancy system was quite different from the U.K. It was state regulated with a rigid general chart of accounts (PCG) imposed onto all businesses. Although initially I had to adapt to the U.K. approach, I became appreciative of the taxpayers' autonomy granted by HMRC and the close relationship based on trust between clients and accountants found in the U.K. I can say that our dealings with our clients is based on that trust. Over the years, I had the privilege to work with men of great mind, such as Mr Keith Duckworth (of Cosworth Engines), Mr Alain Petit (of Arplast Hélices) and Mr Neil Refson (of Exakt tools). I am engineering oriented and have been known to be a quick thinker and a problem solver. On a personal note, I used to have a microlight pilot licence and I flew paragliders. Now, I delight in being 'nana' to my grandchildren. I am also involved in charity work as this fulfils my spiritual nature and my love of people. Besides all things I love cats, Maine Coons in particular.