



Northumbria University graduates Matthew Jackson, Oliver Bartles-Smith and Nick Bramwell.

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Real Estate graduates support growth at leading property firm

Graduates from Northumbria University are supporting the continued growth of Northern property firm, Bradley Hall Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents.

Matthew Jackson and Oliver Bartles-Smith have been appointed as Assistant Surveyors at [Bradley Hall](#) after completing a placement year with the company while studying towards the Real Estate BSc (hons) degree at Northumbria.

Northumbria's BSc (Hons) Real Estate course has been accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for the purpose of graduate membership. Students gain the skills and expertise needed to buy, sell, value, manage and develop property, as a career, while gaining experience and first-hand knowledge of the industry.

Speaking about his experience, Matthew said: "Not only is the location of Northumbria based in a fantastic city, but the University offers great potential for growth, both personally and professionally. It gave me the best experience I could hope for, and offered consistent help with work placements, CV assistance and mock interviews, ensuring we were as prepared as possible for our future careers."

Oliver added: "I was able to build an accomplished skill set at Northumbria and gain experience with buying, selling, valuing, managing and developing property. It gave me a great foundation of property knowledge which I will need for my future career. I couldn't have had a better experience."

Nick Bramwell, a fellow Northumbria graduate who is now a Senior Surveyor with Bradley Hall, has also enjoyed recent success with a nomination for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Matrics Young Surveyor of the Year 2020. The prestigious annual awards recognise the highest standards of professionalism and innovation and Nick was named on the shortlist for supporting national firm, Student Cribs, to secure a £2.1m off-market deal for a new residential site after adapting ways of working during one of the national lockdowns.

Since joining the business in 2014 as an assistant surveyor, Nick has also been named Estates Gazette Dealmaker of the Year for 2018, 2019 and 2020, which is awarded by the national commercial property intelligence platform to the individual who conducted the highest volume of commercial property deals across the North East.

"Working at Bradley Hall Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents is a very fast paced environment and my time at Northumbria prepared me for the world of work," explained Nick.

"My university experience was enhanced due to the mixture of independent study and teamwork. I chose to study at Northumbria as it offered a degree with a proven track record, that is only offered in a handful of places, in a

convenient location.”

Neil Hart, group managing director of Bradley Hall said: “These recent appointments further underpin our dedication to retaining local talent while futureproofing the property industry against skills shortages in the sector.

“The Real Estate programme at Northumbria University has a fantastic track record of providing highly skilled and driven candidates who have a good mix of academic knowledge and real-world experience.

“During their time with us, Matthew and Oliver have already shown great promise, with Nick excelling in his work since he joined us in 2014. Some of our best talents have grown from junior roles in the company to becoming chartered, senior leaders and directors – including myself.”

The property company operates across the North East and North West, with offices in Alnwick, Durham, Gosforth, Manchester, Morpeth, Newcastle, Sunderland, Yorkshire, and Tees Valley.

[Dr David McGuinness](#), BSc Real Estate Programme Leader at Northumbria, said: “Our Real Estate graduates are in very high demand, regionally, nationally and internationally. We are very proud of the strong links we have developed with major regional surveying firms, who year after year take on our graduates.

“Over the past couple of years, the link with Bradley Hall has been especially strong and we look forward to watching our graduates prosper and be at the forefront of exciting times for the North East, in terms of the burgeoning regional property sector.”

For more information on studying Real Estate, contact Northumbria University on (0191) 406 0901 or register [here](#) for Real Estate course updates.

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