

David was born in Sunderland into a mining family and grew up in the south side of the town, He undertook an apprenticeship as an HGV Fitter upon leaving school, but at the age of 22 joined Northumbria Police where he served for 30 years, in a varied range of roles including Armed Response duties, Motor Patrols and in the Tutor unit, training new Officers to carry out their duties. Upon retiring from the force, he took up employment with them as a Business Service Administrator finally retiring in 2020.

David was initiated into Lodge Benedict Biscop No 2975 in 1992 and served as their WM in 1997, He became a member of The Lodge of Concord No 6859 and was their Master in 2004, also The Lodge of Harmony No 4224 where he was Master in 2017 and 2018, he received his first provincial appointment in 2004 as Acting Prov AGDC, and promoted to PPJGW in 2013, He was appointed as Acting Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 2018, and as PPSGW the following year.

David has been an active member of Durham Benevolence and for many years looked after their Sheltered accommodation at Peter Stracey House, where amongst other duties he oversaw the modernisation program of the apartments. He is also a Director and Chairman of the Queen Street Heritage Trust, the Charity who own the Masonic Hall at Queen Street East in old Sunderland, a Grade 1 listed building, he has been instrumental in the major repair projects undertaken at the old hall and the extensive upgrade of its facilities for the benefit of its members.

David has been married to his wife Shirley for 34 years and they have two children a son David who they unfortunately lost in 2005 and a daughter Sarah and are the proud grandparents to three Granddaughters and two Grandsons.