

# Steve 'Rocky' Crompton

## an inspiring start in construction



Devon & Cornwall Police



**Stephen or 'Rocky' as he is known on site didn't have the easiest start in life. Discharged from the army at the age of 20 for a gambling addiction, his life took a number of turns that involved alcohol, drugs and time in prison.**

Struggling to overcome the trauma in his life, it wasn't until he started working as a labourer for Willmott Dixon that things started to change.

Joining the company in 2015 on the Met Office Supercomputer project, Stephen is now working with the team at Exeter Police Station, his third site for Willmott Dixon.

It wasn't until he had the security of a stable job and a supportive team that Stephen was able to work through his issues. An inspirational trip to Uganda for three months volunteering with a project that saves children off the street, also helped him to see a different side to life, and was the inspiration to set up his own charity.

1.5 years sober and clear of gambling, alongside working for Willmott Dixon he is now the CEO of his own charity and preparing to run 4,800kms across Africa.

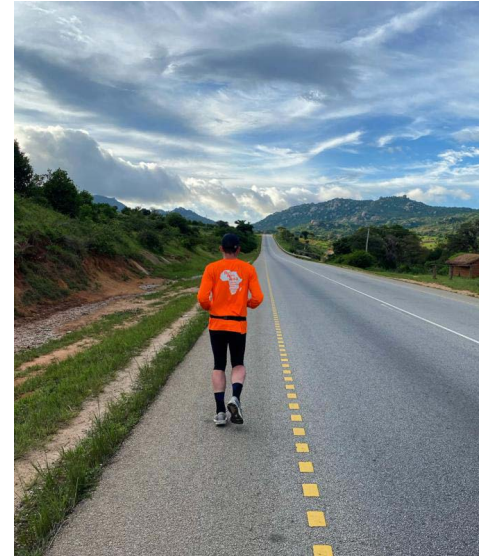
Stephen explains:

***"I have always been hard working and Simon Whittingham, Willmott Dixon Operations Manager saw something in me and gave me the opportunity to come on board as a labourer and I have been working for him ever since.***

***The whole team have helped me, not only to turn my life around; they helped me to be in a better financial position, no debts, and a good credit rating. This has enabled me to set up my charity – run for child poverty- staging 24 hour running events to raise money for children that are suffering extreme adversity around the globe."***

Stephen explains that it is hard to juggle a full time job on site as a labourer with that of a start-up charity but it is something that he relishes. Working for Willmott Dixon and being part of a close supportive team has helped him to be successful in setting up his charity.

Find out more about Stephen's inspirational journey and charity at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/steven-crompton-a28253193/>



***"It is really important to be part of the team; it taught me how I wanted to be when I ran my own business. I have learnt not only a lot about construction, because I have worked every trade over the last five years, but I have learnt how to treat others. I have been part of the Willmott Dixon team since day one, that is what has kept me here and if it wasn't for that I wouldn't be where I am today, and that is major."***

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Willmott Dixon

