



Steve Cunningham

### Spotlight on Steve Cunningham

Steve Cunningham, Assembly & Training Manager, first joined MPE in July 2011 as Manufacturing Supervisor. Reporting to Marcus Wright, Manufacturing Manager, Steve now supervises various areas of production, assembly and metal finishing on a daily basis.

They include all of the assembly operations, the paint spray room and dielectric resin filling for capacitor performance. As Training Manager, Steve is also fully responsible for the induction, training and supervision of MPE's apprentices. Furthermore he is active in the recruitment and interview of both new apprentices and new recruits to the Manufacturing team at MPE.

Steve Cunningham's career path reflects his immense experience in supervisory roles. For 18 years from 1993 to 2011 he worked his way up steadily from the shopfloor to become the Assembly Supervisor for the Stoves Group in Prescot, Merseyside, a contract manufacturer of domestic ovens for a number of major UK brands.

Between 1981 and the end of 1992 Steve was Transport Yard Foreman for the haulage and storage company T&S Northern at Prescot. There he was responsible for logistics and shipments including stocktaking, timeslot allocations and verifying loads against manifests.

Steve was educated at St Edmund Arrowsmith High School in Whiston, Merseyside, subsequently acquiring his NVQ qualifications in Supervision and Management at college. In fact he lives at Whiston with his wife, and they have sons aged 29 and 34.

His passion is travelling with his wife in their campervan all around the UK, to discover the hidden gems of small town Britain – as well as for some serious country walking. In 2018 the two of them walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge of Pen-y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough in less than 10 hours. Previously he had scaled Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scafell Pike in an actual climbing time of 14 hours.

In his younger days, Steve played non-league soccer in the St Helens & District Football Combination and Liverpool County Football Combination and secured coaching badges from the Football Association at Wembley. He has been a lifetime supporter, too, of Liverpool FC.

Of great topical interest, as an initiative during the national Covid-19 lockdown, Steve has been running a "Do Drop Inn" pub for family and friends, which he has constructed in his back garden whilst accommodating social distancing. The installation is complete with keg beer and beer pumps for dispense. Pictures of Steve's "Do Drop Inn" pub are shown on the left.



The Do Drop Inn pop-up pub in Steve's garden