

# Matt Thompson • Curriculum Vitae



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*I am passionate about Digital Design and Editing, for web and print. I can use Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects, MS Office Applications, and also love photography and video editing. I am comfortable on both PC and Mac. I have a driving license.*

## Education

**2012** Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa, Florida, USA  
Marketing/Designing Internship

**2004 - 2008** Canterbury Christchurch University, Canterbury, Kent  
Computing / Digital Culture, Arts & Media BA/BSc Joint Honours Degree

**1997 - 2004** The Cornwallis School, Maidstone, Kent  
AS Level                      Media Studies, Film Studies  
A-Level                      Design Technology  
GCSEs                      English Lang. & Lit., Maths, Design Technology, Science, Geography

## Employment

**April 2014 - Present** Graphic Designer || Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa, Florida, USA

I am a regular freelance digital designer for this zoo, working from home, in addition to the role below. I create high quality print and web material for campaigns and marketing, to promote the zoo and the various events it is involved in.

**March 2013 - Present** Marketing / Photographer / Designer || Barkaways Ferrari, Kent

I am involved in a range of tasks here; photography and image editing, designing marketing ads and other promotional material etc are my primary roles. I also do admin. work, mainly with MS office applications, editing website content, and creating e-newsletters. Providing a high level of customer service is also a key aspect of the role. I am also in charge of making sure the company's computer systems are running efficiently.

**Oct. 2012** Design Experience || Studio Eleven, London

I spent some time with this creative design agency helping to digitally design/artwork ideas for a campaign for 'Great British Beer Festival', and to learn more about the working environment and work process of a creative design agency.

## **April 2012 Marketing Intern || Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa, Florida, USA**

**- Sep. 2012** For this Internship, I was primarily a designer, using my knowledge gained in education, and from my personal time, to design and edit ads, articles, show schedules, postcards, photos, and stickers for web and professional print, in a fast-paced environment.  
I also shot and edited videos (such as zoo keeper interviews, and animal training), and some one-off events, such as filming the release of a rescued Manatee into the wild, and the documentation of an Elephant being transferred to a different Zoo.  
I also updated the company's website via Dreamweaver with new information such as animal bios. which I researched myself, and updating areas such as the Zoo calendar.  
There were also many other smaller tasks I was given, such as using MailDog to create E-Mail blast messages, and create and edit mailing lists.

## **July 2011 Producer || Txt Me TV Ltd., London**

**- Nov. 2011** This was similar to my working environment at Portland Ltd. As Producer I would be in charge, making sure everything runs smoothly. The job would include a range of tasks such as managing people, camera operation, set production, photography, controlling graphics play out, etc.

## **April 2010 Producer || Portland Ltd., London**

**- April 2011** This was similar to my working environment at Bang Media, however as Producer I would be in charge of the show, and making sure everything runs smoothly. The job would include a range of tasks such as managing people, camera operation, gallery operation, set production, and also photography.

## **Dec. 2009 Bar Staff || Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Maidstone**

**- Jan. 2010** My role involved working in two different bars within the hotel, primarily behind the bar serving customers, and completing various other tasks such as cleaning and stocking. Whilst also working the other side of the bar to maintain the high standards of the bar, and to make sure customers were happy, as well as serving them food and drink. Team work was an important part of the role.

## **April 2009 Camera Operator/Gallery Operator || Bang Media Ltd., London**

**- Oct. 2009** My role as camera operator involved me using a range of cameras for live TV, from handheld cameras to larger set ups on rigs, tripods, etc. The filming is aired live on Sky television, and required me to use my own initiative to provide effective camera work and shots, whilst also working with others as a team. I also assisted in set production and gallery operation.

## **2004 - 2009 Team Leader || Restore/WHSmith, Roadchef Services, Maidstone**

My main responsibilities were retail based, handling cash, dealing with customers and customer queries. I primarily assumed the role of shift/team leader with extra responsibilities such as being in control of running the store and being looked to for any problems that occurred. I also worked with the local Sage database system, as well as Microsoft Office applications to complete a range of tasks.  
I also worked on occasions at the forecourt petrol station in the same establishment, which was similar.

## **Nov. 2008 Runner || Town House TV/Channel 5, Maidstone Studios**

This role also involved me working on the Trisha Show. My main duties were working with the show guests – pre show preparation, guest greeting, scheduling during the show, and helping make sure the shows ran smoothly working with the production team, as well as runs as required.

## **Nov. 2008 Junior Researcher/Audience Researcher/Runner (Work Experience) Town House TV/Channel 5, Maidstone Studios**

This work experience role involved me working on the Trisha Show. My main duties were working with the audience team; booking audience for the shows, pre show preparation, audience greeting, and making sure the shows ran smoothly working with the audience team, as well as runs as required and data input.

## **2001 - 2004 Telecanvasser || Weatherseal/Supremeoglaze, Maidstone**