



## Scott Mitchell

### Delivery Manager at Version 1

I moved to Belfast from Derry 20+ years ago, mainly because of job opportunities being much better in Belfast. I joined Version 1 just over 3 years ago, and have enjoyed my time there thus far greatly, it truly is a fantastic company to work for with solid core values. During lockdown, my family decided it was time to move back to Derry due to a few reasons, including my mother's health not being good, and making the move to suit our kids' schools as much as possible. Version 1 supported this transition fully, providing project work and equipment to suit the changes required for it to be possible to make the move as seamless as possible. We have been back at home for 4 weeks now, and are enjoying being close to family again, and my work life balance is great.

#### What does your typical day look like?

Take 3 dogs for a walk, Check emails / plan day, Cycle with my son to school (15 mins each way), Shower, Breakfast, Start work – team standup / meetings, Lunch, Walk dogs if possible, Work, Pick son up from school if possible, Finish work, Kids homework, Dinner, Walk dogs, Spend time with kids (play outside or inside), Bedtime.

#### What are you currently working on?

Work for Version 1, currently Scrum Master on GIS (Geographic Information System) team within DAERA.

#### What inspired you to join this company in particular?

- Referral from friend
- Lots of opportunities / customers
- Company truly lives by its Core Values

#### Did you always want to work in this industry (tech)?

Yes! Wanted to be a computer programmer from as young as I can remember.

#### What's your favourite part about your work?

Everyone is very supportive, and want to provide value.



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**What would you say to other people considering a job in this industry (tech)?**

- Huge variety of roles and opportunities
- Secure, well paid career
- Lots of exciting products / projects

**How do you see this technology impacting on our lives?**

Limitless ways in which tech improves lives, e.g. use of drones and GIS to inspect aspects of farming.

**Who inspired you to work in this field?**

Writing programs with a zx Spectrum many moons ago with close friends.

**What do you consider to be the most important tech innovation or development in recent years?**

Way in which technology made it possible to develop Coronavirus vaccine in such a short period of time.

**What tech gadget could you not live without?**

Mobile phone (screen about to die on current model, but reluctant to change due to having to do without it for short time to upgrade).

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