



About us

Friar Street Notaries operates from the offices of Blandy & Blandy LLP, a leading firm of solicitors in Reading and the Thames Valley.

With two qualified and highly experienced Notaries, we are able to offer an unrivalled service in the area. Philip D'Arcy and David Few are the partners of Friar Street Notaries. Both are also partners of Blandy & Blandy LLP, however they practice as Friar Street Notaries independently.

What does a Notary do?

A Notary is a qualified lawyer who is primarily concerned with the authentication and certification of signatures and documents for use abroad.

We act as independent, impartial and legally trained witnesses to authenticate and verify facts and documents and to certify the proper execution of documents intended for use outside the UK. Once a document is signed and sealed by a Notary it is regarded as 'notarised'.

Our status as Notaries is recognised internationally and our signatures and seals can be legalised at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and at foreign embassies.

Our responsibility

Notarisation is accepted as a safeguard under international law. The signature and seal of the Notary are recognised as a link in the chain of evidence relating to international documents.

Notarial acts require a high standard of care, as not only clients but third parties and foreign governments and officials rely upon such acts. These people are entitled to:

- assume that the Notary will ensure full compliance with the relevant requirements both here and abroad.
- rely on the Notarial certificate.
- rely on the Notary's register and records.

Documents we can notarise

We notarise and certify a very wide variety of documents including all types of company documents such as certificates of incorporation, memorandum and articles of association, annual returns, board minutes and resolutions and share certificates. We also notarise powers of attorney, statutory declarations, affidavits, witness statements, trademark and patent applications and registrations, letters and many other types of documents.

We only draw up powers of attorney for use in England and Wales. Powers of attorney are subject to the law of the country in which they are being used, and must therefore be drawn up by a lawyer with experience of that jurisdiction.

Legalisation services

Legalisation is the process by which the signature and seal of the Notary are authenticated by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in some cases the relevant Foreign Embassy. Some countries require this. In many cases a certificate from the FCO called an apostille will suffice. We provide a comprehensive legalisation service for our clients where required.

Who we act for

We act for private individuals, companies, corporations, charities, partnerships and associations – effectively any type of business or undertaking ranging from large multinational companies to owner-managed businesses and SMEs.

Our fees

Our current hourly rate is £285 + VAT. Once we have seen the documents and any instructions sent to you about the documents, we can normally give you a firm indication of the likely charges, including any costs of legalisation, if required.

Terms of business and data protection

Our Terms of Business, Privacy Policy and further information on how we process clients' data are available online or upon request:

www.blandy.co.uk/personal/notarial-services

Why use Friar Street Notaries?

- As we have two notaries at least one of us is nearly always available at a time convenient for you.
- Our offices are ideally located in the centre of Reading, just a short walk from the Station, major bus routes and nearby parking.
- Our collective experience means that we have encountered most situations before.
- We pride ourselves on offering a quick, efficient service.
- We are always happy to discuss matters and will give a clear indication of the likely cost before we begin any work.
- We can also provide a comprehensive and efficient legislation service.
- Philip D'Arcy and David Few are member of the Notaries Society.

Meeting a Notary

Wherever possible, please make an appointment. Please also forward copies of any documents or communications with lawyers and/or bodies overseas in advance of this appointment.

If the document is in any language other than English, we will usually require a translation. This is because the Notary has to understand the document so as to be satisfied that you understand what it is that you are signing.

The person who is signing the documents in question must attend the meeting in person and sign in the presence of the Notary. Please do not sign documents beforehand.

You will need to bring with you your current passport, or if you do not have one, alternative satisfactory photo identity, such as a UK driving licence. You will also need to bring some evidence of your current address, which might be your driving licence or a current bank statement or utility bill.



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