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Qualifications: BSc Agriculture, Wye College, University of London. MSc. Applied Entomology, Imperial College UoL.

After graduation, I spent 25 years working on various development projects in tropical and sub-tropical countries amongst smallholder farmers. These included, Uganda, Malawi, Lesotho, the Eastern Caribbean and Yemen, as well as 9 years in commercial citrus production in Eswatini (Swaziland) producing oranges and grapefruit for the local and international markets. During my time in the tropics, within each country, citrus and other tropical fruit crops became one of the several crops with which I became involved.

Following my time overseas, for 9 years, I joined the Natural Resources Institute, as part of the Medway Campus, University of Greenwich in Chatham. This involved linking UK universities with overseas university research departments in applied agricultural research programmes in the semi-arid parts of Africa and India.

Having spent many years visiting Penwith, I and my wife now live permanently in Sennen and have enjoyed being part of the Peninsular Garden Society.