

## **Andy Baker**

Andy has an extensive background in telecoms and audio visual engineering having been involved in telecoms and associated technologies since the early 1970s.

Having served as both Technical and Managing Director at a number of specialist companies Andy retains a keen interest in logistics, systems and technology. He loves to figure out exactly how things work and operate and enjoys nothing more than seeing if they can be made to work more effectively and efficiently. Andy is currently Technical Director at Baker Stone Systems a bespoke provider of 'Smart Technology' to residential and commercial clients.

In addition to his day to day work over the years Andy served as Chairman of the EMEA Region of a Major Global Trade Association for three years, also serving on the Global Board of that association, as well as being Office and Stadium Manager for Billy Graham's visit to Sheffield in 1985.

It was also in 1985 that Andy's son Ben was born with Down's Syndrome so as Ben grew so did Andy's interest and involvement with Special Olympics Great Britain and in 1993 one of Andy's companies provided all the AV Support services for the National Games in Sheffield including the opening ceremony.

Currently Andy runs the SO-Sheffield Ten Pin Bowling Club (The Strikers) and is Chair of the Sheffield Network. and Chair of the English National Council of SOGB.

Andy volunteered at the SO National games in Leicester, Bath and Sheffield - helping to run venues, being Head Coach for his region at Ten Pin and generally using the skills gained from running a successful production company for many years to contribute in a small way.