



Gotelee's have been serving Hadleigh for 83 years. Proud to be offering a full legal service from their Hadleigh office, whether it be for business or individual. Their services range from Wills and Probate, Family Law including Divorce and Separation, Employment, Criminal and Personal Injury and Medical Negligence plus a whole range of business services including buying or selling a business or commercial property. Gotelee are here for all your legal needs.

The company began operating in Ipswich with various names throughout the late 1800's. In 1904 it was called Leighton & Aldous when Harry Scotchmer Gotelee, aged 23, arrived. When Mr Aldous died in 1912, Harry became senior partner and the firm became Aldous & Gotelee. The same year Claude Goldsmith was employed, eventually becoming a partner in 1927 and Gotelee & Goldsmith was established – the name that remained until 2010. In 1934, Harry's son Allan came on board and they took over a Hadleigh legal practice at 6 Church Street. The following year saw the arrival of Owen Goldsmith, nephew of Claude. Harry passed away in 1961 still working at 80 and in 1971 Claude retired at 82 years old, with Allan Gotelee retiring in 1979, having been awarded an MBE in 1959. This rich and illustrious history is the foundation and inspiration for their work. Gotelee's long and ever-growing reputation takes consistent maintaining.

Kay Baker joined Hadleigh's team almost a year ago. Her expertise is in Tax, Wills, Powers of Attorney and has particular experience and care in acting for elderly and vulnerable clients, as well as families and business people, needing advice on tax planning. I asked her how would she describe Gotelee's approach? "A good local service with traditional values, looking after families matched with a modern outlook". How about the online competition offering more DIY solutions? "Initially promised prices sometimes fail to disclose potential hidden charges, therefore clients are caught with extra costs once work begins". This is something she's insistent, must never be the case. This sits in the middle of The Gotelee Promise that; 'We will do our utmost to give every client the highest levels of courtesy and service. That's a promise. Your legal costs will always be clear, with no surprises. That's another promise. At the heart of this approach are our people and their commitment to creating positive results for clients.'

There's something about reliability and the reassurance that comes with having a local office. And confidence and assurance is everything in this field and all the marketing ever really needed. No matter if it's a small job or a major undertaking, the impression is custom is equally valued, with meticulous diligence and considerate engagement.

Finally, Gotelee see the Hadleigh community as the ground for their continuing success and to this end, often sponsor local enterprise toward increasing social integration. This year has seen them sponsor The Hadleigh Festival of Gardening and Art, Hadleigh Bowls Club, The Porch Project, The Rosa Simon concert and The Hadleigh Show Art Preview to name a few. Charles Rowett, Gotelee's chief executive, sums this up in saying; "We pride ourselves on being here for the local community, so what better than sponsoring such fantastic events that are at the heart of it?"

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