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Peter Bellwood, left, and David Hinks of Bellwood Prestbury

Terrorism, kidnap cover company welcomes David

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A CHELTENHAM-BASED global insurance specialist which provides cover for terrorism, kidnap and ransom has recruited a new business development manager.

Bellwood Prestbury has appointed David Hinks as part of an expansion drive to grow the business.

Mr Hinks brings nearly 30 years of business development experience with him, from having previously worked for Ecclesiastical, Endsleigh, Fortis, Allianz and the Thistle Insurance part of the Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group.

Peter Bellwood, managing director of Bellwood Prestbury, said: "We are delighted to be able to welcome David to our team. He brings with him a wealth of experience in UK and European Insurance markets.

"I am sure he will be a great asset, particularly with his strong foundation of technical and insurance sector knowledge. "The new appointment is a further statement of our intention to grow the business. We recently invested in a completely new website and are devoting more resources to promoting the business.

"We are becoming increasingly well known for our focus on insurance solutions for organisations operating in multiple location, high-risk occupations or locations."

Mr Hinks said: "I am excited about this new opportunity.

"Bellwood Prestbury already has an excellent reputation in their marketplace and it is a

great time to be joining the business with their plans for growth."

In his new role, Mr Hinks will target UK companies with operations overseas and also non-UK domicile international firms.

He will be promoting Bellwood Prestbury's services, which include providing cover for political violence and terrorism, kidnap and ransom and property and vehicles cover. Bellwood Prestbury has more than 600 clients operating in more than 50 countries worldwide.

It is a Lloyd's Coverholder, specialising in insurance for individuals and organisations operating outside their home country, often in high-risk industries and dangerous, remote or politically unstable regions. Bellwood Prestbury provides cover for people, business liabilities and assets and property, ensuring their operation is properly covered at all times.

It has expertise in high-risk regions, such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria and across Africa, helping provide insurance where standard cover will not be valid. Bellwood Prestbury's client list includes organisations of all sizes, in oil and gas, construction, consulting, demining, engineering, IT and communications, logistics, marine security, mining, NGOs, and UN contractors, operating all over the world.

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Charity awards launched

THE 2015 Local Business Charity Awards have been launched in Gloucestershire.

The awards, which recognise the support and contributions made by local businesses and individuals to Gloucestershire charities, are in their second year. Jelf Insurance Brokers will continue to sponsor the awards and will this year be joined by new sponsor, solicitors Harrison Clark Rickerbys.

Last year solicitors Sewell Mullings Logie LLP won the corporate award for its work with The Churn Project, a community charity for the residents of Cirencester.

The individual award was won by Geof Robins, operations director of Printwaste Recycling, for his work with two charities, The

Butterfly Garden and Cobalt Health. The judges for the 2015 Local Business Charity Awards include Phil Barton, Jelf's chief executive (insurance), Jon Whitbread, partner, Harrison Clark Rickerbys Solicitors and Matt Holmes, editor of the Gloucestershire Echo.

There will be three categories. The Corporate Award is given to a Gloucestershire business which judges feel has gone the "extra mile", either through time given, services provided or financial support to a local charity. The Team Award is given to a business which used a team of its employees to support a local charity at an event.

The Individual Award is given to an individual from within a Gloucestershire company, in

recognition of their personal dedication and contribution to the local charity, supported by their employer.

Nominations are welcome from charities nominating their corporate supporters and staff or from the businesses themselves. The prizes for the Individual and Corporate Awards will be a £1,000 donation by Jelf and Harrison Clark Rickerbys to the charities supported by the winning company.

The individual prize will be a luxury weekend away to the value of £250. The new website localbusinesscharityawards.co.uk is now open for entries. Finalists will be announced on August 18. The awards evening is at the Ellenborough Park Hotel, Cheltenham, on September 3.