

## **JAMES TEAR**

James Tear is the Managing Director of The Solpro Group and a “proud metal basher of this parish”

The Solpro Group is one of the World’s largest manufacturers of Silver Brazing and Industrial Silver Alloys. With its manufacturing facility in the traditional engineering heart of Sheffield and a sales and distribution facility in Paris, the Solpro Group supplies its specialist alloys to customers in over 50 countries throughout Europe and the Rest of the World.

With family connections to one of the few remaining cutlery and silverware factories in Sheffield, James is also cheeky enough to call himself a Cutler.

James has been involved in the Cutlers Company Better Learners Better Workers education programme since its inception in 2012 and spent several years as the Business Champion linked to Stocksbridge High School, he remains involved in the programme today.

James is currently Senior Warden to the Cutlers Company of Hallamshire where he has been a Freeman since 1995 and a Member since 2004. His father Paul Tear was the 359th Master Cutler in 1997/8.

Away from his business commitments James is married to Jo and they have three boys aged 24, 22 and 19. James can often be found on the shooting field and in a salmon river and has been known on the odd occasion to jump on a mountain bike and put on a pair of skis. As part of his midlife crisis James is currently restoring a 1960 Series 2 Land Rover.