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Born in 1957 in Rawdon, near Leeds, Richard is number five in a family of six boys. He was educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, and Millfield School, Somerset, going on to graduate in 1982 with a First-Class Honours Degree in Production Engineering from Leeds Polytechnic.

Describing himself as an engineer and professional business manager, Richard has worked in a variety of manufacturing businesses, from brick making to the production of chainmail butchers' gloves. Employed in both operations and sales, his work has taken him to most corners of the globe, including a year based in Chicago. After 20 years as Managing Director of Ellis Patents Ltd in Rillington, Richard has retired and is now Chairman.

Recently stepping down as Chairman of York Minster Fund, he is the Chairman of Derwent Training Association in Malton, which is a centre training both engineering and electrical apprentices.

Richard has continued to live in Rawdon, with his wife Gill, and they have two children: David, a post-doctoral researcher at The University of York, and Olivia, a Resource Advisor at Leeds Community Healthcare Trust. He is also a proud Grandpa to Olivia's daughter Amelia. Richard is a motorcyclist and yachtsman.