**Dr. Simon Grant** CChem FRSC

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Simon gained his BSc in Applied Chemistry (Brunel University) and MSc in New Polymer Synthesis (University of Lancaster) before studying for a PhD at University of Warwick.

After his PhD Simon joined BP Chemicals in Hull in 1991 where his roles included Process Development, Speciality Chemical manufacture and Technical Service.

After 5 years, Simon joined Victrex Manufacturing Ltd. as Process Improvement Chemist. Simon’s career progression resulted in him leading R & D Process Development and support activities at three Victrex sites (Rotherham, Seal Sands and Hillhouse). In 2007, Simon completed a part time two year Executive MBA at Lancaster University.

Simon joined Thomas Swan & Co. Ltd. in 2013 where he leads Research and Development for Performance Chemicals, Custom Manufacture and Green Feather Innovations business divisions. His focus is to develop R & D capabilities to support strategic commercial goals. Simon is the lead contact for external academic collaborations, as part of Thomas Swan’s open innovation strategy.

As Sustainability Project Manager, Simon co-ordinates Sustainability related activities at Consett and he sits on the Sustainability Steering Group of the CIA where he inputs an SME’s perspective to the Group.

Simon’s 30+ year career in Chemistry has been recognised by the award of Honorary Professor of Chemistry by University of Nottingham.