

Ben Wilson

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Core Skills: Journalism

- Accurate & competent subbing skills
- Proofreading
- News and feature writing
- Page layout and design skills
- Online journalistic skills including:
- CMS management and web design
- Image manipulation

Project Management

- Excellent communication skills
- Organisational skills
- Work well as part of a team
- People management
- Networking skills

Software

- MS Word
- MS Excel
- Photoshop
- Quark Express & Copy Desk
- InDesign
- Dreamweaver
- Competent computer skills for both Mac and PC
- Basic knowledge of HTML

Miscellaneous

- Clean driving licence
- Teeline shorthand 50wpm

Education

Attended Cardiff University
Sept 2003 – June 2004

Obtained a PTC Accredited Diploma in Magazine Journalism.

Attended the University of Central England
Sept 1997 – March 2001

Obtained a 2.2 in English Lang & Lit.

Attended The Bishop of Llandaff High School
Sept 1990 – June 1997.

GCSE's

10 grade C or more

A-Level's

Art & Design	C
English Lit	C
Geography	D

Career History

**July 2008 –
Sept 2008:**

Freelance work for Poker News: Conducting interviews, writing player profiles ad features.

**June 2008 –
Present:**

Freelance work for World Poker Tour: Researching and writing news and features, covering national poker tournaments, conducting interviews, writing player profiles.

Dec 2007:

Freelance work for Business Insider Wales including researching and writing article and features.

**Sept 2007 –
June 2008:**

Freelance copywriter for E2-Adventures.com: Writing copy for company website and PR for publication online and in national press.

**Aug 2005 –
Aug 2007:**

Online editor for Xtremism.com an online guide to UK adventure sports: Managing site, updating and writing content, publishing bi-monthly news letter, subbing copy, liaising with freelancers, planning future content and website development.

**July 18 –
29 2005:**

Work experience at Hotdog: Writing film, DVD and book reviews, writing box-outs, transcribing interviews, researching features.

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Career History continued

- May 9 –
13 2005:** Work experience at Total Film: Researching interview subjects, transcribing interviews, writing reviews.
- March 1 –
May 6 2005:** Copywriting, design and website maintenance for online computer hardware distribution company THXtrade.
- April 5 –
16 2004:** Work experience at Metal Hammer: Subbing raw copy, editing and updating website content, writing reviews, researching and writing a vox-pop article.
- June 2001 –
Aug 2005:** Writer and contributor for Buzz – Cardiff’s entertainment and listings guide: Reviewing films, music, live events and writing news and features.
- Sept 1997 –
March 2001:** Writer and sub editor for DeU.C.E / Spaghetti Junction – Birmingham City University’s Student Union publication: Writing music and film reviews, covering events, interviewing bands including the Stereophonics, Reef and the Fun Loving Criminals, writing features and news.

Personal Statement

As a consummate professional I am both eager and enthusiastic with a passion for the written word, journalism, magazines and magazine craft.

A copywriter, magazine journalist and online editor with extensive contacts, I have over four years experience including two as the online editor for a UK based directory and ezine for adventure sports. As an avid adventure sports aficionado this allows me to combine my love of action and adventure with my passion for writing and prose.

As an established poker journalist I have worked for Future Publishing, Players Publishing, have written for Poker News and am a regular contributor to World Poker Tour magazine – providing poker strategy guides and player interviews. As part of my role as freelance tournament editor I have covered prestigious UK poker tournaments including the Grosvenor UK Poker Tour (GUKPT) and the Gala Casinos British Poker Tour (GCBPT) as well as Paddy Power’s Irish Winter Festival in Dublin.

Highly motivated, I have undertaken freelance roles as both a copywriter and journalist for a selection of magazines and websites including business titles and corporate websites. Organised with proven planning and ezine production skills, I possess competent subbing skills and the ability to write flawless copy to strict deadlines.