Fireworks

Person Profile

Darryl Flemming

Darryl Flemming is the displays manager for Kimbolton Fireworks, in Cambridgeshire, the only company in the UK which still makes its own fireworks. Darryl has fired over 1000 fireworks displays in the UK and overseas. He studied chemistry up to the age of 16 and then became a surveyor. He started working on fireworks displays in his spare time, gaining experience of hand-firing and setting up the fireworks. He has been the displays manager since 1998. His job involves planning fireworks displays, setting them out and firing the fireworks with the help of a team. For large displays Darryl uses ‘Fire 1’ to control some parts of the firing by computer. He enjoys the ‘danger’ aspect of the job, but also the satisfaction gained from seeing a well-planned display working out in practice.