

## Tom Chown

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### VIDEO JOURNALIST/DV DIRECTOR

I am a BBC trained Video Journalist, Assistant Producer and Researcher, proficient in self-shooting DV. Currently employed by Ten Alps Digital I was involved in the launch of Kent TV, the first county broadband TV channel in Europe. Using innovative new technology blurring the traditional narrative of broadcasting and the web the new [www.KentTV.com](http://www.KentTV.com) channel offers a global audience the chance to watch films on what they want, when they want it. I am experienced in self authored observational filming. In April 2006, I produced a series of exclusive stories for the BBC about a British woman who was preparing to run a marathon at the North Pole. I arranged the logistics, produced, filmed and edited a series of stories at the North Pole, which were broadcast on BBC News 24 and other BBC regional news programmes. I filed the series of stories within 24 hours of the event - a global first for filming at the North Pole. The films were shortlisted at the International Video Journalism Awards in Berlin and were Highly Commended at the London and South of England Media Awards in October 2006. I have also worked on several exclusive undercover and investigative stories for BBC South East. One of the stories I produced was nominated for a Royal Television Society Award for Original Journalism.

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

#### Ten Alps Digital, Deputy Editor

August 07 - Present

- Deputy Editor for KentTV.com
  - Producing, researching, filming, presenting and editing films
  - Producing accompanying synopses, strap, hotlinks and meta tagging content
  - Pre-moderating user generated content to Ofcom regulations
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#### BBC South East Today, Tunbridge Wells Video Journalist

August 02 - July 07

- Producer of the North Pole Marathon film "The Woman Who Ran the World"
  - Assistant Producer for undercover investigative filming and surveillance
  - On the day Video Journalist/Assistant Producer
  - Producer for BBC2's Restoration series
  - Assistant Producer for BBC South East's current affairs programme "Inside Out"
  - Experienced Field Producer for live Outside Broadcasts
  - Part of the launch team of the South East's new "Politics Show"
  - Exclusive access to aid projects in Africa
  - Live gallery experience
  - Broadcast Journalist for BBC Where I Live website & Video Nation Producer
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#### Freelance Assistant Producer, Director and Editor

August 01 - July 02

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Director on the new Kate Moss RIMMEL and PHYSIO SPORT commercials
  - Producer, Director and Editor of promotional videos for blue chip clients and local government
  - Assistant Producer in Brighton for the "City of Culture bid".
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**Landscape Television Channel Europe, Crowhurst, East Sussex**  
**Digital Operations Manager**

**July 97 - July 01**

- Project managed the channel's move from analogue to digital production
- Installed digital video servers in Holland, Germany, Norway and Canada
- Ran the production department whilst the Programming Director was on a sabbatical
- Directed promos and stings for the channel, including a TV commercial for a subsidiary company
- Edited music promos using three machine BetaSP and Adobe Premiere
- Edited "Real Life TV", a series of films on the art of the human body

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#### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- SONY Z1 & PD150 Shoot & Edit Video Journalist
- AVID Xpress Pro and Pinnacle Edition DV Editor
- Macromedia Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop, FTP software, & ENPS

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#### **VOLUNTARY WORK & INTERESTS**

In September 2004 I worked with Kent-based charity; International Care & Relief. Producing a short documentary about the work the charity does in third world countries I flew to Kenya to film in slum villages with local youths who were being taught about HIV awareness and projects aimed at supplying rural villages with fresh water. The film is now being used by the charity to promote their work and gain new sponsors to help raise funding. I produced a special feature highlighting the charity's work, which was broadcast on BBC South East Today as part of the BBC's Africa Week in July 2005.

I am a keen member of British Military Fitness, a popular new alternative to gym membership with classes training members in all aspects of cardio vascular and physical fitness. I enjoy off-road mountain biking, skiing, adventure/activity holidays and foreign travel.

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#### **TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS**

BBC Video Journalism training, Broadcasting House, Newcastle  
BBC Journalism for Film Makers, Bristol  
Web Writing & Journalism for Online, MHS Training Centre, London

3 'A' Levels in Media Studies (A), Film Studies (C) & Geography (D), 1997, Bexhill 6th Form College  
9 GCSEs (A-C grades inc Maths, English, Media Studies & Double Science), 1995, Bexhill High School

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**REFERENCES - Available upon request**

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