



## ABOUT ME

**My name is Chris.**  
**I used to go to Headlands and now I am owner and chief executive of CT Energy.**

## ABOUT MY JOB

I am acting as a Specialist Adviser to the Gas Networks and Government on decarbonising the Gas Networks to meet the Government's Net Zero target. This involves developing the strategy for the development and deployment of Hydrogen and influencing the Government policy development.

I stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer of Cadent with over 35 years' experience in the energy sector. Cadent has 5,000 direct and 4,000 contractors serving around 11 million customers across four gas distribution networks.

I am now acting as an Advisor on the Decarbonisation of Heat for the Energy Networks, developing strategy and policy development. I am also a Non Executive Director for NetGas in the Czech Republic and Chair the Health and Safety Committee.

I have been at the centre of several fundamental changes to the way the UK's gas network is structured and operates, including the National Grid's sale of four gas distribution businesses.

Serving as an asset to numerous bodies, I undertook the role for 10 years as the Network Emergency coordinator under the Health and Safety Executives Gas Safety (Management) Regulations, 10 years as Chair of the Government's Energy Emergency Executive where I provided strong leadership and direction to Government, the regulator, and businesses, and sat on various European and international committees.

I received an OBE in 2014 for services to the electricity and gas industry.

## SCHOOL RESULTS

I left Headlands in 1979 with 7 O-Levels and 3 A-Levels (Maths, Physics and Chemistry).

## ADVICE TO STUDENTS

**Be inquisitive and embrace change as an opportunity not a threat**

## WHAT I DID NEXT

I left school to go to Leeds University to study for a BSc Hons in Fuel and Energy Engineering.

I subsequently achieved a Diploma in Marketing (DipM) from Luton University and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Hertfordshire.

I am a Chartered Engineer.

## FAVOURITE MEMORIES

I have very fond memories of my time at Headlands school providing me with a strong academic and social upbringing.

Many teachers inspired me on my path of learning. I would particularly like to remember Mr Johnson who took us for physics. He would leave out fully charged capacitors on the benches for the prying fingers to literally get a shock!

The school had particularly good sports facilities which helped show the value of been part of a team and the value of the contribution of all members and not just the stars. Thank you Mr Fuller and Mr Sutcliffe.