

# An introduction to our Pharmacist: **Paddy Breen**



Paddy Breen is our Pharmacy Manager and oversees all aspects of the day-to-day running of the pharmacy. He's always looking for new ways to add to and improve the services provided by Ashtons.

Paddy's career could have taken a very different turn however, had his University degree and the delights of Brighton not got in the way. For Paddy had been a schoolboy boxing champ of his home country Ireland from the age of ten until nineteen.

'I'd wanted to turn professional, but when I obtained my pharmacy degree in Belfast then moved to Brighton, I never really got back into it,' explains Paddy.

Boxing's loss is our gain, as Paddy has been integral to many of Ashtons' innovations since joining the pharmacy. His friendly, approachable manner has made him a well-known member of the local community and he's established strong links with the nurses at local clinics, as well as district nurses based in Brighton and Hove.

'My good relationship with the nurses has been strengthened further by helping to develop Ashtons' dressings request service, which they've found a huge help. We deliver dressings quickly and save the nurses a lot of time and hassle.'

Before moving to Brighton, Paddy's travels had taken him to New York, where he sold ice cream at the Statue of Liberty, and Canada. Now married with two young daughters, Paddy has brought his wealth of pharmacy experience and sheer enthusiasm to help Ashtons Late Night Pharmacy go from strength to strength. 'We are constantly updating, innovating and improving,' he says. 'I want to give the best service possible and the needs of the community are at the heart of everything Ashtons do.'