



“Having founded the business in 1994, my business partner Mike Cook and I sold Stumpbusters to Darren in 2013. He was one of our franchisees at the time. During the sale communication with Darren was great, doing everything he said he would in a measured and timely manner. As a franchisor one worries about how the sale will effect franchisees who have become friends over the years; I’m delighted to say that the move was a great one for everyone concerned and exceeded all our expectations. He expanded the business and brought in new ideas, bringing on new franchisees as well as retaining the existing ones. The franchisees still speak highly of Darren. Can there be any better testimonial than that Mike’s son is now a Stumpbusters franchisee with four territories? I would not hesitate to recommend Darren to any franchisor looking to sell their business.”

**Martin Chignall**  
Former owner of Stumpbusters



“My husband Peter and I sold Wilkins Chimney Sweep to Darren in January 2018. Selling the business was a simple enough process. Darren came to us well prepared, having done the required due diligence before we met. We in turn had all our contracts, invoices, financials and relevant paperwork to hand, which meant we were quickly able to talk figures. On meeting Darren he asked pertinent questions, and after short negotiations, we agreed terms. Darren is a straightforward guy; he is easy to deal with and wants everyone to walk away from the table happy; I’d be happy to recommend him in any similar sale of business transaction.”

**Louise Harris**  
Former owner of Wilkins Chimney Sweep

“I sold Darren Thomas Cleaning Franchise in August 2020 then, just a few months later in December 2020, sold him my remaining business, Thomas Cleaning. Throughout the sale of both businesses I have found Darren to be a fair and honest man to do business with. He is a nice guy, very easy going and the processes were both quick and painless.”

**Richard Thomas**  
Former owner of Thomas Cleaning Franchise and Thomas Cleaning



“I sold Darren my business PVC Vendo on 21 December 2018. I had mentioned I wanted to sell to a mutual friend in the franchising world, who put me in touch with Darren. We met and after a 6-7 month negotiating period, I sold him my business. I can only speak highly of Darren and his conduct during the sale. He met all his obligations, both financial and legal. Based on my experience I would highly recommend a franchisor looking for an exit strategy to talk to Darren”

**Ivan Calhoun**  
Former owner of PVC Vendo

