



Jenny Knowles

Jenny is a Project Manager, and has been with the Catapult for two years. Since joining, Jenny's been managing the In Orbit Demonstrator Projects and the Astroscale In Orbit Servicing Control Centre project before taking on 5G Rural Dorset.

"The one key skill I bring is support to the team - this may be through stakeholder engagement, information control and distribution, planning, resource profiling, meetings... etc. I will do what I can to remove blockers or stresses within the team to allow focus on the interesting technical work."

1. How long have you been working at the Catapult?

I've worked in the Catapult for just over 2 years

2. Tell us a bit about yourself/your background

I worked within defence aviation for almost 18 years. I managed test, integration and proof of concept projects on rotary wing, fast jets and heavy aircraft platforms (a few of which are now in museums!) for the UK MoD and foreign governments.

3. What is your role within this project?

My role is Project Manager

4. What are you most looking forward to researching/achieving/demonstrating during this project?

I'm looking forward to seeing all the component parts I hear about being up and running, I think seeing will support understanding for this not very technical Project Manager. Also, seeing a demonstration of some kind of Neutral Host Environment will be a fantastic achievement.

5. How do you see this project transforming lives/business functions?

The success of this project will be positively felt by all residents and visitors to the county in ways that much of the country take for granted. These range from safety aspects which are crucial in rural and coastal areas, increased industry in the area providing more career opportunities to enable the young people to stay in the area, efficiencies in farming allowing the farmers to achieve more with less effort and of course simple things like the ever-important contactless payments and the ability to pay for things like parking via an app (who carries cash?!).