



# GREAT BRITISH FAMILY FIRMS

Company name	What they do	The boss	Founded	Turnover 2006* (£000)
AF Blakemore	SPAR distributor	Peter Blakemore	1917	603,419
AG Barr	Makes carbonated soft drinks	Robin Barr	1875	128,760
Ainscough Crane Hire	Hires out cranes	James Ainscough	1976	77,400
Albert Bartlett & Sons	Grows root vegetables	Alan Bartlett	1948	95,025
Andrew Marr International Group	Wholesale fishmonger	Andrew Marr	1887	235,602
Archant	Publishes newspapers	Richard Jewson	1845	191,000
Arco	Supplies safety clothing	Thomas Martin/Jo Richardson	1884	201,810
Barrett Steel	Steel stockholder	James Barrett	1992	220,775
Baxters Food Group	Makes soup	Audrey Baxter	1868	98,519
Bedfordia Group	Property, cars and farming	John Ibbett	1934	125,000
Ben Bailey	Builds houses	Jon Bailey	1933	122,435
Benfield Motor Group	Car dealership	John Squires	1957	292,608
Berry Bros & Rudd	Sells wine	Simon Berry	1698	205,863
Bibby Group	Shipping and logistics	Sir Michael Bibby	1807	39,082
Booths Supermarkets	Supermarkets	Edwin Booth	1847	215,454
Bosworth & Wakeford	Building and civil engineering	Mark Wakeford	1990	37,821
Brett Group	Building materials group	Bill Brett	1909	60,663
Brintons Ltd	Makes carpets	Michael Brinton	1783	94,313
BSW Timber	Timber mill	Alex Brownlie	1988	97,842
Burdens	Civil engineering	Jeremy Burden	1929	129,798
Capper & Co.	SPAR distributor	Bill Capper	1901	252,613
Carcraft	Car dealership	Darren McKee	1951	230,119
CG Fry	Builds houses	Philip Fry	1925	31,334
Charles Wells	Brewing and pub retailing	Paul Wells	1876	138,827
CJ Lang	SPAR distributor	Joan Scott-Adie	1919	237,354
Clancy Docwra	Construction	Dermot Clancy	1958	166,737
Claverley Company	Publishes newspapers	Douglas Graham	1973	247,129
Croudace Group	Builds houses	Andy Yallop	1946	93,339
Dawsongroup	Fleet hire	Peter Dawson	1935	127,000
Dean & Dyball	Construction and development	Adrian Dyball	1970	248,967
Deans Foods	Distributes eggs	Peter Dean	1938	313,791
Dick Lovett Group	Car dealer	Peter Lovett	1973	76,561
Draper Tool Group	Makes tools	John Draper	1919	56,428
Dunelm	Sells homewares	Bill Adderley	1979	315,187
Eastern Western Motor Group	Car dealership	Douglas Brown	1927	154,627
Fenwick	Runs department stores	Mark Fenwick	1882	273,863
Fresca	Wholesale greengrocer	Christopher Mack	1874	359,900
Gleeson	Housing and development	Dermot Gleeson	1903	141,043
Graff Diamonds	Produces diamonds	Laurence Graff	1962	161,062
Grundon Waste Management	Waste management	Norman Grundon	1929	58,000
Hall & Woodhouse	Brewing and pub retailing	David Woodhouse	1777	82,207
Hendy Group	Car dealership	Paul Hendy	1898	179,565
Heygates	Mills flour	Robert Heygate	1900	120,655
Higgins Group	Construction services	Richard Higgins	1961	205,750
Hills Group	Recycles, quarries	Hill family	1900	56,493
Industrial Chemicals Group	Makes chemicals	J W Carver	1976	86,364
Isaac Agnew	Car dealership	David Agnew	1931	290,271
J&J Denholm	Shipping and logistics	John Denholm	1866	166,138
James Hall & Company	SPAR distributor	Andrew Hall	1863	314,253
James Latham	Distributes timber	Roger Latham	1757	114,867

\*All figures were taken from Companies House records on April 12, 2007. All the family firms in our list have shown growth in turnover and shareholder funds over the past five years. They have all been family-owned or run for at least two generations, and are all domiciled in the UK. With thanks to Fiona Hubbert, Simon Gordon and Toby Pegler at Credit Suisse, and Dr Philip Beresford, for their help in compiling this list.



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JCB	Digger manufacturer	Sir Anthony Bamford	1945	1,750,000
JCT600	Car dealership	John Tordoff	1946	497,945
Jelson Holdings	Builds houses	Ron Jelley	1889	67,400
JH Leeke	Sells homeware/conservatories	Gerald Leeke	1897	52,967
John Guest Group	Makes plumbing systems	John Guest	1961	93,922
Lagan Group	Civil engineers	Kevin and Michael Lagan	1960	337,606**
Lakeland Ltd	Manufacturers kitchenware	Sam Rayner	1963	122,700
Langley Holdings	Engineering	Tony Langley	1976	224,582
Mabey & Johnson	Makes steel-panel bridges	David Mabey	1943	84,563
Martin-Baker	Makes ejector seats	John/James Martin	1934	115,174
McNicholas Construction	Construction	Tommy McNicholas	1949	131,967
Morris Furniture Group	Makes furniture	Robert Morris	1904	40,571
Osborne	Builds houses	Andrew Osborne	1966	234,360
Parfetts	Cash and carry business	Steve Parfett	1980	234,382
Patton Group	Construction services	Neil Patton	1912	140,484
Pertemps	Recruitment agency	Tim Watts	1961	194,070
Pindar Group	Printer	Andrew Pindar	1836	112,310
Plasmor	Makes concrete products	Julian Slater	1959	47,114
Pochins	Construction and development	David Pochin	1935	124,295
RG Carter	Construction services	Robert Carter	1921	45,745
Ridgeons	Timber and builders' merchant	Anne Ridgeon	1911	113,795
Rix	Supplies fuel	Tim Rix	1927	289,503
Robert Hitchins Group	Construction services	Jonathan Hitchins	1958	29,200
Russell & Bromley	Sells shoes	Roger Bromley	1873	69,200
SA Brain	Brewer	Christopher Brain	1882	121,000
Samworth Brothers	Pasty maker	Brian Stein	1896	461,990
SCH	IT services	Sir Peter Rigby	1975	2,124,384
Seddon Group	Building contractor	Christopher Seddon	1897	212,121
Shepherd Homes	Construction services	Alan Fletcher	1890	56,482
Special Steel Company	Manufactures steel	Alan Beardshaw	1925	30,100
St Austell Brewery	Brewing	James Staughton	1851	80,410
Stannah	Makes stairlifts	Brian and Alan Stannah	1860	137,519
Stemcor	Steel trader	Ralph Oppenheimer	1951	2,864,370
Sunley Holdings	Builds houses	John Sunley	1935	33,564
Swan Group	Water company	Martin Phillips	1947	4,851***
Tennants Consolidated	Manufactures chemicals	Paul Alexander	1797	224,808
Timpson	Chain of locksmiths	John Timpson	1865	84,856
Turner & Co.	Makes car equipment	Gordon Turner	1912	201,259
Turners	Haulage and warehousing	Paul Day	1930	132,100
Wadsworth	Brewing and pub retailing	John C Bartholomew	1875	48,963
Walker Group	Builds houses	Mike Walker	1969	80,566
Warburtons	Makes bread	Brett Warburton	1876	321,852
Wates	Real estate & construction	Tim Wates	1897	670,494
Watkin Jones	Construction services	Mark Watkin Jones	1791	93,037
Watson Petroleum	Supplies fuel	Tony Watson	1957	307,784
William Davis	Builds houses	Guy Higgins	1935	103,384
William Grant & Sons	Distills whisky	Charles Gordon	1886	352,589
William Jackson & Son	Makes Yorkshire puddings	Nicholas Oughtred	1851	95,540
Williams Group	Car dealership	Margaret Orton-Williams	1958	245,100
Yeo Valley Group	Farming and dairy processing	Tim Mead	1974	121,049

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 \*\* This is the combined turnover of Lagan Holdings, Lagan Cement, Kingscourt Bricks, Lagan Homes, and Lagan Developments.  
 \*\*\* This is the combined turnover of Swan Foundry (Banbury), Swan Shephard, and Swan Precision castings and engineering.