

LUMIN42

FROM THE TOOLS TO THE TERMINAL

The Lumin42 Story

How one setback became a mission to help
businesses run better — and never look back

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CHAPTER 1

The Day the Tools Went Quiet

For years, my working life was built on my hands. Site work, tarmac, fencing, running a yard and a workshop — the kind of job where the day starts before sunrise and you measure success in what got built, not what got said in a meeting. I was good at it, and I was proud of it.

Then a long-term injury took that away. Not all at once, and not gently — it was the slow, frustrating realisation that the work I'd built an identity around was no longer something my body could do. Manual work was off the table. For a long time, that felt like the end of a chapter with no idea what the next one was.

“I didn't choose to change direction. The direction changed, and I had to decide what to do with that.”

What I didn't know yet was that this forced stop would turn out to be the beginning of Lumin42.

CHAPTER 2

Caring for Mum and Dad, and Finding Clarity

Around the same time, both my mum and my step-dad were diagnosed with cancer. I became their carer — appointments, routines, the constant small logistics of looking after two people at once, on top of everything else life was throwing at me.

It's strange what caregiving teaches you. You learn to spot problems before they become crises. You learn to build routines that hold up even on the worst days. You learn that consistency, patience and doing more with limited time and energy aren't soft skills — they're survival skills. Those are the exact instincts I now bring into every business I work with.

It was in the quieter hours around caring for my parents that I started teaching myself something new: artificial intelligence. Not as an escape from what was happening at home, but almost the opposite — a way to build something useful out of a genuinely hard season, instead of just getting through it.

CHAPTER 3

Trading a Toolbelt for AI Consultancy

I completed a run of AI courses and then went deeper, studying AI consultancy properly — not just how the technology works, but how it actually gets used to solve real operational problems inside real businesses.

It clicked quickly. Everything I'd learned running a workshop and a yard — spotting inefficiency, fixing broken processes, making sure the job gets done properly whether or not anyone's watching — is the same skill set that makes AI consultancy actually useful, rather than just technically impressive. I wasn't starting from zero. I was translating twenty years of hands-on problem-solving into a new toolkit.

From the trade — an instinct for what actually slows a business down day to day

From caregiving — discipline, patience, and doing more with less

From AI study — the technical means to fix what I could already see was broken

Lumin42 is where those three things meet.

CHAPTER 4

Why This Work Matters to Me

This isn't a side project or a trend I jumped on. It's personal, on two levels.

On one level, it's about rebuilding a livelihood after an injury took away the only way I'd ever earned a living. On another, bigger level, it's about wanting my work to actually matter — to make a genuine, measurable impact on the businesses I work with, not just sell software and disappear.

I also carry a longer-term dream alongside Lumin42: to design and build my own LiDAR-based safety camera prototype — technology built to protect people doing the same kind of physical, on-site work that shaped the first half of my career. Having lived the reality of a workplace injury, I want to build something that helps stop the next one before it happens. Alongside that, I want to keep using what I'm building to work directly with people who need support, not just businesses that can afford it.

“I know what it's like to lose your way of earning a living overnight. I don't want that for anyone else if I can help prevent it.”

CHAPTER 5

What Lumin42 Actually Gives Your Business

Everything above is the why. Here's the practical part — what it means for you, day to day, when you bring AI consultancy from Lumin42 into your business.

It never gets sick — no absences, no sick days, no cover to arrange — the work carries on regardless.

It works around the clock — your operations keep moving at 2am on a Sunday exactly as well as they do at 10am on a Tuesday.

It's consistent — the same standard, every single time — no off days, no shortcuts, no variation in quality.

It scales without the overhead — growth doesn't have to mean a proportional increase in headcount and hiring risk.

It gives you your time back — the hours you were spending on repetitive, manual admin become hours you get to spend growing the business, or simply not working.

It's built by someone who's done the job — not a consultant who's only ever seen operations from a spreadsheet — I've run the yard, done the shift work, and know what actually breaks in day-to-day operations.

Put simply: Lumin42 exists to give business owners freedom — freedom from the parts of the job that shouldn't need a person doing them by hand anymore, so the humans in the business can focus on the parts that do.

CHAPTER 6

Where This Goes Next

Lumin42 today is AI consultancy and automation for businesses that want to grow, scale, and raise their own standards without burning out their people to do it. But it's a starting point, not the destination.

The LiDAR safety camera prototype stays on the roadmap — a project close to my own story, aimed at protecting people who do the kind of work that once defined mine. And the commitment to work with people in need, not just paying clients, isn't a footnote — it's part of why Lumin42 exists at all.

“An injury ended one career. It didn't end the drive behind it — it just gave it a new direction.”

If you're a business owner who's curious what AI consultancy could actually do for your operations — not in theory, but in the same practical, hands-on way I used to fix problems on site — I'd genuinely like to talk.

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