

# SPECSAVERS RELOCATES AFTER NEAR £1M INVESTMENT

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*Store directors Richard Dyson and Brian Borland in the newly-opened Specsavers*

Specsavers in Merthyr Tydfil has moved to a new premises following a £900,000 investment.

The move has created five new jobs, and the optician has also welcomed a new director.

Ophthalmic director Brian Borland is joined by new retail director, Richard Dyson, replacing Peter Render who is stepping down after 16 years.

Specsavers' new 10,000 sq ft centre includes state-of-the-art clinical equipment including two hospital-grade optical coherence tomography (OCT) machines that allow for more detailed scans than regular eye tests.

The optician will move to its new Market Square premises after operating from 126 High Street for more than 28 years.

Dyson brings with him more than 15 years of experience, having worked for Specsavers since 2005. He has spent the last ten years as a store director in Cairns, Australia, and relocated to Wales in October.

He said: "It's been a busy time for my family moving from one side of the world to the other, but it's brilliant to be here and Wales has a special place in our hearts. We wanted to be closer to our families and for them to spend more time with our children as they grow up.

"It's an exciting opportunity to join the Merthyr team at such a pivotal time and I feel privileged to be joining a business that offers such high standards of clinical and retail services."

Brian Borland added: "It's a huge milestone to open the doors of the Market Square store, and, personally, it means a lot to me to continue investing in Merthyr, not just running a business here but creating new jobs opportunities in the community, too."

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