



# Dani Maimone

## Media





Dani is a PR and media specialist with extensive experience in the corporate and charity sectors, she is also a former journalist and professional hot air balloon pilot. Dani gained her private pilot's licence on hot air balloons in 1981 at the age of 21 and checked out with Don Cameron MBE, founder of Cameron Balloons. She competed in two British National Championships, more for the fun of it rather than a desire to win!

Dani went on to become a professional balloon pilot flying for a variety of national and global brands. She was the fourth lady balloon pilot to fly a balloon across the Channel in 1985 and at that time the youngest pilot to do so, in the smallest balloon, solo in a Cameron N56. In 1988 after completing a skydiving training course with the Royal Marines and making her first jump from 12,000ft, she broke the British Women's Altitude Record in hot air balloons in an N77 flying to a height of 20,600ft. In the late 80's, Dani obtained her commercial passenger licence and started flying balloons in Kenya over the Masai Mara Game Reserve and at Taita Hills in Tsavo. At the time she was the only lady balloon pilot in the whole of Africa.

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