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A Night to Remember at the 2025 North Cheshire Business Awards

News & Views from
North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce Members



The classic image of an accountant is so at odds with the modern reality.
We talk to some of the team at Harts Accountants Macclesfield to help set the record straight!

The stereotype of the accountant, hunched over a ledger in a gloomy office has been a long held misconception. But accountancy today is a truly thriving modern industry, offering a fertile environment for some of the best professional talent out there, with the rewards to match.

We have been lucky enough to build a team of bright and ambitious people from a variety of backgrounds who are looking for challenging careers in a professional firm. Our team are our key assets and we nurture them through training and development programmes, social activities and support for work/life balance and strive to give a really great working environment. But what is it really like working in a modern accountancy practice like Harts?

Millie started work at Harts as a trainee after finishing her A levels and has really thrived working in our Tax department gaining broad experience with a variety of clients. We helped support Millie through her studies and she has proved herself to be a key member of the team, becoming Tax manager earlier this year

I really love working at Harts. They have put so much effort and time into supporting my study for qualifications but also developing me professionally.

Before I came for my interview at Harts I didn't really know what to expect. I knew I wanted to enter the world of work straight after A levels, gain some real experience and start earning a salary. Specialising in Tax has been perfect for me! I love solving problems and have a logical mind, but I also love mentoring my own team.

Millie - Tax Manager

Andrew joined the Accounts department in March last year and it's been really great to have him in the team working in audit.

From the moment I joined Harts in March 2024, everybody has been so welcoming! The atmosphere in the office has an infectious blend of hard work and camaraderie and I'm delighted to be a part of the team.

Harts has been a great fit for me, it wasn't long before I felt really at home here. I think it's the combination of having an eye for detail to really understand a client's business, but also the team camaraderie of on-site visits and meeting new people that make it really rewarding.

Andrew - Audit & Accounts

Ismaeil has worked at Harts for almost 2 years now and has found the flexible working hours that he sometimes needs as a Dad with a young family so important.

Harts is perfect for career growth and work-life balance, with a relaxed, supportive atmosphere that sets it apart from the typical corporate world. It's an ideal place for those seeking both personal and professional growth.

I think Harts is such a great example of what a modern organisation can offer in terms of career and personal progression and the social side is great with really fun company days out that really get everyone to enjoy time outside of work and relax.

Ismaeil - Audit & Accounts

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WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN EDITION OF CHAMBERLINK

As the seasons change, it's a good time to reflect on what has been both a rewarding and challenging year for the business community here in North Cheshire. One of our great strengths as a Chamber is the breadth and diversity of businesses we represent. From innovative start-ups to long-established family firms, and from professional services to manufacturing and hospitality, our members embody the energy and resilience that makes this region such a vibrant place to do business.

That diversity was very much on show at the 2025 North Cheshire Business Awards, held in July at the stunning Champneys Mottram Hall. It was a truly memorable evening celebrating achievement, innovation, and community impact. My warmest congratulations once again to all the finalists and winners, whose stories remind us just how much talent and drive we have across our area.

Of course, we must also acknowledge that the wider economic backdrop remains unsettled. Inflation is still running higher than any of us would wish, adding pressure to households and businesses alike. Global uncertainty — particularly in the USA — continues to ripple through financial markets, while at home we await the Government's Autumn Statement in October to see how it intends to balance the books and support growth. Despite these challenges, the Chamber remains committed to supporting our members, championing business, and fostering collaboration. Our recent merger with South Cheshire Chamber, which has secured our status as an Accredited Chamber, strengthens our collective voice and enhances our ability to represent you



effectively at local, regional, and national levels. Later this month we will also learn whether Devolution for Cheshire & Warrington will proceed, and with it the potential for significant investment to help realise our shared ambitions.

By working together, we can build confidence, unlock opportunities, and ensure that North Cheshire businesses continue to prosper.

If you are not yet a member of the Chamber, full details on membership can be found at www.northcheshirechamber.co.uk

Terry Hayward
Deputy Chief Executive
South and North Cheshire Chambers of Commerce

UPCOMING EVENTS

Network Knutsford

10th Sept, 8th Oct & 12th Nov

Kick-off Networking at Macclesfield FC

16th Sept, 21st Oct & 18th Nov

The Business Club Lunch at Hollin House

Hotel – 17th Sept & 26th Nov

Young Professional Network

Oct to April

North West Economic Update at Jodrell Bank

1st Oct

Netwalking

2nd Oct

Visit www.northcheshirechamber.co.uk/our-events for further information about all NCCOC events and how to make a booking or contact reception@northcheshirechamber.co.uk

MACCLESFIELD CIVIC SOCIETY VISIT ASTRAZENECA



On a very warm 10th July, Guy Camm and Kirrie Todd from AstraZeneca hosted members of the Macclesfield Civic Society at the company's Macclesfield Campus. Members of the Society toured the site and visited AstraZeneca's labs and the learning academy.

Richard Watkins of the society said, "Thank you so very much for the splendid tour of the AZ site and the excellent and very friendly reception we all received." "It was something of a revelation to me to see large green spaces and well-cultivated walks for the first time, having seen only industrial buildings from Hulley Road on many occasions. You have created an impressive working environment for your staff."

"The tour around the Zoladex learning facility stood out particularly for the enthusiasm of Nicky and the reduction of training time for new workers afforded by the use of new technology. The tour round the labs was notable for an absorbing and very approachable presentation by Bethany, a complicated subject succinctly explained, with a wider context provided by Alan."

"Guy's tour of the site was appreciated for the understanding of how the site had developed over 60 years, and I cannot finish without recording thanks to Pam Clarke and all the other staff we met who were so helpful."

"You have yourself taken the lead with planning all the details which made this a memorable visit for all of us."



HIGHLY RESPECTED FAMILY LAWYER NICOLA TIERNAN JOINS MCALISTER FAMILY LAW



McAlister Family Law is delighted to announce the appointment of Nicola Tiernan as a Consultant. Nicola brings over 30 years of experience in family law and is widely recognised as one of the leading experts in the field across the North West. Her appointment marks a significant step in the practice's ongoing growth and commitment to providing exceptional client service.

Nicola, who ran her own highly successful niche family law practice in South Manchester for two decades, has built a stellar reputation for her tenacity, pragmatism and empathetic approach. Her practice was driven entirely by client referrals, a testament to her standing in the profession and her results-driven philosophy.

Specialising in complex financial disputes arising from relationship breakdowns, Nicola is a collaborative lawyer and mediator with a keen focus on resolving matters outside of the court arena. She champions creative, communication-based solutions that are child-focused and cost-effective.

"I'm thrilled to be joining McAlister Family Law, a practice whose values align so closely with my own," said Nicola. "After many years of running my own practice, I'm looking forward to being part of a dynamic and innovative team that shares my passion for providing clear advice delivered with empathy. This move allows me to continue doing

what I love - helping people navigate some of the most challenging times in their lives - while working alongside some of the most forward-thinking professionals in the field."

Amanda McAlister, Managing Partner of McAlister Family Law, added: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Nicola to McAlister Family Law. She is a powerhouse in the family law community, and her depth of knowledge, experience and unwavering client focus will be an incredible asset to our team. Nicola's appointment is a strong reflection of our continued growth and our strategy of attracting top-tier talent to ensure we deliver exceptional results for our clients."

This strategic appointment further strengthens McAlister Family Law's position as the leading family law practice in the North West, and reflects its commitment to expanding its expertise, particularly in complex financial work and collaborative dispute resolution.

McAlister Family Law is part of Beyond Law Group, a law firm with a portfolio of award-winning practices, including Beyond Corporate, Home Property Law and Vault Private Client. The Group's commitment to providing expert legal services across a range of sectors is complemented by the exceptional work of its team members, such as Nicola, who are leading change in the legal profession.



Tax traps for the unwary!

Are *you* being dragged into higher rates of tax?



We are over a year into the new government and although the main rates of tax, being income tax, VAT and employees National Insurance have not increased, more and more people are being dragged into higher rates of tax due to tax thresholds being frozen. The effect of this, which is called fiscal drag, can be quite stark and without some planning, you can end up paying far more tax than you need.

So let's look at this in a bit more detail

You don't start paying tax at the 40% rate until your total taxable income is in excess of £50,270. This allowance has been frozen since 2021 and is set to remain so until at least 2028. This means that if and when you get a salary rise for whatever reason, then there is more chance you will start to pay tax at the 40% rate. Basically, your salary increases but the allowances don't!

It gets worse though!

It gets worse though. Consider the child benefit effect. Child benefit payments are clawed back when one half of a couple earns between £60,000 and £80,000 on a sliding scale. So, you can have 2 people both earning £59,000 and they keep the full allowance but one partner earning above £80,000 (and the other nothing), and they get nothing. Take a couple who have 2 children and the higher earner earns £70,000, even without student loans this equates to a marginal tax rate of 51% on the £10,000 as the child benefit is gradually clawed back. It doesn't sound fair does it, but when has tax ever been fair!

If you thought that was bad...

Consider a person who is in a good job earning say £95,000 per year and they get offered a promotion which would take them to say £110,000 per year. Once your taxable income is over £100,000, you start to lose your personal allowance at the rate of £1 for every £2 you go over. This creates an effective tax rate of 62% on earnings between £100,000 and £125,140. Oh and if you were getting tax free or 30 hours child care, well that disappears completely when one partner earns over £100,000. So that extra £15,000 is suddenly worth a lot

less. If you have pre school age children, you would be better off refusing the promotion or reducing hours with the loss of childcare, the effective tax rate is over 100%

We'll do not despair, there are ways that you can mitigate this, but it takes a little bit of planning.

Reduce your exposure

Making personal pension contributions is a great way to reduce your exposure to higher tax rates. Making a contribution has the effect of reducing your income level for tax purposes. This means that one person earning £55,000 pa but making a contribution of £5,000 keeps their income below the higher rate threshold. But remember that you only need to pay £4,000 as the government tops it up by the extra £1,000. The same principle applies at all levels so the savings can be even greater. So making pension contributions are very tax efficient. You can also make charitable donations using gift aid which works in much the same way as pension contributions.

Shifting income

A third possibility is shifting income from one partner to another. Tax thresholds are based on total income so it makes sense for investment assets and income to be in the name of the lower earning spouse to keep total income below certain thresholds. Alternatively, make use of tax free investments such as ISAs to keep your income outside the clutches of the taxman.

These are just a few simple ways of beating the tax traps that are waiting out there to catch you but as always when dealing with tax, please make sure you take professional advice. As always, please do get in touch if you need any further help.

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome from the Chairman of South & North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, Robert Parton, Managing Director, Aqueduct Marina

As you are probably aware, North Cheshire Chamber and South Cheshire Chamber have been going through a merger process over the last few months, and I am delighted to say that the process is now complete. Our new official name is South & North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, but rest assured, we will continue to operate as two distinct chambers, preserving the local focus and relationships that matter most to our members but providing a bigger combined team with more expertise to enhance the service we can provide. I am delighted to be Chair of the new Board made up of representatives from both North and South Cheshire members.

This merger strengthens our voice across Cheshire East on local matters, on regional matters such as the Skills Agenda and Devolution with the new Combined Authority, and at a national level through the British Chamber of Commerce (BCC). By working together, we are stronger and more influential—and our commitment to supporting your business remains at the heart of everything we do.

We are pleased to announce that Paul Colman will be Chief Executive of the merged Chamber, having previously been CEO of South Cheshire Chamber, and Terry Hayward will take on the role of Deputy CEO, focusing on business development while continuing his active involvement across North Cheshire.

As part of this exciting new chapter, we will be introducing a new membership model designed to give you more choice and flexibility. Members will be able to select from three tailored packages—Essential, Signature, and Executive—depending on the level of support and



engagement that best suits your needs. We will provide more information as your membership falls due but, in the meantime, you can access full details of the packages on our website at www.northcheshirechamber.co.uk

Importantly, all members will now benefit from our status as an accredited Chamber of Commerce, part of the British Chambers of Commerce network, including access to expert support, local and national advocacy, and a wide range of events and services.

You can also look forward to increased opportunities for collaboration through joint events and initiatives across the wider Cheshire East region.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into this exciting new era. If you have any questions or would like more information about what this means for your membership, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Benefits of Being a Member of an Accredited Chamber

As a member of an Accredited Chamber of Commerce, you're not just signing up for a membership—you're unlocking a powerful business network designed to help you grow, connect, and succeed. Here's why it's a game-changer for your business:

1. **Instant Credibility & Trust** – Being part of an Accredited Chamber means you're aligning with a network that meets the highest standards of professionalism, governance, and business support. That's the kind of backing that builds confidence with customers, partners, and investors.
2. **A Bigger Voice for Your Business** – Your challenges and opportunities matter. Accredited Chambers have a direct line to government and policymakers, ensuring your business interests are heard loud and clear at local, national, and international levels.
3. **Connections That Open Doors** – Meet the right people at the right time. Whether it's new clients, suppliers, investors, or collaborators, your Chamber membership gives you access to an influential network of businesses and decision-makers.
4. **Exclusive Support & Business Perks** – From targeted business advice and funding guidance to member-only discounts and resources, Accredited Chambers provide real, tangible benefits to help you grow.
5. **Expand Locally & Globally** – Thinking big? Whether you're looking to scale up in your region or take your business international, Accredited Chambers offer trusted trade support and connections to global markets.
6. **Stay Ahead with Expert Insights & Events** – Get access to high-impact events, industry-leading insights, and expert-led workshops that keep you informed, inspired, and ahead of the competition.
7. **Be Part of Something Bigger** – Joining an Accredited Chamber means becoming part of a powerful, nationally recognised business movement—a community that's dedicated to driving success for businesses just like yours.

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES TO SUIT YOUR BUSINESS

ESSENTIAL	SIGNATURE	EXECUTIVE
Online membership Essential features: - Access to a business support package valued at £1,400+ a year - List your business in our online Members Directory - Enter the North Cheshire Business Awards - Access our online Members Area. Promote your news, events and offers - Regular newsletters covering the latest local, regional and national business news - Free digital copy of each Chamberlink magazine issue - Member certificate and digital badge	Our most popular package All Essential features plus: - Access to the best attended networking events in North Cheshire - Get North Cheshire's most complete business support package - Promote your business through all of our online and offline marketing channels - International trade support and discounted export documentation - Access to the BCC Global Business Network	Maximising your membership All Signature features plus: - Access to Executive Insights - our monthly peer-to-peer support group. - Topics include: HR Forum, Health & Wellbeing, Digital Edge, Grow Your Business - Roundtable event with local MP / senior council leaders - Develop your young staff with discounts on the Next Gen Network - Invitation to the bi-annual South & North Cheshire business network - One-On-One annual business review

Join today at www.northcheshirechamber.co.uk/become-a-member/ or scan the QR code:

To discuss membership, contact us on 01625 665940 or reception@northcheshirechamber.co.uk



WELCOME TO NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Harmony Holistic Healthcare Ltd

Macclesfield

Harmonyclinicofacupuncture.com

We provide healthcare and treatment in Traditional Chinese Medicine including acupuncture, Tuina medical massage, reflexology and other therapies. TCM aims to restore the body's balance and harmony physically, mentally and spiritually. It is a medical system which has been used for thousands of years to prevent, diagnosis, treat disease.

[5% Discount for fellow Chamber members](#)



Ayla Life Performance Coaching

Stretford

www.ayla-life-performance.com

Ayla Life Performance Coaching trains professionals to rewire habitual emotional, cognitive, and behavioural patterns using the principles of neuroplasticity. Through body-brain integration practices and neural training, clients optimise logic, creativity, intuition, and emotional intelligence, creating authentic sustainable, high-performance leadership free from stress driven limitations.

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Sytner Land Rover Knutsford proudly serves as your local Land Rover retailer, offering new and approved used vehicles alongside expert aftersales care. Their dedicated team is committed to delivering outstanding customer service and supporting all your Land Rover needs, from purchasing to servicing.



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Accrington

www.norihr.co.uk

NORi HR & Employment Law is an award-winning HR specialist supporting businesses of all sizes with tailored solutions. Founded in 2019, our expert team combines experience and innovation to simplify HR challenges. We're passionate about people, committed to excellence, and proud to give back through community and charitable initiatives.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE CHAMBER

2025 has been packed with fantastic events, bringing members together for meaningful conversations, business development, and plenty of networking along the way. Here's what we've been up to this quarter:



Net-walk at Tatton Park - 3rd April – Tatton Park

We kicked off spring with a scenic “netwalk” through the beautiful surroundings of Tatton Park. Members enjoyed relaxed networking while spotting deer, birds, and stunning lake views along the 3.5-mile route. The morning ended with refreshments in the Tearoom – the perfect way to combine business with fresh air and exercise.

Meet the Council Networking Breakfast – 29th April – Barclays Technology Centre, Radbroke

This was an exclusive opportunity to hear directly from Cheshire East Council leaders Phil Cresswell, Nick Mannion, and Michael Gorman. Members gained valuable insights into the council's challenges, achievements, and future plans – including the latest on devolution.



A Morning with the Police & Crime Commissioner – 7th May - Glasshouse, Alderley Park

Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner Dan Price shared his vision for policing and crime reduction, while Steve Purdham, Chair of the Cheshire & Warrington Business Advisory Board, updated attendees on devolution plans. Bruntwood kindly invited guests to work from the Glasshouse afterwards, making it a truly productive morning.





The HR Roundtable – 22nd May - AstraZeneca

Our first of our quarterly HR Roundtable was a resounding success, bringing HR professionals together at AstraZeneca to discuss emerging workforce trends, regulations, and best practices. Co-facilitated by Marie and Yasmin from Synergy Recruitment, the open forum format encouraged collaboration and idea-sharing.



The Business Club Lunch – 18th June - Hollin House Hotel, Bollington

Partnering with Harts Chartered Accountants and Orbit Developments, we welcomed Chris Woodroffe, Managing Director of Manchester Airport, to share insights on the £1BN Transformation Programme. A fascinating behind-the-scenes look at one of the UK's biggest infrastructure projects, alongside excellent networking and hospitality.



Networking Breakfast at Macclesfield College – 10th June

We kicked off the morning with a hands-on terrarium workshop, giving attendees the chance to explore their creativity while enjoying a mindful and relaxing start to the day. Alongside the workshop, guests were introduced to the range of apprenticeship schemes available at Macclesfield College, highlighting the valuable opportunities they provide for businesses and individuals alike. The discussion showcased the many ways apprenticeships can help develop skills, nurture talent, and support career progression.



Protect Your Business: Live-Hack Demonstration – 3rd July – CyberLab, Alderley Edge

CyberLab's Chris Workman and Heather Dowse stunned attendees with a hacking demonstration, revealing just how quickly cybercriminals can strike. Members left with practical tips to strengthen their defences and a renewed focus on cybersecurity.



Net- walk, Bramhall Park – 7th August

Our latest Netwalk took us to the beautiful surroundings of Bramhall Park, where we discovered a mix of woodland trails, watercourses, and open gardens. We had the opportunity to walk by the impressive Bramhall Hall, a striking Tudor Manor House dating back to the Middle Ages. We rounded off the morning at The Stables Kitchen, where attendees had the chance to relax over refreshments and continue conversations sparked during the walk.



Network Knutsford & Dine – 13th August, Gusto

Part of our Network Knutsford event, this summer special included an evening of fantastic food, fizz, and networking at Gusto. Guests enjoyed a two-course meal while making new connections in a relaxed and stylish setting.



Monthly Kick-off Breakfast – Macclesfield FC

Our popular monthly breakfast at Macclesfield FC continued to bring together members for energetic networking and inspiring updates from the club.



Monthly Network Knutsford

These monthly events are organised by Helen from Matix Accounts, in collaboration with the North Cheshire Chamber, to ensure a regular and supportive networking opportunity for local businesses. As always, the Chamber team will be on hand to connect and support you.

North Cheshire Professional Development Programme #NCPDP



Are you a young professional or apprentice looking to develop your business skills?



Are you a manager looking for an opportunity to help develop your younger members of staff into the leaders of the future?

Yes? Then join the North Cheshire Professional Development Programme Today!

This programme has been developed by North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Cheshire and Warrington Pledge to deliver meaningful skills sessions and help foster the creation of a peer network for the next generation of business people in and around Macclesfield, Poynton, Wilmslow and Knutsford.

Whether you are an apprentice in the early stages of your career, a graduate starting your first job after university, or you have recently moved into a position where you have the chance to grow and develop as an employee, the North Cheshire Professional Development Programme is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills from experienced professionals who are experts in their fields.

To book your place or find out more about the #NCPDP programme, please contact:

Jade Hyde jade@northcheshirechamber.co.uk

The Pledge is part-funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund



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Arrival from 09:15 for a 09:30 start - 11:00

The content of the programme is:

Date	Session	Location	Summary
29.10.2025	Team Building	Macclesfield College	Get to know young professionals in your area and develop team working skills. Delivered by James Buckley - The Pledge
26.11.2025	Confidence in the Workplace	Alderley Park - Glasshouse	Learn to become confident in the workplace environment, using different techniques to make yourself stand out. Delivered by Alice Mcbeth - Autorola
17.12.2025	Financial Awareness	Macclesfield College	Gain an understanding of pensions and credit scores to help secure your future. Delivered by Sophie Munroe - Barclays
21.01.2026	Meet the Leader	Alderley Park - Glasshouse	Connect directly with an accomplished industry leader to gain insights, ask questions, and share ideas.
25.02.2026	LinkedIn	Macclesfield College	Learn all about the tricks and tips to use LinkedIn to the best of your ability, not only for the businesses but personal branding too. Delivered by Claire Norburn - Lead & Resolve Ltd
18.03.2026	Mental Health Awareness	Alderley Park - Glasshouse	Learn the skills and knowledge to help you manage your mental health and understand how you can support co-workers.
21.04.2026	Networking	Macclesfield FC	Gain the knowledge on how to become a successful networker and take part in a North Cheshire Chamber Networking event.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: TIM BARROW APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR



Terry Lifts is proud to announce the appointment of Tim Barrow as Managing Director.

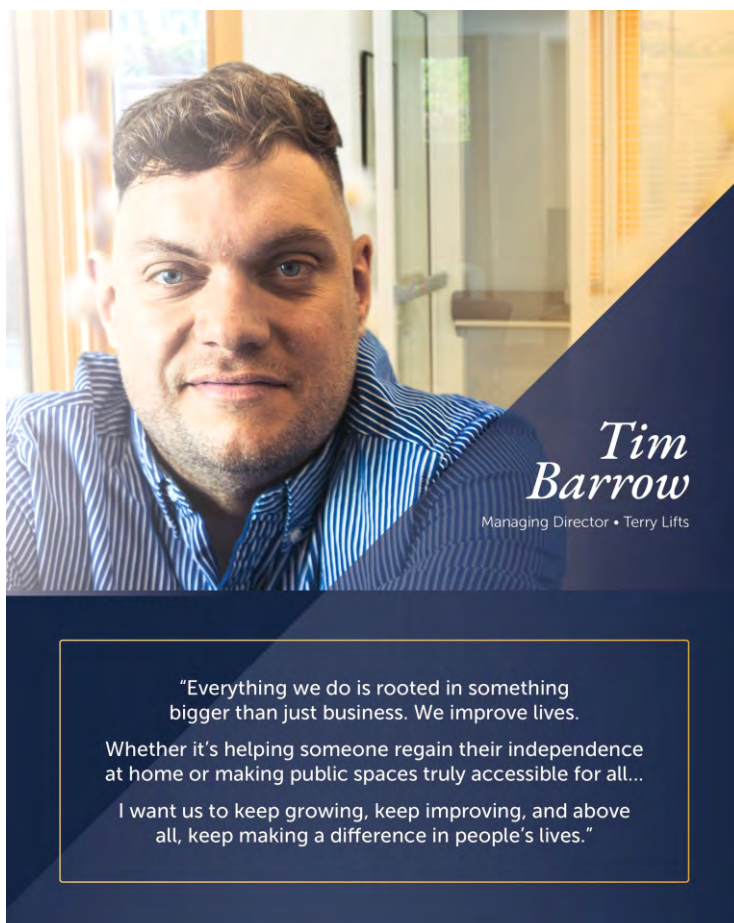
Tim's career with Terry Lifts has been built on a deep commitment to the company's mission of improving lives through innovative accessibility solutions. Having worked across different areas of the business over the past 20 years, he brings a wealth of experience, operational expertise, and a people-focused approach to leadership.

Speaking about his new role, Tim said: "Everything we do is rooted in something bigger than just business. We improve lives. Whether it's helping someone regain their independence at home or making public spaces truly accessible for

all... I want us to keep growing, keep improving, and above all, keep making a difference in people's lives."

Under Tim's leadership, the company will continue to champion accessibility, delivering high-quality, tailored lift solutions that empower individuals and enhance communities. His vision combines respect for Terry Lifts' proud heritage with a forward-looking focus on innovation and customer care.

Known for his approachable style and collaborative spirit, Tim is committed to fostering a workplace where people feel valued and inspired to contribute to shared success. The company is confident that his leadership will guide Terry Lifts into a future of growth, innovation, and continued positive impact.



LOCAL BUSINESSES RAISE OVER £3400 AT ADULTS SPORTS DAY FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARITY



In a heartfelt show of community spirit, local businesses came together in July to raise £3,402.11 for My Cheshire Without Abuse (MyCWA) a charity that supports individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

With recent funding cuts from Cheshire East Council placing the charity's services at risk, Macclesfield-based recruitment company Synergy Recruitment chose MyCWA as their 2025 Charity of the Year. Determined to raise awareness and much-needed funds, the team set out to bring the local business community together in support of the cause.

With that goal in mind, they hosted a Charity Sports Day at Macclesfield Rugby Club on Thursday 10th July with local businesses taking part in a variety of nostalgic sports day games, from egg & spoon and sack races, to tug of war and beanbag toss. The friendly competition was rounded off with a charity raffle and BBQ.

The event proved to be a great success with participants. Hannah Shaw of SAS Daniels commented, "it was a really great event, our team all had a lot of fun and we'd happily attend again!".



But more importantly, the event shone a light on the essential services MyCWA provides.

"When we heard about the funding cuts, we knew we had to do something to help," said Yasmin Bentley, Director of Synergy Recruitment. "The response from the local business community has been incredible, and after such a brilliant day, we're already planning to make our Charity Sports Day an annual event!"

This brings Synergy's total raised for MyCWA this year to £3,872, with more events still to come.

To follow their fundraising journey or to donate, visit: www.justgiving.com/team/synergy-recruitment-cwa



SHINE A LIGHT FESTIVAL A GROWING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



The Rossendale Trust, together with Space 4 Autism, is delighted to share the success of this year's Shine a Light Festival, held on Saturday 12th July 2025 in Victoria Park, Macclesfield. Blessed with sunshine and community spirit, the event brought together families, friends, local charities, and businesses for a day of music, fun, celebration and connection.

Highlights included children's sports and circus school activities, fantastic performances from local choirs and musicians, a bustling market area, delicious food vendors, and a welcoming space where people could relax and enjoy the atmosphere. The festival shone a light—literally and figuratively—on the brilliant work of local charities and the incredible community we are all part of.

We are thrilled to announce that the 2026 Shine a Light Festival will take place on Saturday 11th July, once again at Victoria Park. Plans are already underway to make it even bigger and better, and we'd love your support to make it happen.

If you are a business looking for a unique sponsorship opportunity, a trader keen to showcase your products, or someone who would like to volunteer on the day, we'd love to hear from you. Your involvement will help us create another unforgettable event while raising awareness and support for local causes.

To find out more or get involved, email shinealight@rossendaletrust.org. Let's make 2026 shine even brighter!



Photo: Shine A Light volunteers and main event sponsors for 2025 Jordan Fishwick
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Our event photography covers everything from conferences, exhibitions and award ceremonies to networking events and product launches. We pride ourselves on capturing the atmosphere, energy and key moments that tell the full story of your occasion. We were also proud to photograph and sponsor the North Cheshire Business Awards, organised by the Chamber, an incredible evening celebrating the very best in local business.

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NORTH CHESHIRE BUSINESS AWARDS - 2025 - CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AT CHAMPNEYS MOTTRAM HALL

On Friday 11th July 2025, the grandeur of Champneys Mottram Hall provided the perfect setting for the North Cheshire Business Awards, a night dedicated to celebrating the exceptional achievements of the region's businesses, teams, and individuals. Organised by the North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, the event was a showcase of innovation, dedication, and community spirit, reflecting the best of Cheshire's thriving commercial landscape.

Guests were welcomed into the magnificent country house venue, enjoying a champagne reception before taking their seats for a glittering awards dinner. As Robert Parton, Chairman of South & North Cheshire Chamber opened proceedings the excitement was palpable, with finalists representing sectors as diverse as hospitality, manufacturing, science, healthcare, design, and community service keen to find out if this was their year.

Nurturing talent: Apprentice of the Year

The evening began by recognising the rising stars of the local workforce. Sponsored by Macclesfield College, the Apprentice of the Year category celebrated young professionals making an impact early in their careers. Gold was awarded to Adam Biddulph of Meel Group for his exceptional commitment and skills. Casey Green from Lyme Design & Build secured Silver, while Bronze awards were presented to Mia Mason of Manchester Airport Group and Khai Parkin of AstraZeneca.

People-first culture

Best Company to Work For

A positive work environment remains a cornerstone of business success, and the Best Company to Work For award, sponsored by Autac, highlighted organisations where employees thrive. Everybody Health & Leisure took Gold for their outstanding staff support and development initiatives. Dot Medical Ltd received Silver, and Gumpo earned Bronze for their commitment to employee engagement.



Creative excellence:

Best Design/Creative Campaign

Creativity was firmly in the spotlight in the category sponsored by Gumpo. Solt Creative Ltd impressed the judges with a campaign that was both innovative and impactful, earning Gold. Autac secured Silver for their imaginative and effective creative approach.



The big one: Business of the Year

The prestigious Business of the Year award, sponsored by Superbike Factory, went to Bollington Brewing Co., a company whose growth, quality, and local impact captured the judges' attention. In a rare decision, Silver was shared by both Autac and Meel Group, each recognised for their outstanding performance and sustained excellence.



Pioneering work:

Science & Innovation Award

Innovation is a vital driver of progress, and this category, sponsored by AstraZeneca, recognised businesses pushing boundaries in science and technology. Revvity won Gold for their groundbreaking work, Stockwell Safety took Silver, and Quodria Ltd earned Bronze for their creative problem-solving in the science and engineering sectors.



Outstanding leadership:

Businessperson of the Year

Sponsored by the North Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, this award celebrated individuals who have demonstrated visionary leadership. Gold went to Anna Main of Re:volve for her entrepreneurial drive and community impact. Andy Venables of Hillsgreen took Silver, while Bronze was awarded jointly to Tony Moore (Moore Health & Protection), Adam Lowe (Autac), and Daniel Matthias (DMA Architecture).



Making a difference: Charity of the Year

Sponsored by Manchester Airport Group, this award recognised the life-changing work of local charities. The Tatton Park Charitable Trust claimed Gold for their preservation and education initiatives. The Bridgend Centre received Silver, and The Welcome, Knutsford took Bronze for their invaluable community support.



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Wellbeing focus: Health & Wellbeing Award

With employee and community wellbeing more important than ever, Everybody Health & Leisure sponsored this category. In Accountancy received Gold for their innovative wellbeing strategies, while Adlington Memorial Park earned Silver.



Entrepreneurial spirit: Small and Start-up Business Awards

Sponsored by Champneys Mottram Hall, the Small Business of the Year award went to Ella and I, a company whose growth and brand story inspired the judges. Dress Cheshire took Silver, and Mini Off-Rovers earned Bronze.



In the Start-up Business of the Year category, sponsored by Citation, Jnr Chef won Gold for their unique culinary venture. Stable Minds CIC received Silver, while Ex-Forces @ Your Service and Potential Brewed CIC shared Bronze for their promising beginnings



Collaboration in action: Team of the Year

Finally, the Team of the Year award, sponsored by Harts, honoured groups achieving exceptional results through teamwork. Champneys Mottram Hall fittingly took Gold on their home turf, Gumpo secured Silver, and Autac claimed Bronze.



A night to remember

The celebrations were closed by Esther McVey, MP for Tatton, who reflected on the evening being more than just a celebration of success – it was a testament to the resilience, creativity, and generosity of the North Cheshire business community. From pioneering innovations to grassroots community support, the winners and finalists demonstrated the rich diversity and ambition that make this region a hub of excellence.



With the success of the 2025 ceremony still fresh, anticipation is already building for next year's event. One thing is certain – North Cheshire's businesses will continue to inspire, achieve, and make a difference.

****Save the Date: North Cheshire Business Awards 2026 will be held at Champneys Mottram Hall on Friday July 3rd 2026****



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Cheshire & Warrington Local Skills Improvement Plan 2025: Progress, Priorities & The Power of Business Voice

As the Cheshire & Warrington Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) completes another year, our 2025 Progress Report showcases a region-wide effort to reshape education and training around the real needs of local business. Approved by the Secretary of State for Education in August 2023, the LSIP is a three-year initiative led by South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, designed to place businesses at the heart of the skills system.

What Is the Cheshire & Warrington LSIP?

Our LSIP focuses on five key themes: Technical Skills, Accessibility, Employability Competencies, Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG), and Educational Professionals, with a focus on transitioning industry professionals into teaching.

We aim to bridge the gap between business and post-16 education providers, ensuring that training provision aligns with current and future workforce demands.

Progress Highlights (July 2024 – June 2025)

- **Technical Skills:** Over 4,200 learners have accessed new facilities funded by our Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF), including immersive learning environments and green technology hubs. 38 Skills Bootcamps (funded training) are planned for 2025–26.
- **Accessibility:** More than 55 employers have received support navigating training and funding, including apprenticeship levy transfers. Inclusive initiatives such as SEND-specific careers fairs and youth task forces are helping disadvantaged groups access opportunities.
- **Employability Competencies** Programmes like “Core Skills for 2030” and mock assessment centres have reached over 930 students, embedding essential skills like communication, resilience, and digital literacy into the curriculum.
- **CEIAG:** Over 6,000 students attended careers fairs, and new work experience models are being trialled in Net Zero, Life Sciences, and Advanced Manufacturing sectors.

- **Educational Professionals:** Initiatives like the Industry Associate Pilot are helping professionals transition into teaching roles, while Continued Professional Development and careers awareness training have reached over 60 educators.

What Still Needs to Be Done

Despite strong progress, several challenges remain:

- Increasing capacity within the education system to meet demand for technical course delivery.
- Improving employer understanding of training offers and funding mechanisms.
- Mapping gaps in employability skills provision and ensuring consistent reporting across partners.
- Strengthening engagement with disadvantaged groups and promoting inclusive recruitment.

We are actively working with partners to address these issues, with full delivery targeted by August 2026.

Your Voice Matters – October Relaunch

This October, we will relaunch our engagement activities - and we need your voice!

Without input from businesses, we cannot make real change. Your feedback shapes the future of training and skills provision in Cheshire & Warrington, ensuring it reflects the realities of your workforce and industry.

Whether you're facing recruitment challenges, skills shortages, or planning for future growth, your insights are vital. Join us in shaping a resilient, responsive, and inclusive skills system.

The full LSIP Progress Report is available on our website: cheshireandwarringtonlsip.co.uk

» **If your business needs help to navigate the skills system, get in touch: LSIP@sccci.co.uk**



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CURRENTBODY OWNER TRIPLES SIZE OF ALDERLEY PARK HQ

The Beauty Tech Group (TBTG), a global leader in home-use beauty technology and owner of CurrentBody Skin, is tripling the size of its headquarters at Alderley Park in the North West of England. The innovation and science campus, owned by Bruntwood SciTech – the UK’s largest property platform dedicated to the innovation economy – will host TBTG’s expanded 16,000 sq ft base at Glasshouse, up from 5,000 sq ft. The new space will accommodate up to 200 people.

TBTG’s growth follows the international success of its CurrentBody Skin LED mask, alongside acquisitions including Tria Laser and ZIIP. Its new open-plan headquarters has been designed to flex with the company’s evolving needs.

Alderley Park provides an ecosystem of more than 250 startups, scaleups and global companies, supported by Bruntwood SciTech’s flexible workspaces, on-site amenities and wellbeing-focused environment. Facilities include a gym, café, event space, and scenic walking and cycling routes, helping fast-growing businesses attract and retain talent. TBTG sits alongside other scaling companies such as Airship, Lokulus and Beckhoff, all expanding within Glasshouse.

Through Bruntwood SciTech’s national network, TBTG can access a 1,100-strong business community and dedicated growth support, including university and training partnerships for talent development.

Sam Birtwistle, Senior Commercial Manager at Bruntwood SciTech, said: “The Beauty Tech Group’s expansion is a strong example of how a collaborative ecosystem supports innovation. Alderley Park offers space for ambitious companies to grow, backed by the infrastructure and expertise they need.”

Laurence Newman, CEO of The Beauty Tech Group, added: “As leaders in home-use beauty technology, our headquarters must reflect the cutting-edge nature of our products. Since moving to Alderley Park in 2021, we’ve thrived here, and expanding our presence was an easy decision. While we operate globally, Alderley Park remains our home and future base.”



THE KING'S SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The King's School's equestrian team proved themselves among the strongest young riders nationwide at the National School's Championships at Hickstead, the home of English equestrianism. King's riders secured a brilliant double in the Eventers Challenge, alongside seven top places in other classes—reward for countless hours of riding, grooming and horse care.

With schools competing from across the country, King's results confirmed Cheshire riders as among the nation's best. The squad of Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan, Emily Carter, Poppy Holding, Oliver Ravenscroft, Lacey Barton Firbank, Ruby Barton Firbank, Libby James and Nina Robinson have enjoyed a stellar 2025 season, qualifying for eleven championship classes across Eventers Challenge, Show Jumping and Dressage.

The highlight came in the Eventers Challenge, a demanding mix of show jumping and cross-country fences, where Rubi, Emily, Poppy and Oliver took first place in both the 105cm and 95cm classes, securing two national titles. Other teams

also shone: Poppy, Lacey, Ruby and Libby claimed 9th in the 85cm, while Lacey, Ruby, Libby and Nina finished 19th in the 75cm.

In Show Jumping, Lacey, Ruby, Libby and Nina achieved 4th in the 75cm, while Libby, Lacey and Ruby took 17th in the 85cm. The 95cm and 105cm teams added further success with 2nd and 6th places.

Dressage brought more distinction. Emily, Oliver, Libby and Poppy placed 6th in the Preliminary team event, while Poppy, Rubi, Emily and Oliver secured 3rd in the Open. Rubi also excelled individually, finishing 3rd in the Novice Final.

Two young stars, Poppy Holding and Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan, have earned national selection for the Wales and West Midlands team, competing at Bishop Burton this month. Poppy dreams of Olympic selection, while Rubi, balancing academic success with equestrian talent, hopes to pursue a career as an equine vet.



RISKWORKS STRENGTHEN PRIVATE CLIENTS TEAM

RISKWORKS

Riskworks Business Insurance is pleased to announce key changes within its Private Clients division, reinforcing the team's commitment to providing tailored insurance solutions for high-net-worth individuals and clients with valuable assets.

Lindsey Ramsden has been promoted to Private Client Manager, bringing extensive experience and a deep understanding of the specialist insurance needs of private clients. In her new role, Lindsey will oversee client portfolios, ensuring each individual receives a bespoke insurance solution that aligns with their lifestyle and unique requirements.

Joining her in the Private Clients team, Samantha Armstrong steps into the role of Private Clients Account Executive. Samantha brings 14 years of industry experience to the team and will focus on day-to-day client support, handling enquiries, and assisting with policy management, delivering a seamless service that meets the high expectations of Riskworks' clientele.

The Private Clients division at Riskworks provides a comprehensive range of insurance services, including coverage for luxury homes, fine art,

valuable collections, high-value vehicles, and personal liability protection. The team combines technical expertise with a personalised approach, helping clients mitigate risks and protect their most valuable assets.

These appointments reflect Riskworks' ongoing investment in its people and services, ensuring private clients receive both expert guidance and exceptional service.

For more information about the Private Clients division, visit [Riskworks Business Insurance](#).



TYTHERINGTON TENANTS ENJOY SUMMER BBQ EVENT



On Wednesday, 17th July, Orbit Developments hosted a Summer Barbecue Event exclusively for the occupiers of Tytherington Business Village, providing an opportunity to take a break from the working day and enjoy some well-deserved downtime.

From 12:00pm to 2:00pm, tenants were invited to enjoy a barbecue with freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs, along with soft drinks, and ice cream served from a traditional ice cream van.

The event offered more than just food, with outdoor lawn games such as giant Jenga and Swingball set up to encourage interaction and some light-hearted competition, along with music and deckchairs set out for people to relax.

The event was well attended and received positive feedback from tenants, many of whom appreciated

the chance to step away from their desks, socialise, and connect with others on the park.

Surveyor Dean Richards was delighted with the turnout "It was fantastic to see so many people coming together to enjoy some food, ice cream, and games, and so many smiling faces from all who got involved. With so many different businesses based across the offices here, it's easy for people to stick to their own spaces—so events like this are a great way to bring everyone together. We're really focused on building a stronger sense of community at Tytherington Business Village. We're already offering yoga and mindfulness classes, and the on-site café does a great job of serving as a central hub for people. We can't wait to host more events like this in the future."

We would like to thank all those who attended and contributed to the success of the event, and we look forward to doing it again next year!

AUTAC'S DAVID LOWE TO CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Autac's David Lowe to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in memory of sister-in-law and in aid of Prevent Breast Cancer

Macclesfield, August 2025

On 6 September, David Lowe, Managing Director of family-run Macclesfield-based cable manufacturer Autac, will begin a gruelling six-day trek up Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Prevent Breast Cancer.

For David, this climb is more than reaching Africa's highest peak. It's a heartfelt tribute to his late sister-in-law, Julie Wright, who passed away in 2013 at 51 years old after a four-year battle with breast cancer. Julie was the sister of Sallie Lowe, David's wife and Autac co-owner, and her memory continues to inspire the family's determination to make a difference.

David is no stranger to extraordinary fundraising challenges. He has previously trekked to Everest Base Camp (2019, raising £11,016) and crossed part of the Sahara Desert (2022, raising £14,616), proving his commitment to going the distance for causes close to his heart.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the UK, more than 55,900 people are diagnosed every year, that's 153 every day," said David. "Tragically, it still claims over 11,500 lives annually. For us, that's 11,500 too many. We can't change the past, but through prevention, research and awareness, we can help change the future."

Unlike many charities that focus on treatment, Prevent Breast Cancer is the only UK charity dedicated entirely to prevention. Its vision is clear: stop breast cancer before it starts.

Backed by colleagues, friends and family, David is ready to take on this epic challenge in Julie's memory and support life-changing research.

To support David with his fundraising efforts, visit:

<https://www.iustgiving.com/page/david-lowe-1736350558229>



ALL SMILES & CELEBRATIONS AS BEST EVER RESULTS ARE RECORDED AT KING'S

Pupils at The King's School achieved record-breaking GCSE and A Level results in a bumper year at the Macclesfield school. A stunning set of A Level grades are the 'best ever' produced by what Head, Mr Slack, described as 'a wonderful group of young adults.'

The results mean King's will inevitably climb even higher in the academic league tables, having maintained a Top 10 place in the NW for the last few years. An amazing 56% of all A Level grades are A*/A; and 83% are A* - B with half of all students gaining an A* in at least one subject. At GCSE level, 60% of all grades are at 9-7 (A*/A).

Seven students achieved at least three A*s with six of the best pictured (from left to right): Asher Raymon, got his clean sweep of A*s in Maths, Computer Science and Physics and will study Computer Science at Manchester University. Harry Shanahan, got three A* in Maths, Further Maths and Computer Science with an A in Physics. Harry, whose long term ambition is to help "change the world through technology", will also study Computer Science at Manchester University.

Another high-flying computer scientist is Annabel Hawkins, who got four A*s in Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Physics and will go up to Murray Edwards College, Cambridge University. Zac Ransom got his A*s in Business, Economics and Sport and will take a gap year coaching sport before heading to university. Matthew Ennis got his A*s in Psychology, Chemistry and Biology, and thanked "all my teachers." The accomplished rugby player will study Biomedical Science at Sheffield University. Talented actor and musician, Seb Fitzgerald, is bound for New College, Oxford University, to study Arabic and ultimately wants to work in international journalism.

King's Head, Mr Slack, said: "For this year group to gain the best A Level results in the school's history is a tremendous achievement and testament to their hard work and application. What is even more special is that they are a wonderful group of young adults who ably demonstrate the school's ethos of equipping young people with the character and skills necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. I couldn't be more proud of their achievements, both academic and more generally."



MACCLESFIELD BUSINESSES CONNECT AT NEW NETWORKING EVENT



The first Business Boost Networking event, held at The Tytherington Club earlier in the year, proved beneficial for attendees from the local business community. Organised by bennettbrooks Accountants and The Mortgage Advice Bureau, the breakfast event combined relaxed networking with short presentations from experts with insights designed to help businesses start the new financial year on the front foot.

Penny Webster, bennettbrooks Director, highlighted the importance of cashflow planning, understand business profitability and why reviewing processes and strategy are key for business growth. Andrew Teeman from the Mortgage Advice Bureau covered various aspects of financial planning and the local Relationship Team from RBS spoke briefly about the support available to businesses from the Macclesfield branch. The event gave attendees the opportunity to make new contacts while also gaining practical business advice.

The next event is being held at the Tytherington Club on Thursday 25th September, with the theme of protection for your business. Speakers will



include a specialist from RBS, who will talk about the growing threat of email scams, experts from bennettbrooks and The Mortgage Advice Bureau will also cover financial security and protection for both businesses and individuals, discussing different options to help safeguard for the future.

The Business Boost Networking event is free to attend and is exclusively for business owners and senior professionals based in East Cheshire.

To book your place visit www.bennettbrooks.co.uk/news-events/events/ or email sarah.porter@bennettbrooks.co.uk



CHESHIRE MARKETING SHARE SOME TOP BUSINESS TIPS

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1) Showcase value - Another way to ensure that you're making money regularly is to show that your product/service is indispensable. To do this, you need to know what their pain points are and then highlight how you can help them

2 Consider retained clients - Having a client on a monthly retainer means they pay you a certain amount every month for a specific amount of work or products. It's a great way to ensure that you're generating a steady amount on a regular basis and can help you to forecast more easily. Why not approach clients who regularly invest in your business with the idea and see where it goes?

3 Ask for advice. Finally, remember that you're never alone in business. The truth is, we've all made the same mistakes and are up against the same challenges. By speaking to other business owners and getting their advice you may even find a solution to a problem you didn't know existed. You can learn from them, bounce ideas around and benefit from a like minded community who know exactly the situation you're in.

You may be interested in the next 2 Platinum Business Networking events to help you build business connections.

9th September Platinum Zoom Networking - Cheshire 10-11.15am Booking link www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1463298638619?aff=oddtcreator

9th October 10am-12 Platinum Business Networking Face to Face at Storage World [Wilmslow/Hale]. Booking link www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1115423023289?aff=oddtcreator

For updates feel free to join the Small Business Community Facebook group . Do not hesitate to email kerry@cheshire-directory.co.uk for an advertising quote.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CALLUM JOHNSTON

Callum started with us December 2021, originally joining us on a college placement while studying for his Level 3 IT & Computing Diploma.

Having impressed us with his hard work ethic and ability to quickly learn new skills and technologies, Callum joined us full-time. He has now completed his Level 4 Network Engineering Apprenticeship and has also completed some training courses recently, including: Xero Advisor Certified, Acronis Cloud Sales Fundamentals, 3CX Basic Certification, and many more! This training and progression in his role has lead to Callum to being promoted to Head of Technical Operations!

This promotion is well deserved and Callum has been a key role within the company over the last few years now, and we hope to see him thrive in his new role and stay with the company for the future.



THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS AND TRADE



The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) is an economic growth department. We ensure fair, competitive markets at home, secure access to new markets abroad and support businesses to invest, export and grow. Our priorities are the Industrial Strategy, the Trade Strategy the Plan for Small Businesses, and Make Work Pay.

The local DBT team operates across the North of England supporting businesses through tailored services such as International Trade Advisers, the Export Academy and strategic partnerships with other local business support providers. We have dedicated International Trade Advisers who have a wealth of commercial experience along with sector and market knowledge, who work with businesses of all sizes to help them accelerate their international growth ambitions through impartial and tailored advice. By working with the DBT team, you will also gain access to local events, trade missions and meet-the-buyer events.

Chamber Members can now receive in-person export advice from Jessica Zhang, International

Trade Adviser with the Department for Business and Trade.

Jessica has over 15 years' experience in advising, supporting UK SMEs from a wide range of industrial sectors to develop and to implement their export strategies. Her goal is to engage with all North Cheshire based companies to provide them with practical support and services to expand their businesses into the overseas market. She also leads on Sports Economy in the region.



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