

## Firms tackle water pollution on Winsford 1-5

Building upon the success of previous projects, environmental specialists Groundwork are working with businesses on Winsford 1-5 and across Cheshire to tackle the causes of water pollution.

The project involves engaging companies with the offer of free, confidential support to better understand potential pollution risks from their operations. This support will enable companies to be better equipped to make improvements to their operations and reduce the risk of pollution entering local rivers and brooks.

The initiative is funded by the Environment Agency and Groundwork, and is an important project for the Weaver Gowy Catchment Partnership.

The partnership includes a number of organisations across the water management area in Cheshire including United Utilities, the Environment Agency, universities, businesses and colleges.

In recent years, some North West based companies have received fines ranging from £20,000 to £700,000 for needlessly causing pollution in water as well as unnecessary stress to fish in long stretches of rivers.

Two companies that have taken part in the initiative are Explore Plant Hire Ltd and Graphic Packaging Ltd who have received specialist advice to help them understand how they can minimise the potential pollution of local waterways.

Jessica Skeggs, Project Manager at the Environment Agency, said: "Water pollution has a huge and very harmful impact on the environment both locally and nationally. By continuing to work closely with local businesses, we are ensuring that they are aware of and meet their responsibilities to the environment and their local communities."

Groundwork's Director of Business, Greville Kelly, said: "We've been delighted with the positive response received already from local businesses.

"This project is all about prevention, so it will not only reduce current levels of water pollution but will also help to safeguard these waterways for generations to come."



## Covid-19 business support and advice

As you are aware, Covid-19 is affecting businesses up and down the country right now and the situation changes daily.

A good place to stay up-to-date with the latest announcements and legislation is the Cheshire & Warrington Growth Hub who have been providing new updates each day.

Their dedicated landing page regarding Covid-19 outlines the numerous different support packages that have been announced by the government to help businesses and will point you in the right direction to potentially take advantage of them.

Initiatives revealed include the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme where the Government will pay salaries (at 80% of current pay up to £2,500 a month) for workers who are no longer working and would otherwise be made redundant and a new Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.

The government is also making cash grants and additional funding available to certain sectors and smaller businesses so it is definitely worth finding out more because your company may be entitled to claim.

Updates are posted on a daily basis so make sure you check in to ensure you're

not missing out on important information.

To get started, simply head to:  
[www.candwgrowthhub.co.uk/covid-19](http://www.candwgrowthhub.co.uk/covid-19)



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# Message from the Chairman

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Hello and welcome to the Winsford 1-5 2020 spring newsletter.

Firstly, I hope you are all healthy and well at the moment as the country battles against Covid-19.

These are unprecedented times but rest assured that the BID is here to help and we will be doing all we can to offer support and guidance to businesses at this difficult time.

Please make sure that you follow all guidelines that are set out by the government over the coming weeks.

On a more positive note, business has continued to move at pace here on the estate since Christmas.

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all the teams that took part in the Annual Quiz Night which took place on Tuesday 10th March. The competition was fierce but a huge well done must go to Saint Flooring who came out on top.

It was also great to see the BID's first mental health course delivered on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March. I would urge employees to sign up to a future course if they would like to enhance their knowledge of mental health and develop their skills and confidence regarding this topic.

On the subject of getting involved with an initiative, make sure you take advantage of the Microlearn training package. It's a fantastic free learning tool which will help upskill members of your business.

Before I sign off, I'd just like to announce that Quallsafe are extending the validity of various qualifications by 3 months, including Emergency First Aid at Work and First Aid at Work. This allows any requalifications or courses to be postponed until a later date without impacting businesses or employees.

Have a safe and healthy spring!



Yours Sincerely,  
**Pete Price,**  
Chairman of the Winsford 1-5  
Executive Board

***Winsford*** 1-5  
Business Environment Group

## Winsford 1-5 offers free Mental Health Training

Winsford 1-5 has now added free mental health training to its series of regular courses.

Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace, which is a two day course, was delivered on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March and is a regulated and nationally recognised qualification that has been specifically designed for those who would like to raise their awareness of mental health.

By going on the course, candidates will develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to promote positive mental health within the workplace which makes it an ideal qualification for mental health champions, human resources, managers and team leaders.

It also covers a range of common mental health conditions including anxiety, depression, bipolar, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For more information about the course, please email:  
[Stephanie.Lease@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Stephanie.Lease@groundwork.org.uk) or  
call 01606 723175.





# Artis Park development moves closer to completion

The state-of-the-art Artis Park development on Winsford 1-5 continues to move closer to completion.

With a prominent frontage on Road One, the scheme is set to be ready for occupation in May this year with the units featuring a number of benefits.

These include a clear internal height of at least 8 metres, partially glazed

frontages, electric loading doors, a high quality exterior finish and overall parking space for 187 cars.

The scheme is a joint venture between Kier, Yorvale and Maple Grove with joint agents Gerald Eve and Legat Owen in charge of marketing the development.

So far, major national businesses Screwfix and Toolstation have secured

units on Artis Park, taking advantage of Winsford 1-5's brilliant location and transport links.

If you want to know more information about the development, simply head to the park's website by visiting [www.artispark.co.uk](http://www.artispark.co.uk).



# Winsford 1-5 quiz champions crowned

The Annual Winsford Industrial Estate Quiz for 2020 was held in March at Wharton Conservative Club, hopefully everyone had fun!

After a tasty dinner supplied by Rucks to Eat, 7 teams fought it out to determine who would lift the coveted Winsford Challenge Cup this year, and after several tense rounds including pictures, general knowledge and music, one team emerged victorious...

## **Congratulations go to:**

Quiz on my face from Saint Flooring who came a triumphant first this year to knock Thorn 3PL off top spot!

Red Hot Trivia Peppers representing Thorn 3PL who came second!

And Beer View Mirror from Synetiq who took third place after a great effort!

The special Wooden Spoon Award went to Gemco and best team name went to Mitras with their name of "The Real Housewives of Mitras".

Thanks for taking part and we'll see you all next year. You've got plenty of time to brush up on your general knowledge!





# Enjoy a WorkFit Membership with Brio Leisure



Did you know that all employees based on Winsford 1-5 can enjoy a discount on packages at Brio Leisure?

While all centres are currently closed due to Coronavirus, when everything is back open those who take up the offer will get 20% off a full membership.

What's more, there's no joining fee and if you pay annually you will get two months free.

## What's included?

- Access to over 550 fitness classes
- Use of gym, swim and health suites where available
- Off-peak racquet sports
- Savings for family members
- Use of all 8 Brio centres in Chester, Christleton, Ellesmere Port, Frodsham, Neston, Northwich, Rudheath and Winsford.

All you need to do to take advantage is show a payslip at the reception to gain access to all these benefits.

Business Improvement Districts Team

member, Hugh Shields, has spoken about the offer and why employees should consider getting involved.

"The uptake so far to the scheme has been amazing with 260 employees on the estate having already signed up.

"With access to great fitness classes and the use of facilities all over Cheshire it really is worth getting involved with."

For more information and to sign up, head to the Brio Leisure website: [brisleisure.org/memberships-and-prices/corporate](https://brisleisure.org/memberships-and-prices/corporate).

# Tiger Trailers gearing up to celebrate fifth anniversary

Tiger Trailers, a manufacturing business proud to be based in Winsford, is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary and the second full year at its state-of-the-art site.

Trailers and other commercial vehicle bodies for household names including the Royal Mail, Poundstretcher and Hovis will be rolling off the firm's production lines during the spring.

Marketing, PR and CSR activities are continuously expanding in a similar manner at Tiger Trailers, with social media activity surrounding customer news proving engaging and the production of the company's new brochure under way.

Alongside the firm's long-running apprenticeship programme, which forms a core part of its ethos, Tiger

Trailers has identified a number of worthy charities to support at a time when mental health is rightly being discussed more openly, and the company also plans to expand its education and careers activities in Cheshire's schools.

If you want more information about Tiger Trailers, make sure you visit their website: [www.tigertrailers.co.uk](http://www.tigertrailers.co.uk).



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