

Message from the Chair

Hello and welcome to the Winsford 1-5 summer newsletter.

Before I continue I would just like to say that I hope you have all had a positive spring and have managed to stay safe and well.

We are still going through challenging times in the business world but there are definitely green shoots of recovery here on the estate.

In the last few weeks alone the BID team has taken five enquires from businesses asking about the availability of units and there are eight units currently under offer at Meridian House.

On top of this, units 11 and 12 are under offer at Artis Park too, while we've also advertised eighteen vacancies for different businesses based on Winsford 1-5 over late spring.

All of this shows that the wheels of industry are starting to turn a little bit faster following the pandemic and hopefully this continues.

Maintaining the theme of positivity, construction work on the new

Gateway project is set to get underway on plot 1 in August/September and phase 2 of the Artis Park development continues to progress as planned.

Both of these elements will enhance Winsford 1-5's position as a leading trading environment in the North West, and as always we thank businesses and employees for their patience and understanding with regards to the construction works that have been taking place.

We are aware that there has been disruption but these issues should reduce going forward which should help with traffic management.

Before I finish I would like to mention ASM Technologies who have moved out of Meridian House and into new premises on Gadbrook Park.

They've been a member of the business community here for 25 years and although they will retain a warehouse in Winsford on Premier Park, we will miss the team's presence on the estate. Good luck over at Gadbrook team ASM!

I'd also like to pay tribute to Dennis Cookson who co-owned Rucks.

Dennis recently passed away but will never be forgotten here on the estate, where he had such a positive influence. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Finally, please remember that your BID team is still here for you no matter how big or small your query so don't hesitate to get in touch.



I hope you all have a profitable and enjoyable summer.

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



Updates from around the Winsford 1-5 estate

Optimism

The BID team on behalf of the board would like to welcome two new businesses to the estate - Excel Plastics on Road One and Cheshire West Camper Hire on Road Three. The BID board wishes them both all success on the estate. There is also some good news regarding Meridian House with units 1, 8, 16, 18b, 23, 25, 26 and 27 all under offer.

Artis Park

With phase one of Artis Park complete and businesses already occupying three of the units, work has just begun on phase two. This will consist of units 11, 12 and 13, ranging from 4,000 – 26,620 sq ft.



Free training

The core training courses continue to be a huge hit with businesses and their employees.

So far this year the BID team has delivered eight 1 day First Aid courses, one 3 day First Aid course (three more are yet to be delivered), three Fire Marshal courses, three Mental Health First Aid courses and two forklift courses. If you have any queries regarding training courses, please contact the BID team.

Winsford Gateway

After some delays, the infrastructure entrance road and roundabout will be complete in October. The developers will then move in and start their work on Plot 1. The BID team will continue to work with the developers and send out any updates that may affect the estate.

BID Team

Please remember that the BID team is here to help your business whether it's by giving advice, securing bigger premises, advertising job opportunities or sharing CVs for employees who are under threat of redundancy.

We can also put you in touch with other businesses on the estate to look at ways in which you could potentially help each other out. Please email Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk with any queries.

COVID-19 testing

The BID Board welcomed The Community Testing Team who were operating a mobile testing site for non-symptomatic LFT and PCR testing. This allowed members of the public and staff on the estate to pick up tests without an appointment. The mobile testing centre was set up on the Road Three and Ion Path Road industrial estate areas from Thursday 10th to Wednesday 16th June.

Estate security

The BID Board are looking at upgrading the CCTV and are exploring options. Any developments will be communicated to businesses in due course.

Kickstart Scheme

There has been a good response from the BID businesses that have accessed the government's Kickstart Scheme.

If you are interested in a 6-month government funded work placement, please visit www.groundwork.org.uk/kickstart-cheshire-lancashire-and-merseyside/.

You can also contact Jane Lannon on 07545 440666 to discuss the scheme further.

Businesses team up to protect the environment

Two Winsford 1-5 based businesses are working together to help cut waste and take a more environmentally friendly approach to rubbish.

Wares of Knutsford are collaborating on a pilot scheme with Shirt Monkey to shred and recycle their waste cardboard, and have invested in a cardboard shredding machine which allows them to stop using plastic packaging when sending goods to customers.

This means that together with their compostable bags, pallet wrap, card dividers, biodegradable bubble and now shredded cardboard, Wares is proud to be plastic free!

How does your business get rid of any cardboard? If you pay to dispose of it, why not allow one business to help another and the environment too by trading unwanted packaging?

If you are interested in discussing this, please contact Sarah at Wares by calling 01477 537224.



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Tiger Trailers delivers large order to new Belgian client

Tiger Trailers has expanded its international customer base with the delivery of fifty exported mega trailer curtainsiders to ECS in Zeebrugge, Belgium.

Vital to the order was Tiger Trailers' ability to fulfil essential safety elements and specifications with regards to criteria such as wheel ride heights, tyres, reflective livery and warning decals.

This was crucial in reflecting the firm's explicit position as a trade gateway between the EU and UK and a specialist in trade with the latter.

The Technical Fleet Manager at ECS, Jonas Van Den Broucke, commented: "Following problems with other trailers in the past, relating to tyre sizes and especially



quality and durability issues, we turned to Tiger Trailers and were impressed from the outset with their open and transparent style of business, the level of support provided throughout the briefing, production, delivery and aftercare stages, and the high quality of the finished product."

Stephen Pollock, Tiger Trailers' Business Development Director,

said: "We are delighted that ECS are pleased with their new dual-height curtainsider mega trailers, the production of which wasn't impeded despite the UK's second lockdown, and it's exciting to be supporting a company with strategies as ambitious as ours."

To find out more about Tiger Trailers, please visit: www.tigertrailers.co.uk/.

Getting to know you: The story of Flexible Building Products Ltd

An editorial from Flexible Building Products Ltd.

"Flexible Building Products Ltd, trading as Firestone Building Products, is a family owned company formed by James Cave in the year 2000, following his life in the construction industry both in civil engineering and architecture.

After less than two years with Firestone, James was given the opportunity to become independent and so Flexible Building Products Ltd started up in a new unit on Road One at Meridian House.

Expansion and a move to Chester Road followed before a return to Premier Park on Road One five years ago due to a further expansion of the business.

We are proud to say that thanks to hard work, our fantastic experienced team and good location on Road One here on the Winsford 1-5 Industrial Estate, we and our Authorised Firestone Distributors

have been very successful in both the Commercial and Residential Markets.

This has seen us complete major projects including car manufacturing plants for the likes of Honda and Rover as well as the Tag McLaren headquarters factory in Woking.

Other large projects include Caterpillar, Argos, John Deere and Diageo (Guinness) to name but a few.

In lining we were also responsible for lining the Canoe Slalom for the UK Olympics, the Reflecting Pond at RHS Wisely and have provided the equipment for thousands of decorative ponds, canals and lakes.

In the Residential Roofing market, Firestone Rubber Cover has grown inexorably and has been one of Flexible's greatest achievements, so much so that the Rubber Cover Program has been rolled out by Firestone all over Europe.



Now at the age of 72, having had a long and enjoyable career, James will be retiring at the end of 2021, however Firestone Building Products will continue into the future."

The Winsford 1-5 BID board would like to take this opportunity to wish James all the very best in retirement and would also like to congratulate him for winning a £50 voucher for completing the Winsford 1-5 Survey recently. Good luck in all future endeavours James!

Useful Contacts

If you have a problem, issue or request relating to a matter within the BID, there are a number of contacts and organisations you can get in touch with. Please check out the full list below.

- Cheshire Police – PCSO Carl Laing – carl.laing@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
- Cheshire Police – Paul Gilchrest – paul.gilchrest@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
– Make sure you contact either Carl or Paul for any issues surrounding ongoing crime matters, Police advice or to report on-going dangerous/obstructive parking.
- Winsford BID Rapid Text Service – **01606 866658**
- Cheshire West and Chester Council – ‘Your Streets’ portal www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk – **0300 123 7036**
- Cheshire West and Chester Council – Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer (Local Authority) – dawn.taylor@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Alpha Omega Security (Bank Holiday Cover periods) – Control Room – **02170 258881** or Operations Manager Chris Strange – **07904 331031**
- Defibrillators – Available at All Our Appliances, Schoeller Allibert, Car Transplants, Coveris, Finning UK, SecondTek, Advance Medical Solutions, Henkel, Antalis, Meridian House, Thermo Fisher, CWAC and Jiffy. Please put this list on your company’s notice board.
- Business Improvement District Manager Hugh Shields – Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk – **01606 723 175** or **07921 055 039**

An update from Build Skill Plus

Build Skill Plus would like to congratulate Dan Marshall who is about to finish his Level 2 Bricklaying qualification. Dan works with Midas Construction (Cheshire) Ltd and attends the Build Skill Plus centre in Winsford one day a week for his off the job training.

Dan started in construction to follow in the footsteps of both his Dad and Grandad, keeping the family skills tradition going into a third generation.

Dan is a keen Bricklayer and proud member of the construction industry and Build Skill Plus are incredibly proud to support another generation of Bricklayers while also

continuing to support employers and the industry as a whole to shorten the trade skills gap.

If you are an employer who wants to solve its bricklaying shortages then please get in touch with the Build Skill Plus team by calling **07776 287236** or emailing info@buildskillplus.co.uk.

Likewise, if you or someone you know are interested in an opportunity to learn the trade and gain a qualification, Build Skill Plus look forward to hearing from you.

They have several live vacancies at present available within the local area. Visit www.buildskillplus.co.uk to find out more.



Training update

Just a quick note to inform all businesses that the Microlearn training has now finished.

If any businesses are looking for Level 2 online training then please

explore all of the free online courses available.

You can take a look at these via this link: www.explore.freecoursesinengland.co.uk/free-courses/.

Pop into Thorn – shop now open

Did you know that the Thorn shop is now open on Road One?

With quality products at bargain prices including discounted foods, drinks and redundant stock items, it's well worth a visit.

Opening times are 11:00am-3:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturdays.

