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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Hello and welcome to the Winsford Industrial Estate summer newsletter.

I can't believe we're nearly halfway through the year already – where does the time go? As summer gets underway, I hope you're well positioned to enjoy a strong second half of 2026 and that you're looking ahead with optimism and positivity.

I know I certainly am, especially after reading through this edition of the newsletter which is once again packed with exciting updates and good news from a range of the estate's businesses.

Kicking things off we have the brilliant news that Topspeed Couriers has secured a prestigious King's Award for Enterprise. Only a small number of businesses across the country are the recipients of one of these awards each year, so this recognition is testament to the skill and application of the Topspeed team. Keep up the good work!

Elsewhere it's great to see SRL Traffic Systems continuing to go from strength to strength with the appointment of a new CEO in Paul Lewis. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming Paul to the Estate, and I look forward to seeing SRL continue on their upwards trajectory over the next few years.

There's also news of a brilliant community initiative which could really help transform the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of people across Cheshire. Your Bus – run by Changing Lives Together – really will provide a lifeline to people who need help getting around the county for a range of activities including shopping, appointments and catching up with friends and family. It's great to see a Winsford based business leading the way on it.

But that's not all! This edition includes details of a new quiz winner too, alongside our regular 'Getting to know you' slot and the ever-important updates section. It's an excellent issue, and one I hope you enjoy reading as much as I have.

That's enough from me for now other than to wish you all a successful summer and happy holidays if you're heading anywhere nice over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Lomas,
Chairman of the Winsford 1-5
Executive Board



TOPSPEED COURIERS SECURES PRESTIGIOUS KING'S AWARD

Topspeed Couriers has received a prestigious King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development 2026.

One of the UK's highest honours for business achievement, the award recognises the company's progress in its sustainability endeavours which are driven by Topspeed's Carbon Reduction Plan and continued investments into responsible, secure logistics.

Based in **Unit 12 Ion Path**, the award makes Topspeed one of only 185 organisations across the country to receive this recognition, highlighting the scale of their achievement.



Stephen Clegg, CEO and Founder of Topspeed Couriers, commented:

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Winning the King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development is a huge moment for Topspeed, and I'm incredibly proud that our commitment to operating responsibly has been recognised at a national level. This award is testament to the hard work and dedication of our whole team, and the support of our customers and partners who've worked alongside us to put a robust Carbon Reduction Plan in place to keep raising the bar for more sustainable, secure logistics.

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NEW WINNERS CLAIM QUIZ TITLE

There's a new name on the Winsford Industrial Estate Annual Quiz trophy after Valentte claimed their first ever title.

Held at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club in May, the event made a welcome return with businesses from across the Estate battling it out to secure the coveted trophy. A highlight of the BID's events calendar, the evening was packed with prizes and camaraderie, but only one team could emerge triumphant.

With **Safety Shield Global** securing second and **Newbury Data** bagging a respectable third, it was left to **Valentte** to claim top spot, getting their hands on the trophy for the first time.

VALENTTE

Thanks to all the teams who took part, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year. Who knows, it could be your name on the trophy in 2027!



VOLUNTEERS HELP DELIVER A CLEANER ESTATE

There was a true demonstration of Estate community spirit recently when six members of the Winsford Litter Project team – alongside Winsford BID Board Chair Phil Lomas – carried out a two-hour litter pick on Road 1 and Road 4.

The group collected **20 bags of waste** in total as well as several larger items, and also encountered a significant amount of small plastic and polystyrene packaging which appeared to have been blown from nearby business premises.

All the waste gathered on the day was transported to the premises of a local business ready to be collected by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene team.

The project isn't stopping there however, with further litter picks planned throughout 2026. And in other good news, the BID Board has agreed a donation to fund 'Sharps' training for the project's volunteers, ensuring the team can work safely as the initiative continues.

Speaking after the litter pick, **Phil Lomas** said:

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It was a real eye-opener to see just how much litter had accumulated along these roads. The team did a fantastic job, and the results speak for themselves – 20 bags in just two hours. But there's still work to do, and we're committed to making sure Winsford is a cleaner, more welcoming place for everyone.

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The BID board would like to inform businesses that the area opposite the roundabout near the Gateway development was an area of concern, with the drainage system and reed beds found to be severely contaminated. Please be mindful of this going forward.



SRL TRAFFIC SYSTEMS NAMES NEW CEO

Road Five's SRL Traffic Systems has appointed a new CEO to drive the next phase of the company's growth.

Paul Lewis joins the firm with over 20 years' experience leading large, operationally-intensive businesses, with his most recent role seeing him lead the UK and Ireland divisions at VPS Group.

A natural leader with a strong track record of delivering sustainable growth through well-executed strategy, Paul is also experienced in spurring the development of leadership and front-line teams.



Commenting on his appointment, Paul said:

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I am very pleased to be joining SRL at an exciting point in its development. My focus is to unlock the significant growth potential of the business by building a resilient, future-proof organisation that consistently delivers high levels of service to our customers, backed by innovation that delivers real value. Just as importantly, I want that success to create an environment where our colleagues can thrive over the long term.

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COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE LAUNCHES FROM WINSFORD

A new, affordable community transport service has been launched by **Road Two's Changing Lives Together** to help people in Cheshire get around the county.

Your Bus enables qualifying residents – including those aged over 80, people with a health condition that affects mobility, or people supported through any government benefits – to travel to key towns, shopping hubs and Leighton Hospital where they can't access public transport, giving them independence and boosting their quality of life.

There are **eight accessible minibuses** in total which can even collect people right from their front door, and journeys start from as little as £4.

Sponsorship options are available for businesses too. Indeed the buses travel up to 30,000 miles a year, making them a brilliant moving advert!

At just £500, which includes the cost of a vehicle wrap, sponsorship offers a cost-effective way of promoting your business to over **370,000 residents in Cheshire West**.



For sponsorship details, please email rwateman@changing-lives-together.org.uk.

And for further information about the Your Bus service:



01606 784100



07549 724760



yourbus.info



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: CLEANING FORCE OFFICE CLEANERS

Did you know that Winsford Industrial Estate is home to a family-run cleaning company that specialises in commercial and industrial cleaning, washroom hygiene, and facilities management?

Having traded since 1990, **Cleaning Force Office Cleaners** cover all kinds of premises including offices, shops, restaurants, bars, schools, nurseries, public areas, factories, workshops, warehouses, building sites, and distribution centres.



Using the latest cleaning methods, and with a SmartTask GPS monitoring system in place to track staff start and finish times, customers only ever receive the highest levels of service and quality.

If you'd like to find out more about this professional, experienced and local business, why not head over to their website and get in touch?

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UPDATES

FROM AROUND WINSFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE



CHRISTMAS PARTY OFFERS – DE VERE CRANAGE ESTATE

Looking to plan this year's office Christmas party? The De Vere Cranage Estate is offering an exclusive 10% discount for Winsford Industrial Estate businesses and employees with some great perks included. Contact **Yasmin Perry** on **07350 401724** or **dhannon@wvr.ac.uk** to find out more.

PLANS APPROVED FOR NEW WAREHOUSE

Plans for a new warehouse on Winsford Industrial Estate including office space, a service yard, gatehouse, car parking, landscaping and access improvements have been approved by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Visit the Northwich Guardian website via the link below to read the full story.

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KING'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE 2027

Applications for the King's Awards for Enterprise 2027 are now open across the five categories of Innovation, International Trade, Sustainable Development, Promoting Opportunity, and Young Founders. Winning a King's Award brings prestigious recognition and lasting value, strengthening your organisation's reputation for quality, credibility, and leadership within your industry. Follow the link below to find out more and to submit an entry.

[ENTER NOW](#)

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you heard about the Made Smarter programme? It supports manufacturing SMEs in adopting digital tools to improve efficiency and modernise operations. The programme is fully funded and offers technology advice, grant funding, leadership training, and fully funded technology internships, with no time restrictions for eligible businesses.

Grant funding typically provides up to 50% match funding, capped at around £20,000 per business, supporting investments such as automation and robotics, CNC machinery, cloud-based ERP systems, IoT sensors, and 3D printing technologies.

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PLANNED ROAD CLOSURES

Please be aware that there is a planned road closure for Winsford Station bridge over the summer holidays which may affect Winsford Industrial Estate employees travelling to the Estate. For more information, please email **hugh.shields@groundwork.org.uk**.

UK THREAT LEVEL

The UK National Threat Level has been increased from Substantial, meaning an attack is likely, to Severe, meaning an attack is highly likely. While there is currently no intelligence to suggest any threat or risk to Cheshire, this is a reminder

to businesses to be vigilant and ensure all staff know what to do if they see suspicious activity or in the event of an incident.

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