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Virtu brings high quality new homes to Warrington

CHESHIRE housebuilder Virtu Homes has commenced work on a £3.5m development of new homes off Delenty Drive in Birchwood, Warrington.

The bespoke developer has planning permission to deliver an exclusive new residential development of 10 individually designed high quality homes, each with a luxurious specification, in a desirable location close to Birchwood centre.

Known as Birchwood Gardens, the development will comprise an attractive mix of three bedroom semi-detached, four bedroom semi-detached and three bedroom detached homes, including some set over three storeys, resulting in a stunning and aesthetically pleasing street scene that perfectly suits the existing local vernacular.

Renowned for its commitment to quality and style, Virtu Homes has considered every detail in this exquisite collection of forever homes.

Built to traditionally high standards and designed with modern living in mind, each property benefits from a superb specification that includes a fully fitted kitchen complete with oven/hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher and washer/dryer plus herringbone flooring or carpeting and beautiful fully tiled contemporary bathroom suites. Each home also has a fully turfed and landscaped garden and private parking.

Managing director at Virtu Homes, Adam Harrison, commented:

“Desirably located close to the Cheshire countryside yet within easy reach of both Manchester and Liverpool city centres, Birchwood Gardens is the perfect place to live for those looking for an elegant and highly specified new home in a peaceful area that is well connected for daily life.

“Following the initial release of the first few properties, interest in the development has built steadily, and with only 10 plots for sale, we don’t expect them to remain on the market for too long.”

For a limited time, homebuyers reserving at this early stage can take advantage of the complimentary services of Virtu’s talented interior designer who will accompany them to local showrooms to select and choose options for their new home to ensure the finished space reflects their personal style.

The latest in a number of beautiful new developments by Virtu Homes, the first properties at Birchwood Gardens will be available in January with the site completed in Spring. The architect for the scheme was ADS Structural with Aticus Law advising on legal. Properties are available for sale now, with prices starting from £315,000.

Currently developing across the Northwest and Yorkshire, Virtu Homes is an independently owned residential developer with an enviable reputation for high quality homes and apartments that appeal to both investors and owner occupiers. www.virtuhomes.co.uk



From the Chief Executive

Stephen Fitzsimons



Normally at this time of year I'm feeling optimistic about the months ahead and am looking forward to seeing many of our members expand and evolve.

However, 2025 is proving to be especially gloomy. A change in government has failed to boost growth, further prolonging the stagnation that we've experienced since the financial crash of 2007/8.

GDP rose by an underwhelming 0.1% at the end of the year, unemployment increased to 4.4% and interest rates were only cut to 4.75%. In order to avoid implementing Austerity 2.0, the Chancellor's Budget placed the burden of the dire national finances onto businesses, through increases to National Insurance contributions and the National Living Wage.

Economists talk about opportunity cost - what you miss out on

by choosing one action over another. Government ministers seem genuinely puzzled why UK companies can't spend millions on extra operational costs and create new jobs at the same time!

The subsequent effect on business confidence is further compounded when we consider what is happening in the USA. The saying goes that when America sneezes, the world catches a cold. I mustn't get drawn into a debate on the moral and ethical debate that comes with Donald Trump, however I can comment on the business implications.

Threatening economic war against Canada, Denmark and Panama (to name just a few) cannot be good for global stability and prosperity. Trump should know this, however the American people don't seem to have realised - tariffs are paid by the importer and passed directly

onto the customer, so prices will rise. If any foreign brands do establish operations in the US, new jobs would be very welcome, however the higher running costs would also be passed on to domestic customers. Joe Biden delivered 15 million new jobs, but stubbornly high inflation. Donald Trump will see the same results by starting a new trade war.

So let's try and find some positives! Chamber membership grew throughout 2024 and you'll see a formal merging with the Business Exchange as the year progresses. We now have over 300 members across the joint organisation, and remember to check out the list of events at www.wbex.co.uk We'll be delivering the 27th (!) Warrington Property Review on the 11th April at the Park Royal Hotel. Around 200 property professionals will hear about the major deals that were concluded

in Warrington during the previous 12 months.

We should also have confirmation that our Start & Scale Up Club will be supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for another year. Aimee Ruddy has worked with around 60 SMEs throughout 2024 and these have created over 80 new jobs in Warrington. The world may well catch a cold, however our local businesses continue to be our Lemsip!

Take care, Stephen

Family-run caterers partners with Natasha Allergy Research Foundation

WARRINGTON-BASED family-run independent caterers, Dolce Catering, has announced a three-year partnership with The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, the UK's food allergy charity.

The partnership will see Dolce donate annually to the charity and help support its vital research and education work, helping to support the organisation's goal to #MakeAllergyHistory.

The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation was founded in 2019 by Tanya and Nadim Ednan-Laperouse after their daughter Natasha died aged 15 from a severe allergic reaction to sesame.

Dolce, which specialises in catering for the education sector, works with over 650 primary and secondary schools across England and Wales, providing 125,000 meals for pupils every day.

Scott Curtis, Managing Director at Dolce Catering, said: "We cater for over 100,000 children every day, and know all too well

how many young people are impacted by food allergies. It can feel hugely scary for parents to put their trust in caterers to feed their child safely while they are at school. We've worked with many families to put bespoke allergen-free menus in place, implement staff training to ensure the kitchen space is kept allergen-safe and set up communication channels, so they are aware of how their child's allergy will be managed while they are at school."

The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation is the only allergy charity dedicated to medical research. It wants to understand what is causing the rise in allergic disease and develop ways to prevent, treat and ultimately eradicate it, creating a world that is safe for everyone. Through campaigning, education and research, the charity's mission is to #MakeAllergyHistory, in particular food allergy, and improve the lives of the millions of people in the UK living with allergies.

Nadim and Tanya Ednan-

Laperouse OBEs, founders of The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, shared: "The unprecedented rise in allergic disease over the last 30 years means there has never been a more important time to understand what is fuelling the global allergy epidemic. So many people today are living with a food allergy, including 1 in 13 school children. We are so pleased to have Dolce on board supporting us. It's support like this which enables us to continue our medical research and campaign work, and continue on our mission to #MakeAllergyHistory."

Scott Curtis, continues: "When we spoke with Nadim and Tanya we learned more about the trials they are conducting, where they are micro dosing children with allergens, getting them to the point where they can eat a handful of peanuts, whereas before less than one could have killed them. The potential impact this could have on our industry is huge and will change lives. We're a family business and humbled to be in

a position to be able to support The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation."

To find out more please visit www.dolce.co.uk



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Stephen Fitzsimons, Chief Executive

£230k funding boost to help digital transformation of Cheshire SME manufacturers

DESCRIBED as a trailblazing digital technology programme, Made Smarter Adoption North West has secured an additional £230,000 to help more Cheshire-based SME manufacturers access transformational technology.

The allocation from the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) will fund at least 10 new companies to adopt technologies such as sensors, robotics and 3D printers to increase productivity, growth, create new high value jobs and support decarbonisation.

This cash boost is more good news for the business support initiative that will continue from April 2025 as part of the Government's £16M commitment to expand into all English regions.

Made Smarter offers SME manufacturing and engineering companies access to technology advice, leadership and skills training, as well as grant funding for digital internships and technology projects.

Alain Dilworth, Programme Manager, said: "I am delighted that DBT have allocated a further £230k of in-year funding to Made Smarter Adoption North West. The majority will go towards

supporting our strong pipeline of companies to adopt new digital tools to accelerate their digital transformation.

"The opportunity to be able to support more manufacturing and engineering SMEs is something we relish, and we urge those companies who have yet to make contact with us to do so."

Made Smarter Adoption North West celebrates its 7th anniversary in January. The programme was created to accelerate technology adoption in SME manufacturing and engineering businesses lacking in-house resources and know-how. The programme is run by a team of 16 with expertise in manufacturing, technology and organisational development.

So far, the programme has engaged with 2,500 companies and offered technology advice to over 500 individual businesses. 330 of those have secured over £7m in grants to invest in 379 technology projects backed by £18m of their own money.

This £25m investment is forecast to create over 1,700 new jobs, upskill 3,200 existing roles, and add £267m GVA to the economy over the next three years.

Over 200 businesses have embedded new digital skills into their operations through Made Smarter leadership programmes, internships and other training opportunities. Half of the 75 digital internships placed with businesses resulted in permanent job offers.

The North West Adoption programme was the blueprint for current regional programmes operating in the North East, Yorkshire and the Humber, the West Midlands, the East Midlands, and will be again for the new regions joining the programme in April 2025.

Donna Edwards, Director of Made

Smarter's North West Adoption Programme, said: "This additional funding package is testament to the positive impact that Made Smarter North West is having.

"Our programme has been designed specifically for manufacturers, offering specialist advice to help them select the right approach, level of investment and tools to grow and build resilience."

"As we enter our 7th year, we are more determined than ever to reach more SME manufacturers across the sector to talk to them about the benefits of introducing new technologies and new digital skills."



United Utilities urge housing developers to be wise about water

WARRINGTON-based United Utilities is encouraging housing developers across the North West to be wise about water.

Through its Environmental Incentives Scheme, developers can benefit from discounts on network connection fees by introducing a range of water efficiency measures and sustainable drainage measures.

Graham Morley (pictured), Developer Services Manager at United Utilities said: "During the next five years, almost 150,000 new homes are expected to be built across the North West, so it is more important than ever that water resources are managed responsibly and pressure on sewer networks is reduced – housing developers have an important role to play in supporting this.

"We've been working with developers since 2018 to offer incentives to those who build homes that are either water efficient or drain surface water sustainably."

Now, the Environmental Incentives Scheme goes further and aims to help developers achieve a high standard of water efficiency performance and boost the use of sustainable drainage systems.

The scheme works on a tiered basis and includes measures ranging from installation of water

flow regulators and inclusion of a water butt or small rain garden through to rainwater harvesting, and permeable surfaces. The scheme also allows the most water efficient developments to offset their water usage through United Utilities' water saving initiative for existing customers.

Mr Morley added: "Water is one of our most precious resources, it is part of what makes the North West great. As the population in our region grows and we continue to experience the impacts of climate change, we need to ensure

that the systems we operate are resilient to these pressures on our infrastructure.

"As well as managing rainwater more effectively to keep it out of the sewer network, we're on a mission to cut out unnecessary water waste by reducing and managing demand across the North West.

"That means looking beyond our own water and wastewater networks and working with a range of organisations, including housing developers, to help

create communities that are more sustainable than those that have gone before.

"Our innovative Environmental Incentive Scheme has potential to help save millions of litres of water every day."

Across the region, more than 58,000 homes that feature measures to divert rainwater away from the sewer network and over 90,000 homes that feature water efficiency measures have either been already built or are in construction.



B-engineering joins sustainability champions with latest certification

WARRINGTON engineering firm, B-engineering, has recently attained B Corp certification, representing an important step in its dedication to sustainability and responsible business practices.

This certification requires companies to meet rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency. With this achievement, B-engineering aims to contribute positively to the facilities management sector by prioritising both people and the planet.

The B Corp certification reflects the company's dedication to enhancing its environmental impact and positively influencing the local community. It signifies a shift away from traditional business models that often prioritise profit alone, highlighting a balanced approach that integrates ethical considerations into its operational framework. Additionally, clients of the company can expect high ethical standards and transparency, along with a strong commitment to sustainability initiatives.

Beyond client relationships, the B Corp certification extends its benefits to the wider community. The company is committed to providing educational opportunities through training programs aimed at skill

development and job placement. Additionally, their 'giving back' initiatives have helped raise thousands in funds and volunteer hours. With hands-on projects involving pro-bono work for homeless veterans.

Inclusivity is a core value for the company, which aims to incorporate diverse perspectives in its decision-making processes. B-engineering has already established an advisory committee that includes representation from all areas of the company, creating a vibrant and resilient work community.

In pursuing responsible practices, the company evaluates its internal processes to prioritise employee well-being, ethical supplier partnerships, environmental leadership, and local economic support. Investments in renewable energy solutions and local sourcing are key strategies to drive meaningful change.

As the company gears up for its relocation to a new facility in the coming months, it already complies with the 2030 EPC legislation, which requires all commercial enterprises to attain an EPC B rating within the next five years. This forward-thinking refurbishment project focuses on lowering carbon emissions and lessening environmental impact. The new headquarters will include solar PV, electric heating

with no gas, water and energy management systems, and smart lighting, all skillfully installed by our in-house teams.

As the company moves forward on this transformative journey, it encourages clients, community members, and advocates of responsible business to engage in its initiatives. Through transparency and accountability, the company aims to demonstrate

how businesses can thrive while serving as leaders of resources and communities.

B-engineering's commitment to responsible practices and sustainability positions it to inspire others within the industry. Its efforts to create a greener future and promote community well-being underscore its role as a responsible leader in facilities management.



Propelling local businesses NorthBound: A fresh approach from Warrington entrepreneur

Warrington-based entrepreneur John Hewitt has launched NorthBound, a consultancy and training business designed to help local businesses overcome challenges and unlock their full potential. With decades of experience in leadership, management, and marketing, John is combining his professional expertise with his personal passion for the outdoors to create a unique, dynamic offering for businesses.

Previously the Marketing Director at GA Pet Food Partners, a global private-label pet food manufacturer, John's career took an unexpected turn when a company restructure led to redundancy. Yet, this challenge became the catalyst for NorthBound—a business dedicated to empowering teams, refining strategies, and driving meaningful change.

John's extensive background includes delivering leadership and management training for organizations across the public and private sectors, including Leyland Trucks, BAE Systems, and the NHS. Now, he's using those skills to offer a fresh approach to solving business challenges.

John's love of the outdoors has played a key role in shaping

NorthBound's approach. "Taking teams outside their usual environment can be incredibly powerful," he explains. "The outdoors provides a unique setting to inspire new ideas, strengthen communication, and build resilience—all of which directly benefit businesses when brought back indoors."

However, NorthBound isn't limited to outdoor experiences. "Whether it's hands-on outdoor activities, engaging workshops in a boardroom, or bespoke one-to-one consultancy, NorthBound is all about creating tailored solutions that deliver results," John adds.

NorthBound offers three distinct services designed to address common business challenges:

- **Beyond the Office**
Experiential, hands-on training sessions combining outdoor activities with impactful classroom reflection. Perfect for teams seeking to improve communication, build trust, and develop leadership in a fresh and energizing environment.
- **Engaging Workshops**
Interactive, results-driven workshops focused on leadership, communication, and team dynamics. These

workshops, held indoors, deliver practical solutions that can be implemented immediately to create lasting change.

- **Bespoke Consultancy**
One-to-one or team-based consultancy services tailored to your specific challenges. From crafting business strategies to managing change and aligning leadership teams, NorthBound offers customized solutions to help businesses grow.

"Are your team struggling to achieve the goals you've set? Has poor communication or a lack of leadership created roadblocks for growth?" John asks. "If these sound familiar, you're not alone—and NorthBound is here to help."

Whether it's aligning teams with business objectives, adapting to change, or overcoming barriers to productivity, NorthBound provides the tools and strategies businesses need to succeed.

"At NorthBound, we take the time to understand your unique challenges, goals, and the way your team works," John says. "Our tailored approach ensures that whether you're tackling issues outdoors, engaging in a workshop indoors, or working one-to-one, the solutions we deliver are

impactful and lasting."

While NorthBound is still in its early days, John is already working with several clients, particularly in the area of marketing strategy—an expertise honed over a decade in senior leadership roles. "It's incredibly rewarding to see the difference we're making," John comments.

If you're ready to tackle your business challenges head-on and take your team to the next level, John Hewitt and NorthBound could be the solution you've been looking for.

John can be reached via his LinkedIn profile, with NorthBound's website expected to launch in January



Chartered accountant looks at how businesses can benefit from ChatGPT's Canvas feature

OPENAI is continuing to bring out innovative tools designed to enhance productivity and collaboration. In-house innovation lead, Matt Jones from Leavitt Walmsley Associates Chartered Accountants discusses how businesses could benefit from the latest offering, ChatGPT's Canvas feature.

The new interface allows users to collaboratively edit text or code generated by the AI in a side-by-side display and could change the way businesses approach writing and coding tasks. The primary goal is to provide a more intuitive and efficient environment for refining AI-generated content.

What are the benefits to business owners and managers in using Canvas?

By addressing critical aspects of business operations, ChatGPT's Canvas feature positions itself as a valuable asset for organisations looking to harness the power of AI to drive growth and efficiency, providing business owner and managers with:

- **Faster turnaround times:** By reducing the need for back-and-forth edits, Canvas helps streamline the content creation process. This is particularly beneficial for businesses operating under tight deadlines or managing high-volume tasks.
- **Cost efficiency:** With Canvas, business owners can maximise the utility of AI assistance, reducing dependency on external resources for tasks like copywriting, coding, or document drafting. This can lead to significant cost savings in the long run.
- **Customised outputs:** The ability to manually adjust AI-generated text ensures that businesses can tailor outputs to specific audiences or objectives. Whether it's adapting tone for a particular demographic or ensuring technical accuracy in documentation, Canvas provides the flexibility needed.
- **Enhanced collaboration:** The side-by-side layout facilitates real-time collaboration between users and the AI, streamlining the editing process.
- **Improved contextual understanding:** By highlighting specific sections, users can guide ChatGPT to offer more precise suggestions, enhancing the relevance and quality of outputs.
- **Streamlined workflow:** Canvas reduces the need for repetitive prompts, allowing for more seamless transitions between drafting and editing phases.

How can businesses use Canvas specifically?

ChatGPT's Canvas feature introduces several benefits tailored



specifically for business owners and managers within organisations. The feature offers a versatile tool for businesses across different industries. Here are some practical ways that business owners and managers in organisations can integrate Canvas into their daily tasks:

Content Creation and Editing: Businesses can use Canvas to draft, refine, and polish content such as blog posts, email campaigns, social media updates, or internal communications. By leveraging the AI's suggestions while editing in the Canvas, teams can maintain a consistent tone and produce professional-quality materials faster.

Proposal and Report Drafting: Canvas can assist in creating detailed business proposals, financial reports, or project summaries. The side-by-side editing feature allows managers and employees to adjust content for accuracy, clarity, and impact without starting from scratch.

Training and Skill Development: For teams new to AI tools, Canvas provides an interactive way to learn how to collaborate with AI effectively. Employees can practice refining drafts, coding, or exploring innovative solutions with guided assistance from the AI.

Customer Support and FAQ Generation: Businesses can use Canvas to draft and perfect customer-facing documents such as FAQs, troubleshooting guides, or template responses. This ensures communication with clients remains consistent and helpful.

Project Management and Team Collaboration: Canvas supports collaborative content creation by allowing multiple team members to interact with and refine the AI's outputs. This can be particularly useful for brainstorming sessions, drafting meeting agendas, or consolidating ideas into actionable plans.

Marketing and Branding: Whether designing a new advertising

campaign or crafting the perfect tagline, businesses can use Canvas to experiment with AI-generated ideas while keeping creative control. Teams can iterate on the AI's suggestions directly in the Canvas to align with brand guidelines.

Documentation and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): Organisations can leverage Canvas to create comprehensive documentation or standard operating procedures. The AI can suggest initial drafts, and the team can refine them collaboratively, ensuring the final document meets industry standards and company policies.

Features tailored for writing and coding

Tech-focused organisations can use Canvas to streamline coding as the feature comes equipped with a suite of shortcuts designed to assist with both writing and coding tasks. Whether it's writing snippets, debugging existing code, or translating code into another language, Canvas supports developers in producing clean, efficient outputs:

- **Writing tools:** Quick access to grammar checks, clarity adjustments, and modifications to length and reading level.
- **Coding assistance:** Functions for debugging, adding logs and comments, and translating code into different programming languages.

How can businesses access the Canvas feature?

Currently in beta, Canvas is accessible to ChatGPT Plus and Teams users, with plans to extend availability to Enterprise and Education users in the near future. OpenAI intends to make this feature available to all users eventually, automatically activating Canvas when it detects scenarios where it could be particularly beneficial.

Accessing ChatGPT's Canvas

feature is straightforward, but it does depend on your subscription plan and account type. Here's how businesses can get started:

- **Check your subscription plan:** The Canvas feature is currently available to ChatGPT Plus and Teams users as part of its beta release. If your business is already using these subscription tiers, you can access the feature directly. If you're on a free plan, consider upgrading to ChatGPT Plus or Teams to unlock Canvas. These plans come with added benefits like access to GPT-4, faster response times, and priority access to new features like Canvas.
- **Enable Canvas in Your Workspace:** OpenAI is gradually rolling out the feature to eligible accounts. Once available, Canvas will automatically activate when the system detects scenarios where it can enhance your workflow, such as when you're drafting or refining text.
- **Explore the feature in Beta:** For now, businesses with access can test the Canvas feature in beta. This is an excellent opportunity to familiarise your team with its capabilities and integrate it into your workflows ahead of the full release.

Utilise LWA's technical expertise

OpenAI's ChatGPT Canvas feature is a significant step forward in the integration of AI into everyday business tasks. By providing a more interactive and user-friendly interface, it allows users to harness the full potential of AI, and as this feature becomes more widely available, businesses should embrace the enhanced capabilities it offers.

LWA are here to help you maximise the opportunities that AI can bring to your business, so if you would like to know more, speak to Matt Jones on 0161 905 1801 or email him directly to matt@lwaltd.com

Daresbury-based iconsys signs strategic sales expert Steve Robinson

DARESBURY-based control and automation specialist iconsys has appointed Steve Robinson as head of sales for energy transition.

Mr Robinson, who has helped deliver some of the Middle East's biggest energy projects, will drive forward the company's presence in clean energy and decarbonisation.

With nearly £22bn ring fenced by the UK Government for projects to capture and store carbon emissions from energy, industry and hydrogen, he believes now is the perfect opportunity for the firm's solution driven approach and "technology independence" to support all sectors in their decarbonisation journey.

This includes heavy industry such as metals, pulp and paper, marine and ports, automotive, transport infrastructure, consumer goods, and construction materials.

Mr Robinson said: "What really appealed about the iconsys role is our agility and ability to move quickly on projects, working with clients to identify the optimal solution and technology – without being tied to delivering a particular product. "

"We already have significant experience in the energy transition

sector, including offshore wind, hydropower, power conversion, hydrogen production facilities and microgrids.

Iconsys, which is based at Sci-Tech Daresbur, works with all stakeholders in the energy transition sector, including end users, EPCs and potential sector-specialist partners, to meet their decarbonisation goals.

Its automation and systems integration expertise improves operational efficiencies, safety and productivity, all whilst reducing downtime and meeting legislative requirements.

Mr Robinson added: "There is a lot of investment being ploughed into a dedicated energy team here and the recent appointments of Joe Howe as our energy transition specialist, and myself, underlines our commitment.

"The plan is to be commercially engaged with our targeted customers in 2025, focusing on all aspects of energy transition, such as carbon and hydrogen capture/storage/transportation, solutions using alternative energy sources, fuel switching, and sustainable aviation fuels, which is an exciting space.

"Making the 'clean energy' change

can be a positive on the bottom line if carried out effectively."

Mr Robinson has more than 30 years global experience in sales leadership, with a proven track record in identifying and penetrating new and emerging markets.

Andrew Rushton, group sales director at iconsys, added: "Steve is a major coup for our business and will head-up our activity in energy transition as we tap into the UK's desire to become a clean energy solutions superpower.

"His international experience and knowledge of the sector are second to none and, working

closely with our industry expert, Joe Howe, will give us a powerful leadership team to further cement our brand salience and presence in this space.

"He is also an accomplished coach and mentor of junior talent, which will be very important as we look to heavily recruit for the next generation of staff."

Founded in 1987, iconsys is helping hundreds of clients improve productivity, operational efficiency, safety, and profitability, as well as supporting critical sectors to decarbonise.

For further information, visit www.iconsys.co.uk



Kemtile delivers a single-source drainage and flooring solution

Kemtile, a division of Stonhard, has delivered a single-source drainage and flooring solution for Thomas Hardy Group, a family-owned bottling and packaging business.

The company has production facilities both in Warrington and Kendal, where they package beers, ciders, soft drinks, juices and tonic water for a number of blue-chip companies.

A multi-national brewing business referred Kemtile to Thomas Hardy Group, referencing their experience with Kemtile delivering "fit for purpose" drainage and flooring solutions on their sites and complementing their quality of materials, workmanship, and overall professionalism.

Kemtile was briefed by the Thomas Hardy Engineering team to provide a hard-wearing flooring solution suitable for use around a new canning line. The line was to be installed at their Warrington site, providing an all-important hygienic finish that is hard-wearing, easy to clean, and would help impress future clients.

The Kemtile team successfully completed the work over three months including the installation of 1200m of Stonhard's Stonclad UR and Stonclad UF systems. Stonclad UR and UF are both heavy-duty polyurethane flooring systems specifically designed to provide high levels of hygiene and chemical resistance to product spillages and

caustic cleaning solutions. These flooring systems also have HACCP accreditation, reinforcing their suitability for environments where safety is a priority.

The works on site also included laying flooring systems into the facility's bundled tank areas and civil elements which included removing some existing concrete floor slabs and replacing these with new ones, treating cracks in the existing concrete with Stonproof CT5, a crack bridging bandage system.

Kemtile also applied Stonproof RH7, a waterproofing system, in some areas to ensure the concrete was fully protected from future water penetration and chemical attack. In addition, the Kemtile team also supplied a comprehensive stainless steel drainage system - all fully welded and designed to accommodate the requirements for discharge volumes used in the areas.

Sean Neary, Engineering Manager at Thomas Hardy Group, said that the flooring has exceeded all expectations: "From start to finish, the team's flexibility, attention to detail, and professionalism were great. Kemtile has transformed the area around the new canning line and we are very proud of it."

George Morton, Account Manager at Kemtile, commented: "It was great to leverage our expertise and experience to deliver a fit-for-purpose project for Thomas

Hardy Group. Our team worked collaboratively with their team to understand their specific needs and make sure the project was delivered on time seamlessly.

"We're confident that our solution will demonstrate durability and empower the brand to seamlessly function its day-to-day operations."



Miller Homes commits to the North West with exciting plans for 2025

MILLER Homes, the five-star rated homebuilder, is demonstrating its commitment to the North West by announcing that it will deliver more than 300 high-quality new homes across the region in 2025, with over 40% of those allocated as affordable housing.

These homes are thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of modern buyers, combining energy-efficient features with layouts that suit contemporary living.

A key development this year will be Thorley Glade at the former World of Pets site in Timperley, subject to detailed planning approval. This project will deliver 76 homes, 34 of which will be affordable homes. As part of its plans, Miller Homes will be investing nearly £900,000 in community infrastructure and local benefits around the scheme, underscoring its commitment to building sustainable communities alongside its new developments.

Miller Homes also remains committed to supporting local communities, with its Community Fund returning in 2025. Two funding rounds in March and September will provide grants of up to £2,000 to local charities and organisations, with a total of over £10,000 set to be donated throughout the first half of 2025.

Research from the Home Builders Federation (HBF) finds that the 26,870 homes built in the North West during 2023-24 delivered meaningful economic and social improvements, strengthening communities and encouraging investment in the area.

The research has been released as part of New Homes Week, taking place between 3 and 9 February 2025. From building schools and hospitals to creating parks, green spaces, and leisure facilities, home builders are integral to the growth and investment of communities up and down the country. With each new home delivered, builders make Section 106 contributions to

the local council to support local infrastructure for new and existing residents.

Clare Noakes, Sales Director at Miller Homes North West, explained, “the North West of England continues to be a key area for us, and we are dedicated to delivering much needed

housing across this region. Over the last few years demand for our homes across the North West has continued to rise, and we look forward to providing more house hunters with their dream homes.”

To learn more about Miller Homes and its developments in the North West, visit www.millerhomes.co.uk



SL Procurement Solutions expands with new coaching and mentoring offering for 2025

SL Procurement Solutions, a company well-regarded locally for delivering CIPS training courses and procurement consultancy services, has announced the launch of a new Coaching and Mentoring package to its portfolio.

This expansion comes after a year of consistent inquiries and growing demand for personalised professional development support. Recognized as a trusted name in procurement training, the company has also been informally supporting individuals through coaching and mentoring. This rising interest has now led to the creation of a formalised offering.

Director Stephen Lovatt shared, “What started small has grown into something far bigger. We’ve identified a significant gap in personal and professional career development. More individuals are seeking to understand their strengths and address weaknesses to excel in their careers—and in life as a whole.”

Stephen added, “We’re thrilled to have already seen thirty-three individuals sign up over the past few months. By collaborating with other coaching and mentoring professionals, we’ve crafted a bespoke package that has proven to be highly effective.”

The new packages are designed to meet the unique needs of individuals at every stage of their procurement career. Whether you’re seeking guidance to refine your skills, boost confidence, or achieve long-term goals, the bespoke package is designed to be personally formulated for each individual.

Sarah, Category Lead at a local Engineering Organisation said “The Coaching and Mentoring package has changed my career entirely. After accessing CIPS training from SL Procurement I asked for assistance with my professional development. I needed specific help with developing my Negotiation skills in work. After assessment and mentoring I acquired the skills I needed to excel in my new role. By learning my strengths and improving on areas of weakness I was no longer afraid to really lead in meetings, take control of outcomes and really start enjoying my role”.

With SL Procurement Solutions supporting businesses regionally with Procurement and supply chain services, they are excited to see how they can continue to help local professionals to continue to excel in their roles, and benefit business growth across the region.

Specialist bank in running for seventh successive awards win

A WARRINGTON specialist business bank is aiming for an incredible seventh successive win after being shortlisted again in national industry awards.

Redwood Bank, renowned for its tailored approach to commercial and buy-to-let mortgages and business savings accounts, has been named a finalist in multiple categories at the 2025 Business Moneyfacts Awards.

Every year since 2019, the Bank has been presented the trophy for Best Business Variable Rate Deposit Account Provider at the annual Business Moneyfacts awards, fighting off challenges from sector leaders.

As the Bank tries to make it seven in a row, it will also be hoping to triumph in two further categories where it has been named a finalist, namely Best Business Fixed Account Provider and Best Service from a Commercial Mortgage Provider.

Jessica Darrah, senior savings product manager, attributed the Bank’s consistent success to its unwavering commitment to excellence. She said: “Being named a finalist for seven years running is testament to the dedication and expertise of the entire Redwood team.

“As a specialist bank, we pride ourselves on going above and beyond for our customers, ensuring they receive exceptional service. 2024 was another year where our products were consistently competitive in the

interest rate tables.

“We challenge ourselves and every process to be customer first and to deliver a consistent, positive customer experience.”

The savings categories are based on rate performance and consistency, while the commercial mortgage provider category is based on broker feedback.

Tom Worbey, senior lending product manager said: “Our relationships with brokers are a cornerstone of Redwood’s success. Their feedback and support are invaluable, and we’re honoured to be recognised for our service in this area. It’s a reflection of the trust we’ve built and our ongoing mission to deliver excellence.”

In 2024, Redwood Bank was named as finalist for Specialist Lender and Innovation of the Year, with Tom a highly commended Rising Star finalist, at the NACFB Lender Awards. Additionally, the Bank has been shortlisted at the MoneyAge Mortgage Awards, reinforcing its reputation as a standout performer in the specialist banking sector.

Redwood’s success is rooted in its expert team, who leverage their deep industry knowledge to challenge traditional banking norms and create value for customers. With this year’s impressive slate of nominations, the Bank continues to cement its place as a trusted partner for businesses and brokers nationwide.



■ Tom Worbey, senior lending product manager



■ Jessica Darrah, senior savings product manager

Computer recycling company donates laptops to local school

Local computer recycling company CRT UK has donated some touch screen laptops to a local school in Newton Le Willows.

Willow Bank School is a specialist school which provides education for pupils with social, emotional, and mental health difficulties between the ages of 8 and 16.

Stephen Rakestraw and Kirstie Warren visited the school in January to donate some small touch screen laptops for the pupils to use.

CRT UK provides a free collection and certified data destruction service to businesses that are upgrading their IT equipment. They collect laptops, computers, monitors, servers, network equipment and all of the associated ancillaries.

Managing Director Stephen Rakestraw said “Our first responsibility is to ensure that all data is properly destroyed, which is done by using specialist software or by removing the hard drive and destroying it. We then provide a detailed asset report and certificate of destruction. However, a lot of redundant IT equipment still has plenty of

useful life in it so it can then be reloaded and reused. If not, it is stripped down to its component parts for recycling.”

“We like to donate a proportion of our refurbished equipment to local causes. We have supported Radio Warrington with equipment

for well over 10 years as well as lots of other charities and groups.

As businesses invest in the latest technology, the redundant IT is still useful to others. It makes sense to reuse rather than send to landfill. It also makes sense to use a Warrington company to recycle

your IT rather than using one from out-of-town. Because we are local, we can provide a collection and data destruction service to Warrington businesses for free.

For more information go to www.crtuk.co.uk



Bathgate secures £500k for recruitment start-up

NORTH West business finance specialist, Bathgate Business Finance, has secured a £500k deal to support the growth of St Helens based start-up, Simply Recruitment Group Ltd.

Bathgate was introduced to the firm by its bank to help source a critical working capital facility to fund the firm's significant growth to a projected £5 million turnover in its first 12 months.

Simply Recruitment Group Ltd was established by sole director, Paul Oakes, who operates a group of existing businesses, including an electrical engineering solutions company. Paul identified an opportunity to establish a recruitment company alongside other parties experienced in this sector and others, including hospitality, engineering and construction.

Bathgate Business Finance BDM, Paul Trickett, said: "When we were introduced to the client, he was self-funding initial sales running at £40k per week, so speed was of the essence to meet the working capital requirements that were critical to growth."

After reviewing the business and gaining an understanding of Simply Recruitment Group Ltd's future plans, Bathgate introduced the firm to a number of potential funders. Zodeq, a specialist in the recruitment sector, was selected and the £500k facility with credit protection was approved and paid out within six days of the initial introduction.

As part of the deal, the funder also agreed to increase the overall limit to accommodate the increase

in sales forecast in the next 12 months, providing flexibility to the client as the business grows.

Paul Cooney, Managing Director at Zodeq, said: "We are delighted to be working with Paul and the wider team at Simply Recruitment as a local Agency located in the North West. As a Specialist Recruitment Sector Invoice Finance business, the opportunity to support Simply was right in our sweet spot and we are delighted to commence our Facility with the initial limit to support the business which has since been increased to provide strong headroom for them in the future.

"Our thanks go to Paul Trickett and the Bathgate team for their usual high knowledge of ensuring

their clients are matched with the right funding partner which is the case here. We look forward to a long relationship with this fantastic group of businesses."

Paul Oakes, Director at Simply Recruitment Group Ltd, said: "At the point we started looking for funding, speed and an understanding of the potential of our business was vital. Bathgate Business Finance and Zodeq grasped this quickly and worked closely with us to find a solution that could meet our time constraints and support our projected growth. We now have a facility that will support our current working capital needs and grow with the business."

The deal is a further demonstration

of Bathgate's award-winning support for SMEs and its commitment to service excellence. In September 2023 it was named winner in two categories at the prestigious NACFB Commercial Broker Awards 2023 - the SME Champion and Service Excellence award - and in October 2023 won Professional Services Business of the Year at the Merseyside Independent Business Awards (MIBS).

For more information about Bathgate Business Finance or to find out more about its asset finance and own-book lending visit bathgatebf.co.uk, call Paul Trickett on 07469 140 180 or email paul@bathgatebf.co.uk



■ Paul Cooney (Zodeq) Laura Grace (Simply Recruitment) and Paul Trickett (Bathgate)
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Tissino launches new sustainability initiative to cut carbon emissions

Bathroom manufacturer, Tissino, has announced the launch of a new sustainability initiative, as it looks to reduce its carbon emissions.

The new initiative focuses on Tissino's delivery service, which will move to allocated delivery days – on average between two and three per retailer per week – which is expected to reduce carbon emissions by 25% and save an estimated 42.5 tonnes per year.

Tissino will still offer next day delivery to retailers for a nominal fee of £10 which will be used to plant a tree through the company's new partnership with Treeapp.

Since the initiative launched at the start of the month, Tissino has already planted enough trees to absorb 16.35 tonnes of CO2 in their lifetime, along with 240m2 of land reforested.

As well as launching the new delivery initiative, the company has also undertaken further changes to improve its sustainability. This includes moving to LED lighting in

their warehouse which is expected to save 113 tonnes of CO2 over 15 years, the purchase of electric forklift trucks with all domestic and warehouse waste being fully recycled resulting in generating 12 tonnes of RDF (refuse derived fuel) – enough to drive 29,020 miles in an electric car during a 12-month period.

Alan Carter, Transport Manager at Tissino, says: "As a company, we are fully committed to our responsibility in helping to reduce emissions and move towards Net Zero. It continues to be an on-going journey, but we are constantly evaluating and looking at ways we can improve our sustainability.

"We've had great feedback from KBB retailers about a move to dedicated delivery dates, as they understand the bigger picture, though we do offer next day delivery still for any very urgent jobs which are offset by our tree planting scheme."

For more information on Tissino, visit www.tissino.co.uk



Government-backed energy saving scheme launched in Warrington

WARRINGTON has been selected as an area where a government-backed energy saving scheme is being launched.

Hundreds of homes across the North West are set to make savings on their energy bills under the scheme launched by clean tech specialist Heatio, based in Liverpool.

Heatio's new solution aims to overcome the need for customers to pay upfront for new heating systems, making the switch to a heat pump and solar more accessible.

It will provide a free energy score for people's homes, with bespoke recommendations for low-carbon technologies, such as solar panels, heat pumps and EV chargers, which can help people save money on their bills.

The team uses advanced digital twin technology and real-time energy data to simulate how the customer's home performs throughout the year and show

the true impact the low-carbon technology could have on customers' energy costs and the potential savings they can make.

Homeowners can then choose flexible payment options for the recommended solar technology, including affordable monthly payment plans with Hometree Finance or paying in full upfront, making renewable energy accessible for more people – enabling them to self-generate their own energy and potentially save money straight away.

Access to government grants, such as the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, to cover the cost of other recommended low-carbon technologies such as heat pumps and hot water storage systems will also be arranged by Heatio to ensure a complete energy-saving package at zero to low cost.

Heatio will manage the installation process with local approved traders to minimise disruption and make the switch to low-carbon technology seamless.

Once installed, Heatio's Energy Optimisation Platform will link, monitor and optimise the performance of the technology ensuring maximum cost and carbon savings, while enabling the customer to have full control of how and when they use energy.

Homeowners can also access a new E.ON Next tariff featuring two daily off-peak time periods with cheaper energy prices that will help them to save further on their energy costs.

"As energy prices continue to escalate, people want to save money on their energy bills and feel more in control," Simon Roberts, co-founder and CEO of Heatio said, "but our research shows us that one of the main barriers to installing technology like heat pumps and solar panels is the upfront cost. That's why we've created a solution which incorporates Hometree Finance's monthly payment plan with zero to minimal upfront costs so that households can install the

technology in their homes, feel more in control and start saving money. Everything has been designed to make the process easy and as efficient as possible for the consumer. By providing visibility into the real-world impact of these technologies, we take them through the whole journey, building consumer confidence and encouraging greater uptake."

The Energy Saving Solution is the result of two years of work supported by the Department of Energy and Net Zero's Green Homes Finance Accelerator programme in collaboration with E.ON.

The solution, which builds on Heatio's 20 years of experience in the renewables industry, will be delivered in collaboration with E.ON, the Energy Systems Catapult and Hometree Finance and is aimed at promoting greater uptake of low carbon heating and energy efficiency measures by removing the upfront costs to consumers

Dine Contract Catering’s bespoke solution clinches major contract

Dine Contract Catering has won a long-term contract to provide bespoke food and beverage services for ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK (AEUK) at its Dorset headquarters.

Dine is a business and industry specialist caterer, based in Warrington but with clients across the UK, offering tailored contract-catering services.

AEUK, a prime and sub-prime contractor in the naval and maritime domain, works within the Defence industry and has over 600 employees.

Under the new partnership, Dine will support in delivering AEUK's new restaurant, named The Galley for employees and visitors, offering exciting, healthy and cost-effective meal options.

Nick Haynes, Managing Director at Dine, said: "This is an exciting contract win which required a skilled and bespoke approach.

"I'm extremely proud that our team had the experience and creativity to meet AEUK's needs and deliver a tailored food offering which provided everything they desired.

"It's a real pleasure to work with a business such as AEUK who care about the health and wellbeing of their people and have built an entirely new facility for them to eat, meet, collaborate and relax. The Galley is now a focal point for the business with our "food-first, chef-led" offer at the heart of it."

Under the new partnership, Dine is supporting with improving employee wellbeing by offering healthier meal options, a nutritious salad bar, daily specials, and a rotating menu. Furthermore, Dine will oversee their tailored hospitality service and has launched a premium hot beverage service to replace the vending machines.



There’s still time to get the flu vaccine to protect yourself and others this winter

The winter months can be a challenging time, but there are lots of things you can do to keep healthy and well.

One of these things is to protect yourself and others against winter illness by getting vaccinated. Being vaccinated not only protects you, but also protects your loved ones, those you work with and helps to ease pressure on the NHS.

Getting vaccinated every year will top up your protection and reduce your risk of getting severe symptoms.

Those eligible for the flu vaccine include:

- people with certain long term health conditions
- pregnant women (also recommended to get the RSV and whooping cough vaccine)
- those who are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance
- those who live with someone who has a weakened immune system

If you are pregnant, you can arrange to have the vaccine at a local pharmacy or via your maternity care provider.

People who do not meet the requirements for a free flu jab may request a vaccine from any participating pharmacy for a small fee, depending on vaccine availability.

Stay well this winter

- ✓ Keep warm and active
- ✓ Get mental health support if you need it
- ✓ Get vaccinated
- ✓ Check on vulnerable neighbours

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Visit nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations to find out more about winter vaccinations.

Other precautions you can take to prepare for the cold weather and look after your wellbeing are:

- Keep yourself and your house warm – Wrap up warm when out and about, heat your home to at least 18°C if you can and reduce draughts by fitting draft excluders around doors
- Stay healthy and well – Keep active, eat well and get your winter vaccines
- Look after your mental health - Winter can be a particularly difficult time. People can feel isolated and lonely, particularly on colder, darker days. If you think you need help, visit Warrington's mental health support directory - warrington.gov.uk/happy-ok-sad
- Look in on vulnerable neighbours and relatives - Remember that other people, such as older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter.

Visit warrington.gov.uk/winter for guidance on travel safety, where to access cost of living help and other ways to stay well this winter.



Learning the lingo for your business

SINCE opening its doors in September 2012, Cheshire Language Academy has grown from a modest school of just 50 learners to a thriving hub with over 300 students today.

Situated in the heart of Warrington, in Warrington Business Centre, a 5 minute walk from Central Station and the bus terminus. The Academy is dedicated to empowering individuals and businesses through the transformative power of language learning.

From its humble beginnings, Cheshire Language Academy has consistently expanded. The school now employs seven fully qualified and experienced ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) tutors who bring both professionalism and a nurturing approach to their teaching. The team also includes an additional three dedicated language tutors who currently deliver courses in Spanish, French, German, and Italian. Most staff have been with the Academy for many years, reflecting its ethos of commitment and reliability.

Since opening its doors, Cheshire Language Academy has helped countless learners achieve their goals, from passing critical exams to advancing in their careers. Some former students have even launched their own businesses, taking the skills they gained at the Academy to new heights.

As one learner explained:

"This school literally changed my life—it boosted my career far beyond my expectations."

At the heart of the Academy's mission is teaching English as a foreign language to individuals

who have made Warrington their home. Spoken English is the primary focus, with an emphasis on preparing learners for the workplace. Their input has bolstered the growth of the Warrington economy.

One student described the experience:

"I like how they teach at Cheshire Language Academy. We're like a family here. All the teachers are very kind."

The Academy has worked closely over many years with several local businesses as well as Warrington Borough Council, to deliver tailored language courses that meet the specific needs of organisations. For key sectors like healthcare and logistics, which are integral to Warrington's economy, the Academy can help prepare your key staff for professional qualifications, such as IELTS, or other industry-specific certifications. Bespoke courses can also be arranged to upskill your general workforce in the areas necessary and can be held on your site.

Longstanding partner YKK Europe Ltd shared its success story:

"We have been sending our trainee engineers from Japan to CLA for their English language skill development as part of their training course for more than four years now. CLA can provide a variety of courses to suit students of all levels and accommodate any specific needs. By the end of their training, every one of them improved their language skills significantly thanks to CLA."

While English remains the core focus, Cheshire Language Academy also offers foreign

language courses that enable students to connect globally. Their last offer included Spanish, German, French, Italian, Polish, Mandarin and Russian. These languages are offered to groups and 1:1 learners. This could be especially useful for Warrington and Cheshire businesses who trade worldwide.

One student learning Russian shared:

"I have been studying Russian for a couple of years now with the Academy. The Russian course is very enjoyable—relaxed but at the same time challenging. The tutor is very pleasant and gives us encouraging feedback and focus. The Russians I speak to through my work are surprised how well I can now speak their language."

Cheshire Language Academy positions itself as more than just a language school—it is a partner in personal and professional growth. Whether providing tailored training, translation services, or supporting recruitment efforts for multilingual employees, the Academy encourages collaboration to achieve shared goals.

For individuals and businesses seeking to enhance their language skills, Cheshire Language Academy offers customised solutions to meet your specific needs.

To learn more, contact Janet Whitfield, Academy Director, to discuss how the Academy can help achieve personal or organisational objectives. Together, Cheshire Language Academy and its partners are breaking down language barriers and opening doors to new opportunities, for both businesses and individuals alike.

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Dunky’s Day Nurseries celebrating 'Good' Ofsted inspections

Dunky's Day Nursery & Forest School in Hapsford, Frodsham, was awarded a 'GOOD' rating in its first Ofsted inspection – and an Outstanding for Personal Development.

The nursery at Hapsford Hall on Moor Lane opened in 2022 and is set in a beautiful Georgian hall with a large paddock which is used daily as a Forest School.

Its inspection took place in October and the report praises the nursery's quality of education, behaviour & attitudes, and leadership & management, while highlighting as Outstanding the Personal Development it provides.

Full Ofsted Report <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/2678367>



Dunky's Day Nursery on Old Liverpool Road in Warrington has also had a successful Ofsted inspection and has once again secured a 'GOOD' rating in its new report. The nursery celebrates its tenth anniversary this year!

The report, following an inspection that took place in November, highlights the nursery's warm and welcoming environment, effective leadership & management and well thought through curriculum supporting children's growth and development.

Inspectors noted that children enjoy coming to nursery and separate from their parents well.

Full Ofsted Report <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50264358>



Solicitor urges families to start the New Year with a legal health check

THE New Year is often seen as a time for fresh starts and resolutions, but it's also a good opportunity to ensure your legal affairs are in order. Jessica Flaherty from Bell Lamb & Joynson Solicitors in Merseyside is encouraging local families to begin 2025 with a legal health check.

A legal health check can provide peace of mind, ensuring your plans align with your current circumstances and any recent life changes. Jessica Flaherty, a member of The Association of Lifetime Lawyers, explains that taking early action can safeguard your future, clarify your wishes, and offer security for you and your loved ones.

"Life doesn't stand still, and neither should your legal documents," says Jess. "The start of the new year is the perfect time to review key legal documents to ensure they accurately reflect your current wishes."

Research from The Association of Lifetime Lawyers shows that nearly half of UK adults (49%) over the age of 30 don't have a will in place, leaving families vulnerable to uncertainty and potential disputes.

"It's best practice to review and update your will every five years or when a major change

in your life occurs that impacts you or your loved ones, such as a marriage or civil partnership, divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership, a new birth, a death in your family, or if you or one of your beneficiaries has obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate," Jess says.

She continues: "Having an up-to-date will not only ensures your wishes are carried out but also provides clear instructions for guardianship arrangements if you have children. It's alarming how many parents don't have a will in place or haven't appointed a legal guardian for their children. It's important to note that godparents are not legal guardians unless appointed as such in a will. Without a will, the courts may decide who looks after your children, which might not reflect your preferences."

"Setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is another a crucial step. This ensures that someone you trust can manage your financial and healthcare decisions if you become unable to do so. You can establish a Property and Financial Affairs LPA for handling your finances and a Health and Welfare LPA for decisions regarding your care and living arrangements."

"Finally, prepare for the unexpected. Create a secure emergency document with essential contacts and key details for accessing important account, such as online banking. Additionally, documenting your funeral wishes can reduce the emotional burden on your loved ones during a difficult time."

Where possible, Jess says it's a good idea to speak with an experienced legal professional, such as a Lifetime Lawyer, to ensure that all documents are thorough, valid, and reflect your intentions accurately.



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Hungamaa - The authentic Indian dining experience arrives in Stockton Heath

OWNERS of a number one ranked restaurant in Chorlton have opened their second branch, Hungamaa Stockton Heath.

The new restaurant officially launched in December with a vibrant and lively celebration. This highly esteemed Indian restaurant has quickly gained recognition for its delectable cuisine, exceptional service, and enchanting ambience.

Patrons have lauded the restaurant's authentic Indian dishes, friendly staff, and inviting atmosphere. Hungamaa Stockton Heath promises a superb fine dining experience, perfect for family gatherings and social occasions.

The Chorlton branch, beloved by both locals and international guests, continues to be a neighbourhood treasure. Consistently ranked as the number one Indian restaurant on TripAdvisor for many years, it remains a testament to our commitment to quality and excellence.

Commenting on their new venture, Hungamaa directors Amey Karkhanis, Dikendra Gurung, Naveen Chinthapatta, and Vipul Patel shared: "Our mission is to bring the true taste of India to our diners. We take pride in serving dishes bursting with flavours and spices, crafted with the expertise

of our talented chefs and the highest quality ingredients. Our motto is to never compromise on quality, and we uphold the values instilled in us: 'Guest is God.'"

Hungamaa Stockton Heath is an ideal venue for hosting various events, including birthdays, weddings, and corporate gatherings. With a capacity of 150 and a private function room for 40, the restaurant is thoughtfully designed to provide the perfect setting for any occasion.

For a delicious and authentic Indian dining experience, Hungamaa Stockton Heath is your go-to destination.

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