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Leading content agency No Brainer celebrates a decade of success

SEARCH-DRIVEN content agency No Brainer has celebrated its tenth birthday in style, marking a decade of growth, awards successes and high-profile client wins.

The Warrington firm, which has become one of the North's most in-demand agencies, hosted a special, invite-only party at The Palmyra Cocktail Bar – attended by around 100 guests including colleagues, clients, family and friends.

No Brainer was founded in 2015 by Gary Jenkins and Lee Cullen. The pair – who worked together at Chester-based MBNA – left their day jobs to start the fledgling business from Gary's spare room.

Fast forward a decade and the firm now boasts 15 industry-leading SEO, Digital PR and content experts, Warrington's 'coolest' office, and a client base containing some of the UK's biggest brands.

Gary Jenkins, MD of No Brainer, said: "What started as a dream for us has grown into something we're incredibly proud of: a thriving agency, brilliant team, and work that's making a real impact.

"It's been a decade of graft, growth, learning, and plenty of laughs – and none of it would've been possible without the amazing people around us.

"To our team, clients, partners, and everyone who's backed us on this journey: thank you. Hitting this ten-year milestone is just the beginning – what's coming next is even more exciting, so watch this space."

No Brainer's last 12 months includes a multitude of award wins and big announcements, including being named one of the UK's Great Places to Work.

With clients including AO.com,

MBNA and Places for People, the B Corp-accredited business is now firmly focused on a new period of growth – expanding its digital offering and pushing creative boundaries across the UK and beyond.

Lee Cullen, Co-founder and Director of No Brainer, said: "Both of us knew we were taking a risk starting an agency from scratch. We left good roles behind and bootstrapped our way, navigating

some really tricky times including the Covid pandemic to get to this point.

"From day one, Gary and I set out to build something different: a values-led agency built on expertise, integrity and a genuine desire to make a difference. We've stayed true to that vision, and today we're proud to lead a brilliant team that puts results, relationships and doing the right thing at the heart of everything we do."



From the Chief Executive

Stephen Fitzsimons

US tariffs continue to cause turmoil for our members, regardless of whether or not Donald Trump is reined in by his domestic judicial system.

The Prime Minister was pleased to announce a "trade deal" with the US that rolled back some of these barriers, however I would refer to this as "less bad", rather than positive. One of our members is in Jaguar Land Rover's supply chain and although a 10% tariff is not as severe as 25%, it's 10% worse than it was a few months ago!

The UK steel sector was already on its knees following years of underinvestment and ill-conceived take-overs so further restricting access for its niche projects into the US was a further blow.

From a UK economic perspective, the 47th President of the US is really bad for business!

I had the pleasure of visiting the apprentice centre at Training for Electricians, just over the road from our office at the Base. Stuart Gallagher and the team are fulfilling an amazing role in providing vocational training for young people who have otherwise struggled to embrace life's opportunities.

I found the learners confident, articulate and willing to learn - all key skills requirements from our local employers. Warrington remains a tight labour market so any initiatives like this receive our full support.

Sadly, it's the end of an era

because (Professor) Steven Broomhead is retiring from Warrington Borough Council and will therefore step down from the Chamber this summer.

I've worked for and with Steven for over 20 years and I don't feel that his contribution to Warrington and the wider north west is fully understood. At the North West Development Agency, he introduced some truly transformative projects, with Sci-Tech Daresbury still benefitting tech SMEs in and around Warrington. He commanded the respect of senior civil servants and MPs - just last month I was with him for a New Town consultation event led by Sir Michael Lyons, former CEO of Birmingham City Council and author of the Lyons Review in



2004 (civil service relocation).

When Steven speaks, even seasoned business leaders want to listen for the wisdom from his 47(!) year career. Passionate for Warrington, great friend of the Chamber and long suffering fan of the Wire - thank you Steven and enjoy the rest!

Have a great summer, Stephen

Council Chief Executive Prof. Steven Broomhead announces retirement

AFTER 47 years working in the academic, public, government and private sectors, Warrington Borough Council's Chief Executive, Professor Steven Broomhead MBE, is to retire.

Steven, who over two terms has been the council's Chief Executive for 20 years, will step down as Chief Executive at the end of June 2025.

Cllr Hans Mundry, Leader of Warrington Borough Council, said: "Steven has been an outstanding servant to the council and to Warrington as a whole.

"He has helped to make Warrington one of the most business-friendly councils in the country, supporting our town's strong growth and regeneration agenda.

"He has also provided tireless support to our people and community services, offering support to those on the front line who deliver the day-to-day services our residents need and expect. This was particularly evident during the height of the Covid pandemic, when Steven was an ever-present throughout,

providing practical and meaningful support to services across the council.

"Steven's positive impact across the public sector was crowned in 2020, when he was awarded an MBE following his leadership and chairmanship of the National Libraries Taskforce, in which he helped to reinvigorate the national public library service.

"I know his decision to retire is something he has been considering for some time. I am pleased that Steven will begin to put in place the right foundations as part of our improvement plan following the recent best value inspection outcome, before taking his well-earned retirement.

"We will miss his partnership-oriented approach, his focus on delivery and outcomes, his leadership, and his steadfast commitment to improving the lives of local people."

Professor Steven Broomhead MBE said: "I have enjoyed my various roles throughout my career, and have always been driven by principles of sustainable development, social justice and

social value.

"Warrington Borough Council has many achievements past and present. The council has supported our town to be a good place to live, have a successful economy, have good community cohesion, and achieve consistently high educational attainment. We have also proudly

worked with, and indeed continue to work with, partners across the town, with the shared vision of supporting positive outcomes for our residents and communities.

"We can do more, and deliver better outcomes, when we work together. In that respect, I thank all those who I have worked with over the years."



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Stephen Fitzsimons, Chief Executive

Flint Percussion celebrates 20 years of innovation

FLINT Percussion, the eco-friendly, family-run business based in Burtonwood, is proud to announce its 20th anniversary.

Established in 2005, the company has revolutionized the marching drum industry with its groundbreaking lightweight designs, gaining international recognition and a loyal customer base that includes royalty and world-renowned musicians.

The genesis of Flint Percussion sprang from a common parental challenge. When their 10-year-old daughter expressed a desire to play the marching drum in a local pipe band, her parents, armed with an engineering background, quickly realized the standard instruments were simply too cumbersome. This led to a multi-year research and development journey focused

on reducing drum weight without compromising sound or material quality.

The result of this dedicated effort was the invention of the Suspended Shell system. This innovative design ensures only the drum skins are in contact with the shell, with tension achieved via a surrounding cage. The Suspended Shell led to the creation of the lightest high-tension marching snare drum ever made, a feat that transformed the industry. The company subsequently expanded its offerings to include a full range of ultra-lightweight marching drums, all built on the same principle.

"Our unique selling proposition has always been lightness," says Tom Holding. "We've continually listened to our customers' feedback,

incorporating new features while steadfastly maintaining the lightweight quality that defines our instruments."

Flint Percussion's commitment to innovation and quality quickly garnered attention far beyond the shores of England. A significant milestone in their journey was an unexpected inquiry from an agent representing a band in Oman. This initial contact blossomed into a remarkable partnership, with the Sultan of Oman becoming their biggest customer for over 15 years.

The company's exceptional craftsmanship has also attracted high-profile endorsements. Notably, Jimmy Brown, drummer for the iconic reggae band UB40, and the

world-renowned solo percussionist, Dame Evelyn Glennie, both proudly use Flint Percussion snare drums.

Today, Flint Percussion supplies its cutting-edge lightweight drums to clients across the globe, spanning North America, Oceania, Europe, and the Middle East. As experts in instrument manufacturing and delivery, they continue to uphold their commitment to ensuring every musical instrument arrives with customers in perfect condition and of the highest quality.

As Flint Percussion celebrates two decades of innovation, the company looks forward to continuing its legacy of creating lighter, higher-quality drums for musicians worldwide.



■ Julie and Tom Holding.

Ready to turn your small business into a high-performing brand?

Warrington design studio, The Modern World, has created a platform called ScoreApp to allow businesses to identify the blind spots in their branding.

Does your brand feel outdated or inconsistent?
Does it no longer reflect your offerings or values?
Did you create it on a budget when you setup the business, but now you've outgrown it?

The Brand Building Guide walks you through the framework, with actionable steps, to turn your business into a brand, by answering ten simple questions and get an instant assessment.

It is scored on three areas:

- **Purpose:** What sets you apart? What's your point of difference? Why should clients come to you?
- **Culture:** What do you stand for? What's your personality? How do you want to be perceived?
- **Experience:** How do you interact with your audience? What's the vision for your brand? What should your brand look like?

It is completely free and can be completed in under three minutes.

To take the Scorecard, visit <https://tmwbrandbuilding.scoreapp.com/>



DV8 Designs elevating passenger experiences at Liverpool Airport

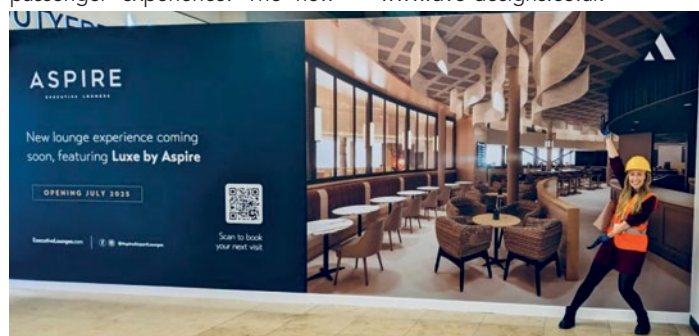
DV8 Designs is excited to share that the team is currently on site at Liverpool John Lennon Airport, working alongside their valued client, Aspire Executive Lounges, Swissport, to bring another exceptional airport lounge to life!

This project marks an important step in Liverpool Airport's ambitious master plan to enhance its facilities and elevate the passenger experience. The new

lounge is thoughtfully designed to celebrate Liverpool's rich cultural heritage, iconic architecture, and legendary music scene, delivering a premium, locally inspired experience in a truly unique setting.

The finished space will be unveiled in July and is set to become a standout feature for travellers passing through Liverpool.

www.dv8-designs.co.uk



Young people given a chance to shine with work experience at Gulliver's World

A SUCCESSFUL work experience programme at a Warrington theme park is giving lots of young people the opportunity to get first-hand experience of a career in the leisure and hospitality industry.

Gulliver's World has been running a work experience scheme for over four years working in partnership with several schools and colleges across the town including Willow Green Specialist Further Education College, Warrington Vale College, Great Sankey High School and Helsby High School.

One of the young people to benefit from the programme is Dan Ayo (22) from Willow Green College, which offers opportunities to young people with SEND in Warrington on both Education and Adult Social Care. Dan has special educational needs and has been completing a Supported Internship work placement at Gulliver's World once a week over the last 12 months.

Dan works in different areas of the Gulliver's World resort including in stores, the hotel and catering providing an excellent work environment for him to flourish and increase his skills knowledge and behaviours. Completing these

roles has enabled Dan to develop in a number of areas including developing his communication, work ethic, decision making and working as a member of a team.

Dan said: "I am really enjoying my work placement at Gulliver's World. I have learnt new skills and each week I learn something different that helps me as a young person with Autism in the workplace.

"From the outset everyone at Gulliver's World has made me feel welcome and, importantly, I have felt part of the team which I really like. I am very grateful for this opportunity."

Melanie Burrows-Carr, safety and training manager at Gulliver's World said: "Dan is a great example of someone who has really benefited from work experience with us and with the right encouragement and support his confidence has come on leaps and bounds. Most young people don't often get the chance to try different job opportunities as a lot of schools don't do work experience anymore and companies don't seem to host work experience placements.

"Here at Gulliver's, we want to promote the leisure and hospitality

industry, and all the different roles associated with it to give young people choices for their future career as well as real life experience of being in a work environment. We get such a lot from the students who work with us and hopefully they learn a great deal from us, too.

"The programme is proving to be really successful, and we must have welcomed over 100 students and young people through our doors over the last four years.

"We have hosted students from Warrington colleges and schools on several occasions over block weeks or a day a week. For example, Warrington Vale college students have been gaining valuable experience in multiple departments such as plumbing, painting,

joinery, hospitality and tourism, accountancy, rides, entertainment, retail and catering and office-based roles such as IT.

"We have worked with Expanse Learning in Wigan, a specialist provider in SEND education, health care and school workforce development to support people with bespoke innovative learning programmes. Students come to the resort one day a week and work in catering and retail at the theme park as well as at the Burtonwood Heritage Centre."

If you are interested in finding out more about work experience opportunities at Gulliver's World, please contact mel.burrows-carr@gulliversfun.co.uk



■ Dan Ayo at Gulliver's World.

Warrington Chamber to Exhibit at KCC North West Business Growth Conference & Expo

Warrington Chamber of Commerce will be exhibiting at the KCC North West Business Growth Conference & Expo, taking place on Friday 4th July at Halliwell Jones Stadium, from 10am to 3pm.

This highly anticipated event brings together businesses from across Cheshire and the North West for a day of inspiration, connection, and practical insight.

With business growth seminars, a buzzing exhibition hall, and the Big KCC Networking Meet, it's designed to help you learn, connect, and thrive.

Attendees can look forward to:

- Expert-led seminars packed with valuable tips and actionable insights
- The high-energy Big KCC Networking Meet, bringing professionals together for rapid-fire introductions and relationship building
- Expo stands hosted by innovative and solution-focused businesses from across the region

Whether you're attending to network, exhibiting to promote your brand, or sponsoring to increase your visibility, this is a must-attend date on the regional business calendar.

The driving force behind the Expo and the KCC Networking movement is Sue Richards,

founder of KCC Networking – Keep Calm and Connect Quicker. www.kccnetworking.co.uk.

With a passion for helping businesses grow, Sue has built one of the fastest-growing, purpose-driven networking groups in the North West.

"Helping your business to grow is my passion! I created KCC to make networking more productive, more personal, and more powerful. Every event is designed to help you connect with as many people as possible – quickly and effectively." – Sue Richards

KCC Networking's signature format ensures that everyone in the room gets a chance to connect. With vibrant, friendly meets held across Cheshire, Merseyside, and Manchester, KCC has become a go-to name for businesses wanting genuine, results-driven networking experiences.

Her expos and networking events are always well-attended, and attendees leave inspired, energised, and full of new opportunities.

The Chamber invites all members and local businesses to get involved. Come and visit our stand, book your place as an exhibitor, or consider a sponsorship package – including opportunities tied to the seminars and the KCC Networking Meet.

www.kccnetworking.co.uk/kcc-business-growth-expo

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Property and commercial specialist Gary Beggs joins Bathgate team

BATHGATE Business Finance has appointed property and commercial finance specialist, Gary Beggs, as part of its strategic growth plans.

Gary joins Bathgate from his role as commercial finance manager at Manchester-based Pomegranate Commercial Finance, bringing with him 22 years of industry knowledge and experience.

Throughout his career, Gary has built up an extensive portfolio of property clients and developed an impressive network of lenders, which allowed him to lead Pomegranate's expansion into Liverpool. Gary also spent 15 years with Royal Bank of Scotland across a wide range of roles. These include business advisor, lending manager and commercial relationship manager, based in Liverpool, Prescott, Wigan, Bolton and Manchester.

Gary's appointment positions Bathgate for further expansion, not just into the property sector but also geographically throughout the North West and beyond, through his extensive connections and previous experience.

His arrival will further enhance the breadth of expertise offered by the Bathgate team, helping them to provide an even more innovative range of funding solutions to property businesses.

Gary said: "Bathgate has a huge presence in Merseyside and across the North West, an excellent reputation as trusted advisors, and they work to build long-term relationships with clients.

"Bathgate has significant history to build upon and ambitious expansion plans that I believe I can help them to achieve. By combining my property expertise and network of specialist lenders with the team's expertise and existing network, and own funding book, The Bathgate Capital Fund, I know that we can make a difference."

"Joining the team feels like becoming part of something really dynamic and exciting, and I am really looking forward to helping to drive the business forward and learning from those around me too."

A passionate supporter of start-up businesses and equity in access to business advice, Gary also participates in Entrepreneur in Residence Business Clinic drop-in sessions delivered by the Business & IP Centre and a team of volunteers alongside former mayor, entrepreneur, Mentor and Pay-it-forward champion Gary Millar. The sessions have been running for almost 10 years now and Gary has been involved since the session's inception.

He will continue to attend drop-in sessions that take place on the second Wednesday of every month at Clockwork Studios CIC in Prescott, to offer free advice to early-stage businesses, and once a month at Lifestyles Ellergreen as part of the Fit for Business Sessions.

Speaking of Gary's appointment, Bathgate MD, Gordon Andrews, said: "Gary's property and commercial expertise will be invaluable to our growth plans,

and we are really excited to have him on board.

"Gary is innovative, well connected, active in the business community and focused on building long-term relationships with clients, industry peers and professionals, which makes him a perfect fit for our team. We'd

like to welcome him to Bathgate, and we look forward to working together to achieve our ambitious goals."

For more information about Bathgate Business Finance visit bathgatebf.co.uk call 0151 625 7323 or email proposals@bathgatebf.co.uk



Marketing agency appoints non-executive director to support strategic growth

Childsey, a full-service marketing agency has appointed Warrington-based Bill Carr as Non-Executive Director.

Bill brings over two decades of experience in agency leadership, which will be instrumental as Childsey embarks on its next phase of growth and expansion.

Carr is the founder of Carpe Diem, an independent digital transformation agency specialising in website design, development, and digital marketing. Under his leadership, Carpe Diem became known for its innovative web design approach and commitment to delivering results-driven solutions for clients. Carr exited Carpe Diem in 2021 via a management buyout. Carr's web development expertise and experience scaling businesses will be invaluable to Childsey as it seeks to expand its services and reach new markets.

Simon Childs, Managing Director of Childsey, expressed enthusiasm about the new appointment: "We are thrilled to welcome Bill to the Childsey team. His extensive

experience and proven track record in guiding businesses through growth phases will be invaluable as we look to continue our growth in the years to come."

Carr also shared his excitement about joining Childsey: "I exited the agency world in 2021 because I felt that the traditional agency model was becoming increasingly outdated and misaligned with client needs. I wasn't actively seeking a return, but after meeting Simon through mutual connections and learning about Childsey's innovative approach—eschewing the conventional agency playbook in favor of a more sustainable partnership and results-led model—I felt compelled to get involved. The opportunity and timing felt right to join the board and contribute to this exciting new chapter."

Childsey is committed to delivering impactful, flexible, and innovative marketing solutions to its clients. The addition of Bill Carr to the board underscores the agency's dedication to strategic growth and excellence in service delivery.



Today Team celebrates 20 years on the road

A WARRINGTON entrepreneur who turned a career-ending rugby injury into a multi-million-pound same-day courier business is celebrating 20 years on the road, with a £5m turnover target firm in his sights.

Today Team was founded in 2005 by former Warrington Wolves player Jamie Boyd, 44, after a serious knee injury ended his sporting career at just 24. Determined not to become "one of those 'if only' types", Jamie used a £3,000 loan from The Prince's Trust (now The King's Trust) to lease a van – working 70-hour weeks to build a nationwide operation from scratch.

He said: "I vividly remember picking up my Sprinter van in Deeside on a Saturday lunchtime, driving it down the M56 to Warrington, and getting ready to launch the business that Monday morning.

"It was just me back then. Now, we've got up to 70 drivers on the road on any given day. Twenty years is a massive milestone, but we're only just getting started."

Based at Taylor Business Park, Today Team has set its sights on doubling turnover over the

next three years. Following the onboarding of a logistics team manager, Jamie is now recruiting for a general manager and sales manager to strengthen the leadership team and drive expansion.

"Development of our management team is a key part of our growth strategy," said Jamie. "After buying out Speedy Courier Services in 2023, we're actively

looking for further acquisitions, as well as investing heavily in marketing. Coming through the last recession and Covid taught me that resilience is everything. Difficult times stretch you, but they also prepare you to cope better in the future."

Beyond business, Jamie is committed to giving back. He sponsors local sports clubs; sits on the board of The Disability Trading

Company; and serves as an official mentor for The King's Trust. This summer also marks a personal milestone: Jamie and his partner Kristy are expecting their first child.

"Starting the business at 24 meant my personal life took a back seat for a while, but now, fatherhood is something I feel truly ready for," said Jamie. "Our son will be the most important delivery of the last 20 years."



Empowering Warrington SMEs: Building customer-centric quality frameworks for sustainable growth

Warrington-based Hikmat Adamu has launched a new consultancy, HiQMA, dedicated to helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the region build robust, customer-centric quality frameworks that drive sustainable growth.

Drawing on extensive experience in the highly regulated aseptic manufacturing sector within pharmaceuticals and the broader life science industry, Hikmat aims to bring invaluable insights and practical solutions to growing businesses.

Through her experience, Hikmat has observed that SMEs often grapple with several key challenges that can hinder their progress and impact customer satisfaction. These can include disengaged leadership, where the importance of quality isn't effectively cascaded throughout the team; inadequate or ineffective root cause analysis when addressing issues, leading to recurring problems and wasted resources; and a lack of meaningful corrective actions that truly resolve the underlying causes of non-conformances. Furthermore, fostering genuine team involvement and commitment to quality processes can often be a significant hurdle.

HiQMA Consultancy directly addresses these challenges by taking the time to conduct thorough gap analyses of existing processes. This involves engaging with key stakeholders within the organisation to identify potential issues and their

root causes. A core philosophy of HiQMA is to involve and educate the team, ensuring they feel valued and understand their crucial role in effectively adopting quality processes across the business. This approach fosters a culture of ownership and commitment, leading to more sustainable and impactful improvements.

'Having witnessed the transformative power of robust quality systems in demanding industries like pharmaceuticals, I'm passionate about bringing that same level of insight and support to SMEs here in Warrington,' says Hikmat Adamu, founder of HiQMA Consultancy. 'My goal is to empower these businesses to not only meet but exceed customer expectations by building quality into the very fabric of their organisations.'

Special Introductory Offer: For a limited time, HiQMA Consultancy is offering a free one-pager consultation to Warrington-based SMEs facing a specific 'niggling issue' related to quality or their operational framework. This is an opportunity to gain an external perspective and receive actionable insights to help you move forward.

To learn more about how HiQMA Consultancy can help your business and to take advantage of this limited free consultation, please email hiqmaconsultancy ltd@gmail.com or connect with Hikmat on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/in/hikmatadamu





TEDxWarrington announces 2025 event and partnership with Warrington Youth Zone

TEDxWarrington is back for 2025! Event plans have been launched with a brand new theme, a call for applications, and an exciting partnership with Warrington Youth Zone.

Local businesswoman, Kirsty James, has once again secured a coveted licence from TED to run TEDxWarrington. 2024 saw a pause in events as she attended a TED conference in the US to upgrade her licence. She also became a TEDx speaker in her own right at another location, allowing her to 'walk the talk' and support the growth of the Warrington event even further.

Kirsty commented, "I'm over the moon to be bringing TEDxWarrington back for 2025 to give opportunity and profile to my home town. Volunteer team members and associates across the Warrington area have now reunited, the social channels and website are packed with new information, and the window to apply to be live on stage has now opened."

TEDxWarrington 2025 will run on the evening of Tuesday 2nd December 2025 and the team is delighted to be working closely with Warrington Youth Zone who will be hosting the event at their site on Dallam Lane in the centre of Warrington. It is a partnership that is particularly exciting because it aligns with several new initiatives to engage young talent and increase the impact of TEDx on the local community.

The event theme will be 'Identity and Purpose' and the 2025 event will showcase a selection of speakers and performers with Big Ideas to share based on their interpretation of this theme.

The presence of a brand such as TEDx - one of the most famous speaker conference formats globally - will inevitably generate both curiosity and expectation in the town, especially after the 2022 and 2023 events received such high praise. TEDx, where x = independently organised, is a local, self-organised event program that brings people

together to share a TED-like experience.

TEDxWarrington has already showcased 20 TEDx talks and several pieces of performance to live audiences with the approved talks listed on the official TEDx YouTube channel. One of the 2023 talks was even selected by TEDx as an Editor's Pick and announced directly to their 40m+ subscriber base. All prior talks can be viewed on the TEDxWarrington website and the TEDxWarrington YouTube Channel.

TEDxWarrington offers great opportunities for local businesses, big and small, to support a significant event in their town, focused on sharing new ideas that spark conversation, learning and changes in behaviour.

The application window to speak or perform is now open. The deadline is 5pm, Thursday 19th June 2025 for Core Applicants and 5pm, Thursday 31st July 2025 for Young Applicants. The website, newsletter and social

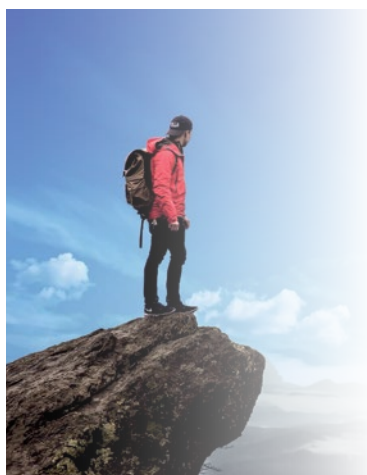
channels provide details about the video application process. They also share exciting new changes for 2025, including the inclusion of a Young Person's category and a Pitch evening on Tuesday 15th July 2025.

The organising team, who work voluntarily on this non-profit event, invite readers to spread the word amongst friends, family and colleagues to assist the call for event sponsors, partners and above all, a new cohort of amazing speakers with 'ideas worth spreading'. The event is reliant on the Warrington audience and local organisations to cover event costs by way of ticket and sponsor revenue.

For TEDxWarrington contact details, 2025 event plans or to apply to speak, visit www.tedxwarrington.com.

To enquire about partnership or sponsorship, email organisingteam@tedxwarrington.co.uk

Unlocking Potential – The Benefits of Employee Coaching



Coaching is emerging as a vital tool for personal and professional growth, empowering individuals and strengthening organizations. This future-oriented process, unlike therapy, focuses on goal achievement and actionable steps.

Coaching helps individuals define aspirations, leverage strengths, and improve in areas like career, relationships, and wellbeing. "It's about taking action, building confidence, and creating a clear plan," explains Joanne Mills, a certified life coach and EML expert.

In the workplace, coaching is a strategic development tool. It supports employees in:

- Career transitions and skill development.

- Improving communication and relationships.
- Setting health goals and developing healthy habits.
- Building self-confidence and achieving personal growth.

Beyond individual benefits, coaching offers significant organizational advantages:

- Increased job satisfaction and motivation.
- Improved morale and employee loyalty.
- Enhanced performance and productivity.
- Better retention rates.
- Stronger leadership and decision-making.
- A positive impact on the bottom line.

EML, with its "people-first" approach, offers specialized coaching services. Joanne Mills, an accredited DiSC® and NLP practitioner, uses her expertise to empower employees and drive positive change.

Investing in coaching means investing in your people and your organization's success. Contact EML at 01942 727200 or enquiries@employeeengagement.co.uk for a no-obligation chat.



Iceland Foods opens £100 million state-of-the-art warehouse, creating hundreds of jobs



ICELAND Foods has officially opened its brand new 500,000 square foot distribution centre in Warrington, marking a major investment in the retailer's supply chain and reinforcing its commitment to long-term growth.

The £100 million facility, developed in partnership with GXO Logistics, the world's largest pure-play contract logistics provider, will employ more than 750 people, delivering significant benefits to the local community.

Located at Omega Park in Warrington, the new site will be Iceland's largest warehouse to date. This will serve as a vital hub for distributing products to over 350 Iceland stores nationwide, with the potential to expand its reach to 500 locations in the future.

The warehouse, which includes ambient, chill, and frozen chambers, has been designed with future growth in mind, incorporating state-of-the-art technology to drive efficiency and ensure a resilient supply chain.

Iceland's investment also supports a more sustainable operation, with the site partly powered by solar panels to increase green energy consumption.

Tarsem Dhaliwal OBE, Chief Executive Officer at Iceland Foods said: "We're always looking at ways to make our business stronger, more efficient, and

better for our customers. Investing in our supply chain is a huge part of that, and this new state-of-the-art warehouse is a game-changer.

"It gives us the capacity to grow, improve service, and futureproof our operations for years to come. Warrington means a lot to me personally, as the place where I grew up, and it gives me particular pleasure to have been able to make such a major investment here. We're proud to be employing more than 750 people and delivering real economic benefits to the local community."

The new site will deliver increased economic activity that will boost local tax revenues, helping to fund improvements to public services such as schools, roads, and public safety. Local authorities have also already secured a multi-million-pound investment to enhance the transportation network into Omega Park through the creation of two new bus services to facilitate the workforces travel to and from both Warrington and St Helens regions.

Gavin Williams, Managing Director, U.K. and Ireland, GXO said: "We're proud to be delivering the next phase of our logistics partnership with Iceland as we support their long-term ambitions with a warehouse that is fit for the future. The new Warrington regional distribution centre is great news for the local community and for our colleagues, who will help us assist Iceland's growth plans across the country."

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Two decades of Facilities Management, excellence and growth

Dante Group, a leading facilities management company with an operational office in Warrington, is marking over two decades of providing comprehensive services, evolving from its origins as Dante Fire & Security in 2001 to a full-spectrum facilities management provider.

Founded by three former Siemens engineers, the company has expanded its offerings and geographical reach, emphasising "traditional values in a technological world."

Dante Fire & Security quickly secured significant maintenance contracts with clients such as Jaguar Land Rover, Halewood, Getrag, and Manchester Arndale, while also becoming a "Notifier Engineered System" distributor. The company's consistent growth led to the introduction of its Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) department, which has since taken on major refurbishment projects and a wide range of mechanical, electrical, and building maintenance works.

Over the years, Dante Group has strategically expanded its operations and capabilities. In 2002, it acquired Rainhill Electrical and moved its operational office to Warrington. Further expansion included opening a Northeast office in Durham in 2003 and commencing a £2 million M&E contract for Arndale North. The company established Dante House as its Head Office in 2004, opened Templemead Construction Management in 2006, and underwent a group restructure in 2012. More recently, Dante Group relocated to a new office in 2019 and acquired Cathedral Building

Services Croydon in 2021.

Today, Dante Group offers 24/7 emergency services across a broad range of disciplines. These include HVAC system installation and maintenance, electrical inspection and testing (EICR), electrical installation, and portable appliance testing (PAT). They also specialise in commercial gas heating, gas safety conditioning reporting, annual insurance inspections (CP12 Tests), and certification. Their fire and security expertise covers fire detection and alarms, fire door inspections, access control, CCTV, intruder alarms, induction loops, disabled refuge, voice evac and public address systems, and air sampling systems (VESDA).

The company prides itself on a client-focused approach, working with notable clients such as Atalian Servest, Vita Student, Integral, and CBRE Global Investors. Their delivery strategy focuses on effective mobilisation, managing stakeholder expectations, providing reliable management information, and a collaborative approach. The Dante Help Desk offers instant access through its Klik Mobile Application or PC, allowing clients to track jobs live and access transparent data for performance measurement against KPI matrices.

Looking to the future, Dante Group is exploring innovations such as intelligent building control, energy management and reporting, variable speed drives, lighting controls, and the establishment of a control panel workshop.

For more information visit www.dantegroup.net

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Overcoming grid limitations and sustainability challenges: The future of business energy in Warrington

BUSINESSES across the UK are facing a growing range of energy-related challenges. From limited grid capacity and long connection delays to rising costs and tightening environmental regulations, securing reliable and sustainable energy is becoming increasingly complex. These pressures are particularly acute for organisations expanding operations, developing new sites, or aiming to decarbonise their activities.

Regulatory schemes such as ESOS (Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme) and SECR (Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting) require companies to demonstrate real progress towards net zero, further heightening the need for innovative solutions that balance operational demands with environmental responsibility.

One company helping to bridge this gap is SEFG Biofuels, based at The Base on Dallam Lane,

Warrington. Chaired by Euan McAlpine, SEFG provides a zero-capex Energy-as-a-Service solution, delivering low-carbon electricity and heat directly on-site. Their biofuel-powered generators, equipped with advanced aftertreatment systems, emit only nitrogen and water vapour - enabling businesses to meet sustainability targets while avoiding the limitations and costs of grid dependency.

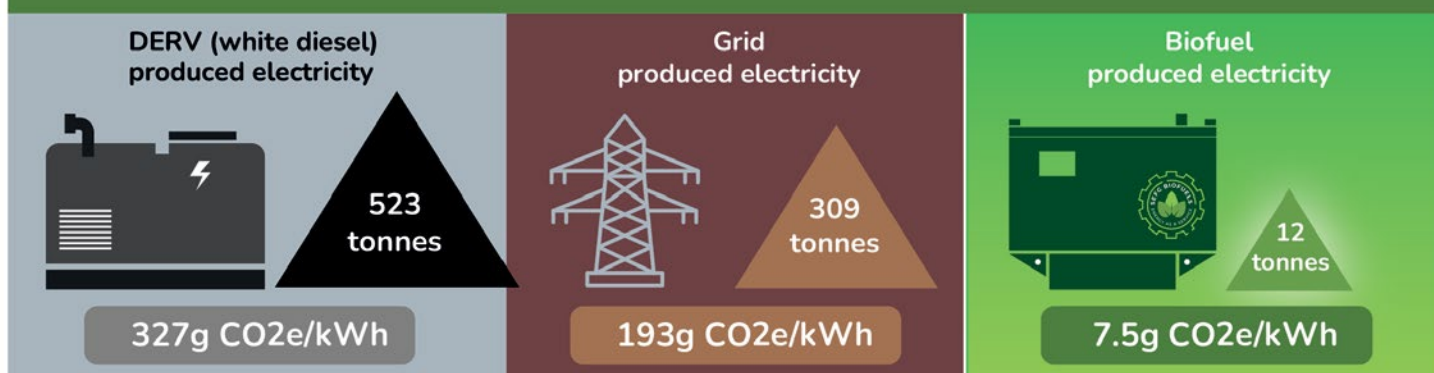
As more companies look for flexible, future-proofed energy solutions, models like those offered by SEFG Biofuels are playing an important role in keeping businesses powered — and compliant — during a time of rapid change.

For further insight into how SEFG Biofuels can help cut costs and carbon emissions, reach out to Head of Business Development, Daniel Whitehurst at: Daniel@sefgltd.co.uk



Chairman Euan McAlpine, David Schorah, Daniel Whitehurst and Martin Darwin outside The Base on Dallam Lane, Warrington.

Do you know how much CO₂ you produce? Find out how to reduce it with biofuels!



*Annual carbon emissions (based on a consumption of 1,600,000 kWh)

42%

of large industrial sites could face power shortages by 2030 – is your business ready?

A new report warns that industrial electrification will drive electricity demand up by 2050, putting huge pressure on the UK grid. Without major upgrades, many industries - glass, steel, food & drink - will struggle to decarbonise.

78%

At SEFG, we provide off-grid biofuel power to keep operations running, without reliance on an overstretched grid. Our **Energy-as-a-Service** model offers a sustainable, cost-effective power solution with no upfront costs.

United Utilities investing £380m to upgrade water mains across the region

AS PART of its largest investment in water and wastewater services in the North West, United Utilities is set to upgrade more than 925km of water mains across the region.

In the next five years, the company is investing more than £380m to replace water mains with new more durable, flexible pipes. In the first year alone, the company will invest more than £40m to replace around 170km of mains – enough to stretch from Manchester to Blackpool and back.

The company will use a range of techniques, including slip-lining where new pipe is inserted into the old pipe, to help keep disruption to a minimum.

The replacement mains are expected to last for more than 100 years and are built to withstand high pressure and temperature variations to help protect against bursts and reduce leaks – both of which will play a key role in safeguarding water supplies for millions of customers across the region.

As well as reducing interruptions in water supply, the project will play an important role in ensuring a resilient water network at a time when the population of the North West is expected to grow.

Grant Batty, Water Services Director at United Utilities explained: “This is an important investment. By improving our water network, we can deliver benefits to customers by reducing leakage and supply interruptions.

“During the next five years, it is expected that almost 150,000 new homes will be built across the North West, so it is more important than ever that water resources are managed responsibly.”

The programme is being delivered on a priority basis to focus initially on the areas that have experienced disruptions through water bursts and leaks.

Grant Batty added: “We know this type of work will inevitably cause some disruption, but we will be doing everything we can to keep this to a minimum. For example, we will be using trenchless techniques wherever possible to reduce disruption by tunnelling under the road to prevent the need to dig a trench across a whole street or road.

“We already know the areas we want to target in the next 12 months and will be working hard to give as much notice as possible to customers, commuters and stakeholders about work that is happening in their area.”

In the next 12 months or so, mains replacement will take place across the region with around 50km taking place in Cheshire; 30km in Lancashire; 15km in Manchester and 60km in Cumbria.

Some specific mains will also be targeted in Merseyside and work will continue on the Vyrnwy Aqueduct programme, which will see around 15km of main renewed in the next year.



Sweet maker opens new chocolate factory with Bathgate support

A real-life Willy Wonka is expanding production with the opening of a new chocolate factory, supported by £114,000 finance from Merseyside-based Bathgate Business Finance and a £150,000 loan from co-investors the Development Bank of Wales.

Richard Holt, owner of Anglesey-based chocolatiers Mr Holt's, is Marcus Wareing's former head pastry chef and star of S4C's pastry programme Yr Academi Felys (The Sweet Academy).

He has run the chocolate factory and café at a former mill at Melin Llyn, near Llanddeusant. He has been crafting a popular Siocled – ‘chocolate’ in Welsh – range of Welsh treats, along with a unique range of Anglesey-branded donuts – nicknamed monuts.

A loan of £150,000 from the Development Bank of Wales, £84,000 from Bathgate Business Finance's own funding book, The Bathgate Capital Fund, and a further £30,000 brokered by Bathgate from a specialist funder, is now enabling Richard to expand chocolate production with a newly refitted factory at nearby Llangefni. New and improved machinery will allow Mr Holt's to meet rising demand.

Richard is confident that the new factory, which boasts more floor-space than the former production facility at Melin Llyn, will allow the business to get its chocolates

out to more hungry chocoholics than ever before.

This is the second time the business has received support from the Development Bank, following an initial loan of £30,000 in 2019.

Richard said: “We've seen so much success in the last few years, and we wanted to make sure we could answer that increased demand by building up our capacity and taking on newer, bigger production premises. The new factory in Llangefni is exactly what we needed, while also allowing us to keep making chocolate locally and retaining important jobs on Anglesey.

“We're so pleased with the support we had from the Development Bank of Wales and co-investors Bathgate – it's allowing us to expand our operations at exactly the right time.”

Tracey Hamilton, BDM from Bathgate Business Finance, said: “Richard, his family and his team of chocolatiers have created an excellent product that is already a Welsh gifting staple and in huge demand further afield too.

“A great deal of creativity and imagination has gone into developing confectionery brand, and the factory site into a fantastic and engaging attraction too, with a chocolate factory-themed escape room and activities to attract visitors to the area too.

“Richard has not only developed a unique and delicious product, but he has also created jobs for local people and delivered affordable luxury for his customers. We wish Richard and the whole team the best of luck and we'll certainly be tucking in to Mr Holt's treats to celebrate!”

Andrea Richardson, Senior Portfolio Executive at the Development Bank of Wales, said: “It was a pleasure to work with Richard and the team at Mr Holt's. They have a distinctive Welsh brand with a popular product, and their unique chocolates get mouths watering across the UK and beyond.

“We're proud to have supported them as they look to rise to new opportunities thanks to their rapidly growing profile. We wish them the very best as they continue with their future plans.”

The Development Bank Wales loan for Mr Holt's came from the Wales Flexible Investment Fund. It offers finance for deals between £25,000 and £10 million, with loans, mezzanine finance and equity investments available. The £84,000 finance from Bathgate Business Finance, comes from its own funding book, The Bathgate Capital Fund, which hit a landmark £5 million in capital lending in March 2025, the highest in the company's 34-year history.



Bank helps empower young people with financial boost to charity

A WARRINGTON business bank is throwing its weight behind a youth charity that inspires young people to achieve with financial and voluntary support.

Redwood Bank has announced its new partnership with Warrington Youth Zone (WYZ), demonstrating its commitment to supporting young people in the local

community.

As part of this collaboration, Redwood is making a donation to help fund essential programmes and will be actively involved in volunteering initiatives throughout 2025.

Alex John, ESG manager at Redwood Bank, said: "At Redwood, we believe in investing in a sustainable and equitable future. That's why we are proud to be partnering with Warrington Youth Zone to support young people in our community.

"WYZ provides vital programmes, from sports and arts to mental health support and employability skills, truly making a real difference to the lives of young people.

"Their work is having a huge impact. 85% of young people report having more friends because of the Youth Zone. Parents are noticing a difference in their children too, with 100% saying that the Youth Zone has improved family life."

Warrington Youth Zone provides a safe and inspiring space for young people aged seven to 19, or up to 25 if they have additional needs. They offer the young people a range of activities designed to promote personal growth, wellbeing and essential life skills.

With a strong focus on accessibility, the charity is open seven days a week and is fully accessible for young people with additional needs or disabilities.

Redwood's donation will contribute towards WYZ's mission to support young people by providing engaging activities, skills development and mental health support.

The organisation works closely with schools, councils and other local partners to address the needs of young people and their families.

In addition to financial support, Redwood Bank staff will be participating in volunteering initiatives throughout 2025 to further engage with and assist the charity's efforts.

"This partnership reflects Redwood Bank's ongoing commitment to social responsibility and community investment.

"By working together with Warrington Youth Zone, the Bank aims to help create a brighter future for the young people of Warrington, equipping them with the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to succeed."



Jill Ratcliffe joins J&K Ross as Key Account Manager



Warrington's PPE and workwear specialists, J&K Ross has welcomed Jill Ratcliffe as Key Account Manager. With over three decades of experience in health and safety, Jill brings a wealth of knowledge, a strong commitment to protecting people at work, and a passion for helping businesses become more efficient and compliant.

Jill's career spans some of the sector's most recognisable names, including Arco and Lyreco, giving her a unique insight into businesses of all sizes. She began her working life as a police officer in the late 1970s, and her dedication to safety and doing things the right way has underpinned her work ever since.

Her newly created role at J&K Ross sees her reconnecting with some familiar faces including colleagues she's worked with previously. "I felt at home straight away," says Jill, "there's such a genuine, family feel here. My new colleagues have been with the company a long time and that says a lot. It's a team that really cares, and I love that there's a clear vision for where we're going, too."

As Key Account Manager, Jill will be based in Warrington and will travel throughout the UK introducing herself to existing clients, exploring new business opportunities, and working

with the wider team to revisit previous relationships. She will be helping organisations select the right PPE, including high-vis jackets and vests, safety footwear, helmets, ear protection, safety glasses and goggles, and a range of accessories like fall prevention equipment. Jill has a strong track record in helping businesses rationalise their ranges and find smarter solutions to keep their teams safe and comfortable.

With a degree-equivalent qualification in health and safety and specialist knowledge in PPE, Jill's focus is on supporting customers to choose the right PPE for their needs, improve compliance, and reduce waste. She describes herself as "a walking advert" for the brand, and takes pride in offering practical, hands-on advice to help customers make informed, cost-effective decisions that keep people safe at work.

Neil Wilcock, Managing Director of J&K Ross, said "Jill's depth of experience and her instinctive, personable approach stood out immediately. She brings a powerful blend of technical expertise and relationship-led thinking, which aligns perfectly with our vision for the future. I'm genuinely excited about the impact she will have, not only for our customers, but also as part of our evolving team."

Making 2025 your best year yet! 3D 360 Advanced Manufacturing Skills Bootcamp

3D 360 was born out of the industry and the realisation that 3D printing is the future of Advanced Manufacturing and is changing how things are made today.

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If you are aged 19+ and live or work in Cheshire and Warrington and are looking to quickly increase your skills or your employees' skills, our flexible 16-week subsidised training programme could be the right choice for you. The subsidised cost for small to medium-sized businesses is just £360, with each learner receiving a free 3D Printer (Creality Ender 3) to continue their learning after the course.

This comprehensive course, which consists of 6 online and 4 face to face modules is designed to equip you with cutting-edge skills to access in-demand jobs and skills shortages in Industry 4.0, 3D Printing and CAD, Robotics, Internet of Things, Cybersecurity, and more. Whether you're

seeking a career change, job security, or a promotion, you'll gain the knowledge and practical experience to progress in the exciting fields of advanced manufacturing and technology.

The best part for this year is that it's 100% fully funded for schools and education, CICs, charities and youth groups with under 250 employees under our own Social Value and grass roots skills and social impact strategy.

If you are interested in participating or would like to enrol your employees in the Skills Bootcamp, visit tinyurl.com/3D360EnquiryFormW6



Made Smarter unveils £1M fund to accelerate digital transformation in Warrington manufacturing

MADE Smarter, the Government-backed digital adoption programme, has launched a new £1M funding round to support technology projects among SME manufacturers in Warrington.

The initiative, which has been driving digital transformation in the region's manufacturing sector since 2018, is offering match-funded grants of up to £20,000 to help SMEs adopt advanced technologies including robotics, automation, the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and additive manufacturing.

The aim is to boost productivity, growth, resilience and sustainability – key priorities for manufacturers navigating a rapidly evolving industrial landscape.

Businesses who register to the programme also gain access to a suite of support including fully funded technology advice, digital roadmap development, leadership and skills training, and student placement opportunities.

Since 2018 Made Smarter has

funded 334 technology projects. These investments are forecast to increase the region's GVA by £242M in the coming years, create 1,300 new jobs and upskill 2,500 existing roles.

Donna Edwards, Programme Director for Made Smarter North West, said: "We are now entering our seventh year of equipping North West manufacturers with the know-how and confidence to embrace the next industrial revolution. Through expert support and funding, we're enabling businesses to unlock productivity, accelerate growth, decarbonise operations, and create high-value, future-ready jobs.

"The industrial landscape is evolving rapidly, and digital transformation is no longer optional. We encourage any manufacturer that hasn't yet started their journey to take the first step."

To learn more and register visit madesmarter.uk



Local expert launches a consultancy service centred around business risk

Barry Ryan, a highly experienced business risk consultant based in Warrington, is offering his extensive knowledge to local businesses seeking to navigate the complexities of risk management.

With a career spanning decades and encompassing work with major multinational FTSE 100 companies across the globe, including Canada, Australia, Singapore, Scandinavia, and Turkey, Ryan brings a unique and insightful perspective to the challenges businesses face.

A Major Projects Director and Chartered Engineer holding both BSc and MSc qualifications, Ryan has held financial responsibility for the delivery of projects with capital values ranging from £1.5 billion to over £11 billion. This impressive track record has provided him with firsthand experience of how poorly managed risk can lead to the downfall of even seemingly solid companies.

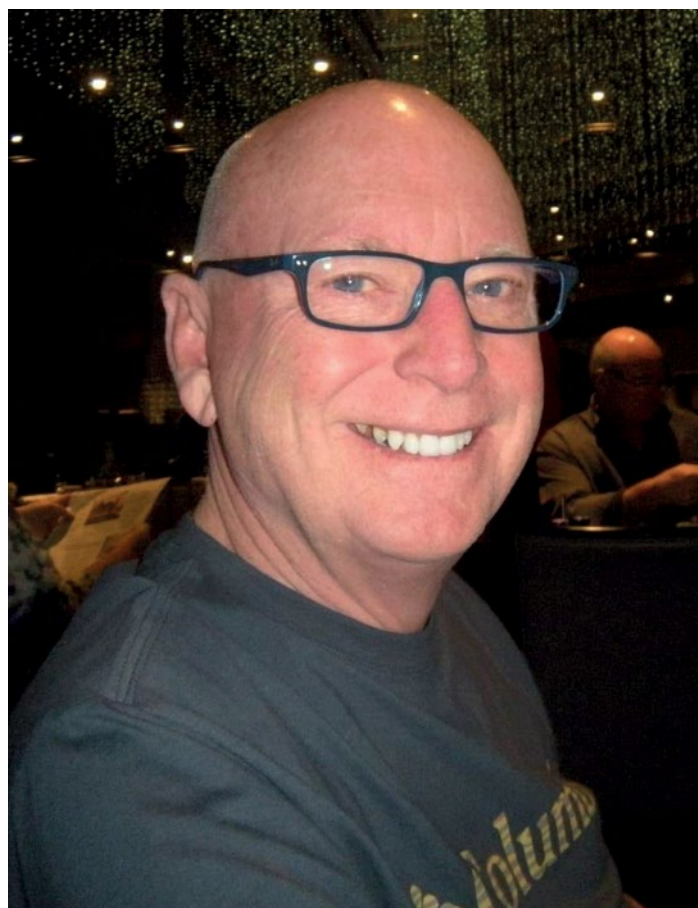
"What links these adventures of mine is that I learned a great deal about risk and the levels of threat it poses if not managed," explains Ryan. "I have seen at first hand, solid businesses go to the wall, primarily as a consequence of the way they approached risk. Most businesses are struck down by poor decisions which pay no real attention to the detail threatening the company."

Ryan emphasises that risks, while essentially unwanted events, aren't always obvious and can enter a business at various levels. The crucial element, he argues, lies in a business's ability to recognise the threat associated with each risk. This depends heavily on the knowledge and experience within the organisation to identify potential risks and accurately assess their threat level.

"Having the knowledge and understanding of how to ascertain the threat level is key, together with how to rank it, from low through to high-high," says Ryan, highlighting his area of expertise. "The high-high risks must quickly be identified, and a strategy developed to isolate and manage them so that the likelihood of their arrival and threat level is mitigated. The bigger the risk, the bigger the threat to the margin."

Now semi-retired and living in Warrington, Barry is keen to share his wealth of experience with local businesses, offering informal meetings to discuss risk management strategies. "I'm happy to meet for a coffee and a chat and to try to answer any questions you may have about how to better understand as well as how to identify and manage your exposure to risk," he concludes.

Contact Barry by email at barry@ryan.lu or call 07973 887374.



Cheshire High Sheriff's Award for Wellness at Work 2024-25

THE Wellness at Work award seeks to acknowledge and champion the incredible steps taken by businesses or charities who demonstrate their commitment to the health and wellbeing of their workforce, through creating an environment for their employees to succeed.

The award was developed in 2023 by Warrington Borough Council's (WBC) Public Health team and promoted widely to Cheshire businesses as part of the Cheshire High Sheriff's Awards for Enterprise.

Following the success of last year's award (named 'Business Health & Wellbeing'), applicants

were asked to summarise and provide examples of how current workplace culture and practices support employee health and wellbeing and have led to employee satisfaction, retention, and increased productivity, creating a healthier and happier workforce.

A panel of judges (from WBC Public Health & Chamber of Commerce) reviewed and scored five applications in January, with the awards ceremony taking place at The University of Chester's Business School on Thursday 27 March. Both the winner and runner-up were invited to attend.

The judges were impressed with

Haier's prioritisation of health and wellness, including their overall wellbeing strategy, policies, and various supporting initiatives in line with the needs of their staff. It is evident that Haier are committed to ensuring employees have opportunities to contribute to decision-making processes and that management are supported adequately to be able to support others. Their dedication to looking after the health of their workforce is commendable.

As Spire Cheshire state 'Health and wellbeing are paramount in any workplace, particularly in the healthcare sector' and Spire truly demonstrate their commitment. This is evident through a Social Committee; welfare champions and opportunities open to all to shape delivery of service. Spire Cheshire also demonstrates

an impressive commitment to reducing waste and carbon emissions across the hospital.

For further information about the award, visit www.chester.ac.uk/about/high-sheriffs-awards-for-enterprise/.

In the context of the workplace, employee wellbeing directly impacts productivity, creativity, and overall performance. Healthy and happy employees are more engaged, motivated, and loyal, which ultimately contributes to the success of the business.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your businesses commitment to health & wellbeing, Warrington Borough Council are planning to return the award for 2024/25. Further communications will follow later this year.



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Land of Lights set to return to Gulliver's World this winter

GULLIVER'S Theme Park Resorts has announced the return of its popular Land of Lights festival in Warrington this winter.

The highly anticipated event, which features new lanterns and displays, will open its gates at Gulliver's World on selected dates from November 2025 and run until January 2026.

More details, including when tickets go on sale, will be revealed in due course with customers advised to sign up to the mailing list on www.landoflights.co.uk to be the first to hear the latest news.

Land of Lights 2025 promises to be a breathtaking spectacle, featuring new lanterns for 2025, covering 12 dreamworlds including an array of incredible dinosaurs. In addition, there will be music, entertainment and street food with thousands of visitors expected once again.

Ross Partridge, festival manager, said: "We're super excited to be bringing Land of Lights back to Gulliver's World for the third year running. It's always an amazing sight and we get such good feedback from our customers year after year.

"The one-mile trail will showcase a huge array of incredible lanterns and displays, creating a wonderful, wild, and magical

atmosphere suitable for all ages.

"Please keep an eye on our dedicated website for all the latest news and ticket sale announcements and don't miss

this opportunity to experience a spectacular display of light and artistry at Gulliver's World this winter."

The Land of Lights festival will also

take place at two other Gulliver's resorts in 2025 – Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes and, for the first time, at Gulliver's Valley in Rotherham.



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