

Message from the Chair

Hello and welcome to the Gadbrook Park autumn newsletter.

I hope you all had a positive and successful summer with normality returning somewhat. Hasn't it been great to be able to do more both in and out of work over recent months?

Before I go any further I'd like to thank businesses for their patience during the ongoing roadworks. Unfortunately we aren't able to influence the way in which the work is carried out and we fully understand how problematic the works have been for businesses and staff.

The end is now in sight however, and in the long term the improvement works will benefit the park. We just need to all hold on in there for the time being.

On the topic of ongoing issues, we are still waiting to hear from the court regarding the injunction notice in relation to traveller encampments.

A Notice of Issue should be following shortly and we will give you a further update as soon as we know more.

Onto more positive news now and it's been great to see more and more businesses and their employees returning to Gadbrook Park.

It's lovely to see the hustle and bustle once more which brings with it the opportunity to collaborate



more often and come up with those creative ideas that are generated when teams are working in offices together.

We have also seen that a lot of businesses are advertising job vacancies now that we are on the post-pandemic road to recovery.

This is good news for the local economy and we can't wait to see our businesses flourish after what has been an extremely challenging last 18 months or so.

Finally, don't forget to get in touch with the BID team if you have any questions or queries at all relating to a matter here on the park. They're here to support and help you.

Stay safe and I hope you have a great autumn.

Yours Sincerely, Mike Roberts - Chair of the Gadbrook Park BID



Gadbrook business director helps youngsters develop skills



A Quality, Health, Safety & Environment Manager at Johnsons 1871 on Gadbrook Park has received plaudits for his selfless work in supporting young people to develop skills they need for later life.

Stuart Williams has been involved in every session of the National Citizen Service's Virtual Employers' Programme which has recently been working on a Social Action Project to aid local charities through activities such as fundraising and renovating gardens.

As part of this role, Stuart has given young people advice on how they can improve their projects and has also helped raised awareness of any potential pitfalls.

Stuart's knowledge and guidance has been invaluable to the young people taking part and he has helped to raise some considerable sums for local charities.

He has also helped the teams identify the skills they used to accomplish their projects and demonstrated how those skills relate to the world of work.

If you would like to help shape the next generation of employees in Cheshire and Warrington like Stuart has, please email Tony McCafferty. His email address is tony.mccafferty@youthfed.org.

'Willfest' a huge success

Willows Veterinary Group held a festival for all their team members and their families to say 'thank you' for their hard work over the Covid crisis. They used the land around their head office to create a mini festival site complete with mobile stage, marquees, food stalls, attractions and bunting.

Over 400 people attended and enjoyed an afternoon of live bands and other entertainment including exotic animals, a dog show and fairground side stalls.

A mobile bar ensured a chilled feel and caterers provided a range of food including a BBQ, hog roast, pizza and ice cream.

Practice Manager Lin Burke said: "The organising team really managed to deliver a brilliant festival and we've had lots of requests to make it an annual event."

Local suppliers were used wherever possible to help provide a much-needed boost to the local economy.

Recruitment drive at Home Instead

Gadbrook Park based Home Instead are currently looking to recruit 40 new care givers from the local community to support their ever-growing number of local clients.

Applicants do not need any direct industry experience as full training and support will be provided. What is more important to the company is finding people with a kind heart and a desire to help others.

Home Instead have been delivering quality home care since 2009 within Northwich, Knutsford, Winsford, Holmes Chapel, Tarporley and the surrounding areas.

They provide bespoke care within the local community that is tailored to the individual needs of

each client, allowing them to remain in the comfort of their own home and maintain their independence.

Tailored support is provided for all clients which includes meeting up for a chat, going for short walks and giving home help. Other services include shopping, meal preparation, bathing and dressing.

Home Instead also provide more specialised services such as home care support for individuals living with dementia and can support clients with palliative care needs too.

Want to know more? Then please visit: www.homeinstead.co.uk/northwich-knutsford/.

Updates from around the park

Job fairs

The BID team attended two job fairs that were held in Northwich and Winsford in September and have promoted all the employment opportunities sent in by the businesses on the Park. If you want to recruit the right candidate and need help, simply send your job specification to BID Manager Hugh Shields and he will ensure it is advertised far and wide. Hugh's email address is Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk.

Kickstart Scheme

The Government's Kickstart Scheme is set to end this year. The project is funded to create hundreds of thousands of high-quality 6-month work placements for young people aged 16-24 who are claiming Universal Credit.

BID team

Please remember that the BID team is here to help your business whether it's by giving advice, securing bigger premises, advertising job opportunities or sharing CVs for employees who are under threat of redundancy. We can also put you in touch with other businesses on the estate to look at ways in which you could potentially help each other out. Please email Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk with any queries.

Roadworks

The latest update on the entrance is that the Cadent works will be completed by mid-October. Openreach and Scot Power have got some ducts to drop before December (again, they are in the footway only next to Hut Group). The work to complete the widening of the access commences in the first week of January and should take approximately 5 weeks. That will complete the full junction improvements. The BID team will continue to provide updates on any changes.

Injunction

The Court is processing the injunction application – we believe a Notice of Issue will follow shortly at which point we will be able to give you an update on timescales/next steps.

Estate image

The signs on the park have been jet-washed and cleaned. It's our objective to ensure the park looks aesthetically pleasing for businesses, employees and visitors.

Free training

Training courses continue to be delivered free of charge by the BID team. If you have any queries regarding training courses, please email Stephanie.Leese@groundwork.org.uk.

It's a marathon not a sprint for RMG

A business on Gadbrook Park has certainly been getting their steps in over recent months!

Earlier this October some members of staff at RMG completed the London and Manchester marathons to raise money for the Joshua Tree Charity which is based in Sandiway.

Office staff also clocked up the miles to complete the distance between London and Manchester during the week between the two events which were held on 3rd and 10th of October.

At the time of writing, RMG have managed to raise over £10,000 and are well on their way to their goal of £12,000.

Well done to everyone who got involved and congratulations on a brilliant achievement team RMG!

If you would like to donate you can do so here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rmgteam.



Can you help students prepare for the world of work?



MPLOY Solutions, based on Gadbrook Park, work with schools and colleges all over the North West providing careers advice, work experience and links to employers to enable young people to develop their skills and prepare for future careers.

They are always looking to link up with employers that are keen to help young people and want to attract future talent to their business.

Due to the pandemic on-site work experience has been extremely difficult but MPLOY Solutions are now finding businesses are gradually looking to resume with this and so are schools, as students have missed out greatly on this experience.

They'd love to know if you could help with any of the following:

- **Work Experience Placements** - These are typically for 1-2 weeks for students aged 15-18.
- **Mock Interviews** - Conducting interviews with a range of students both virtually and on-site.
- **Meet the professionals** - Enabling students to meet a range of businesses and experience different job roles to enhance their knowledge of varying industry sectors and what employers look for.

Please contact one of the team to find out more by calling **01606 828382** or emailing info@mploysolutions.co.uk.

Think of Chrysalis for any childcare needs

Chrysalis is a day nursery and pre-school situated on Gadbrook Park which means it's very convenient for parents who work locally.

Chrysalis pride themselves on providing the highest quality child-centred holistic care for children in a secure, welcoming and inclusive environment which both supports and challenges children to help them reach their full potential.

The establishment works closely with families and

actively encourages parents to become involved with their child's learning.

Chrysalis is a unique environment in which children are actively encouraged to explore, learn, communicate and interact with others. It's currently rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

If you would like more information then please call **0160 649 424**. There is also an Open Day taking place on Friday 3rd December from 10am-12pm where you can drop in and discover more.

New partner appointment at Butcher & Barlow

Butcher & Barlow has announced another new appointment as the company continues to grow.

Tim Bailey has joined the firm's 160-strong team in the private client department and he will primarily be based at their Gadbrook Park office.

There he'll be working alongside the Commercial and Agriculture teams and will also offer private client services.

With over 10 years' experience in Wills, Trusts, Probate, Estates, Tax Planning and elderly client issues, Tim has acted for a wide range of clients but notably high net worth individuals including business owners and farmers.

Butcher & Barlow has seen a large growth in demand in its private client department, with the market remaining buoyant despite the Covid situation.

You can contact Tim on **01606 334309** or via email at tbailey@butcher-barlow.co.uk.

