

Message from the Chair

Hello and welcome to the Gadbrook Park winter newsletter.

I'd like to start by saying that I hope you all had a great Christmas and have had a good start to 2022.

Here on the estate there have been positive developments to kick-start the New Year, beginning with the progress relating to the injunction.

If all goes well we should soon reach a point whereby the individuals that have been causing us trouble will be prevented from entering the business park by the injunction. Of course we will keep you right up-to-date with the latest on this over the coming weeks.

In other important news there is light at the end of the tunnel with regards to the junction improvement works which will hopefully be completed this spring. Once finished, the scheme will boost access to the park which will benefit businesses and their employees, especially as more people are now returning to offices.

The theme of positivity continues elsewhere on the estate too.

Both RGM and Home Instead are recruiting for a number of positions and I'd also like to welcome Poole Alcock Solicitors to Gadbrook Park who have moved into Minerva House.

It's great to welcome another business to the estate and the BID team wishes you every success in your new home here.

As you will see later in the newsletter there's also been movement over at Principia Law thanks to growth. It's always fantastic to hear about our estate businesses taking steps forward.

Finally I'd just like to touch on some of the other updates that are outlined in the remainder of this report as there are some fantastic opportunities to take advantage of throughout the rest of winter and into spring.

The Let's Talk Business workshops for instance could provide you with valuable information and insight while the offer from Brio Leisure is one not to be missed if you're looking to improve your fitness in 2022. The Springboard initiative could really prove useful for people too if they're looking for new opportunities.

Right, I think that's enough from me for now other than to remind you that the BID team is here for you so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a question or query no matter how big or small.

Here's to a successful spring.

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



Principia Law relocates thanks to company growth



Leading specialist claimant legal services provider, Principia Law, is relocating from their current office in Bowland House to the larger Greystone House on Rudheath Way due to growth.

Experts in representing and assisting victims of non-fault road traffic accidents, Principia Law already employs over 60 people.

However continued success and the desire to provide colleagues with an enhanced working environment has driven the need for a larger base, and when the Greystone House property became available near their current headquarters, they moved quickly to secure it.

Principia Law Managing Director, Peter Jerman, commented: "This is an exciting time for Principia Law. Although we've developed a successful hybrid office/homeworking model, our continued expansion means our business needs larger and better office space, but still in the local area for our established team."

Unsurprisingly Principia Law is also recruiting for a range of roles, including Pre-Litigation Paralegals and Credit Hire Litigators.

"With new offices, our hybrid working and the high quality case work we enjoy, it's a perfect time to join the Principia business," added Jerman. "We're looking forward to providing a great new working environment and legal career opportunities for our whole team."

For more information about Principia Law, please visit: <https://www.principia-law.co.uk/>.



Gadbrook business supports Arabica Caffé

A business based on Gadbrook Park has thrown their support behind Arabica Caffé in an effort to help drive footfall to their premises.

Due to Covid, Mark Pearson from Quadriga Contracts has been concerned about business being slow at Arabica and consequently came up with an initiative to encourage people to visit the eatery.

To support the café, Quadriga have allowed their staff to buy anything on their account until the end of February to hopefully ensure a steady stream of visitors are using Arabica Caffé.

Mark said: "It's such an essential facility on the park and I wonder if other employers could consider the same."

Stay up-to-date with the latest from Arabica Caffé here: facebook.com/arabicacaffe.co.uk.



Updates from around the Gadbrook Park estate

Junction improvement

Scottish Power were on-site in January and now Cheshire West and Chester Council are working on the new lane. We are hopeful that this work will be completed by the end of March. Further to this, the BID team has been assured that there will be no disruptions to the flow of traffic while this work is being carried out.

Injunction

Our solicitors have now received the sealed Order from the Court following our application for alternative service being approved. As we have now complied with all of the requirements under the Order, the next step will be for them to file a Certificate of Service with the Court to confirm that we have met our obligations.

Once 'Persons Unknown' have had the requisite time to acknowledge the proceedings (and provided this deadline has passed without hearing anything from them), the next step will be to make an Application for Default Judgement against them. With the expectation that this will be granted by the Court in the absence of any engagement from Persons Unknown, this should then provide us with a final Order confirming the Injunction which will prevent Persons Unknown from entering the Business Park.

This means that should they trespass onto the Business Park in the future, the Police will have greater powers to remove them. Our solicitors have a direct link to the local Police force and they are aware of the current application and therefore once they have this final Order, they will ensure that this is provided to them along with Cheshire West and Chester Council so they are fully informed and can notify Persons Unknown of the Injunction. This should mean that they are able to appropriately plan their future responses in the event of a further trespass.

Springboard

Springboard Cheshire provides free one-to-one personalised support from expert employment advisors to unemployed people so they can quickly start their new career. Advisors work with participants to build their confidence and skills so they can apply for jobs as well as providing practical support and training on elements such as CV development, interview techniques and digital skills. Please email Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk for more details.

Covid-19 booster toolkit for employers

Public Health England has produced a wide range of resources for employers to inform their staff of the importance of getting a booster vaccine.

The resources include web banners, posters, videos, social media assets and audio files that are free to use, and we encourage employers to make use of them however possible to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the link to find out more: <https://bit.ly/32N3tMK>.

Get fit for less at Brio

Give yourself the gift of health this year and get fit for less with a 20% discount at Brio Leisure centres. If you sign up for a WorkFit Membership, which has no joining fee, you will receive the discounted corporate rate of £26 per month. If you sign up for the year you get two months free! With a WorkFit membership you get full use of gym facilities at Brio's eight centres, casual swimming and access to over 475 weekly fitness classes. Visit www.brioleisure.org/workfit for more information.



Useful contacts

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

- Cheshire Police – PCSO Angela Richardson – angela.richardson@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
- Cheshire Police – Dean Butterworth – dean.butterworth@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
– Make sure you contact either Angela or Dean for any issues surrounding ongoing crime matters, Police advice or to report on-going dangerous/obstructive parking.
- Cheshire West and Chester Council – ‘Your Streets’ portal www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk – 0300 123 7036
- Cheshire West and Chester Council – Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer (Local Authority) – dawn.taylor@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Alpha Omega Security (Bank Holiday Cover periods) – Control Room – 02170 258881 or Operations Manager Chris Strange – 07904 331031
- Defibrillators – Available at Caffé Arabica, The Hut Group and Frank Roberts (security cabin)

Do you want help growing your business?

Do you want to embrace new technologies? Get to market quicker and cut costs? Reduce down-time? Well, if you are a maker then Made Smarter can help!

What is Made Smarter?

Made Smarter is a programme backed by world-renowned businesses and the UK government. Their aim is to connect makers like you with digital tools that will transform the way you work.

BID manager Hugh Shields has been linking up with the Made Smarter team and is already working with eleven businesses on the estate to look at the opportunities available to them.

If you would like more information on this opportunity, please contact Hugh on **07921 055039**.



Let's Talk Business – Free workshops this winter

Is your business looking to win new work, take a new approach to financial planning or become more socially responsible?

Then make sure you check out the range of free workshops that are being held this February by the Cheshire West Let's Talk Business team.

For more information, dates, times and details of how to book, please see right.

- Business Start - Finance and Planning - (Zoom) Tuesday 15 February 2022, 9:30 - 11:00 <https://bit.ly/3n655YR>
- Procurement and Winning Contracts - Thursday 17 February 2022, 9.30 - 11.00 <https://bit.ly/3qZUKIO>
- CSR and your Business – A workshop for SMEs - Tuesday 22 February 2022, 9:30 - 11:00 <https://bit.ly/3HOcynz>

An update on Gadbrook Park training courses

Training courses delivered by the BID have once again been proving popular with employees from businesses right across Gadbrook Park.

As you are aware these courses are funded by the BID and are completely free for members of staff to take part in.

A wide variety of topics are covered throughout the year

including Level 3 Emergency First Aid, 2 Day Mental Health First Aid, 3 Day First Aid at Work, Fire Marshal, Leadership Skills and Management Training and Level 2 in Health and Safety at Work, so they represent a great opportunity for individuals to upskill and enhance their work-related knowledge.

If you would like to access any of the BID training or simply

want to know more, please contact Stephanie Leese via Stephanie.Leese@groundwork.org.uk or 07519 019523.

