

## Message from the Chair

**H**ello and welcome to the Gadbrook Park spring newsletter.

I hope 2022 has been successful for you all so far and that business has been brisk.

I'd like to start by saying a massive thank you for the patience and understanding everyone has shown despite the inconvenience of the junction works that have been taking place.

The BID appreciates that the council's roadworks have led to delays and disruptions which have been problematic for businesses, but thankfully the project is now complete and should lead to reduced congestion on the approach to the junction.

Elsewhere, it's great to see a range of job vacancies on the Gadbrook Park website at present which will hopefully provide local people with the chance to find the perfect employment opportunity for them.

As well as being shared online, these openings are also promoted by the BID team at job fairs which increases the chances of our businesses finding the right candidates. Make sure you let us know as soon as you're advertising for a position and we'll help you get the word out there.

In other news, it's great that training courses are now able to take place in the same way that they did before the pandemic.

As you know, these courses are free for employees of companies on the park to attend and are a fantastic way to upskill, so please take advantage of these where you can.

Onto a slightly less cheery topic now and it's with sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Barclays Bank whose Gadbrook team have all made the move to Radbroke Hall.

As you'll briefly read about later in the newsletter, Barclays has had a presence here for over 30 years and they will be sorely missed. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing the team good luck in their new home.

And finally, I hope everyone enjoyed the extended Bank Holiday weekend which took place at the beginning of June for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I'm sure plenty of you marked the occasion in some way, so I hope you had a great time whatever you got up to.

Right, I'll sign off for now. Please remember that the BID team is here for you no matter your query or question. We're here to help.

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



# Appointments bolster the Butcher & Barlow team

**A** number of new appointments have been made at Butcher & Barlow Solicitors as the firm bolsters its experienced team.

Jo Ormiston, Mark Turner and Nick Ball, who are all experienced lawyers, have joined the commercial department, while Solicitor Alex Williams will play an integral role in the Family Law team.

Butcher & Barlow has ten offices across the North West and is regularly listed in the Legal 500 as one of the region's top law firms.

Mark, who has been a Solicitor for 25 years, said: "I was excited to join a firm that has such a strong, well-regarded dispute resolution team, generating good quality work."

And Nick commented: "I am incredibly excited to re-join Butcher & Barlow in this new role and the recent rebrand makes it even more so. Their reputation goes before them, and the new look really emphasises their values and their collaborative approach to the shared decision making they are known for."

For Alex, the move to Butcher & Barlow is a sentimental one, as she previously worked for the company as a high achieving trainee.

Describing her return as "coming home," Alex has spent four years working across South Manchester and Chester, supporting high value and often complex financial matters associated with divorce.

Speaking of the move back, Alex said: "Butcher and Barlow are known for their client focused approach and place great emphasis on playing an integral role within the local community – it is a large, high street firm with a personal touch and a great place to work.

"Jumping at the chance to return, I will represent clients in all aspects in Family Law on a private paying basis, and I am looking forward to being back with a firm that has such a lengthy history of prioritising personalised, trusting client relationships."

To stay up-to-date with the latest news and developments at Butcher & Barlow, make sure you follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ButcherBarlowLLP>.

## A fresh new look for ASM Group

**A**n update from ASM Group which has an eye-catching revamped premises.

'We are extremely proud to announce a brand-new look for the ASM Group. Our business has gone from strength to strength over the past 3 decades and our new look is set to support significant future growth plans.

ASM recently celebrated our one-year anniversary of moving into a prestigious, state-of-the-art office at Gadbrook Business Centre. As a partner of choice to Global Systems Integrators and Resellers, we bring tail spend management alongside an infinite eco-system of disruptive

vendors across 4 continents and 55 countries globally.

Jo Wilson, Marketing Manager, said: "This is a very exciting time for ASM. We have strong growth plans to expand the business and we feel the new brand is ideally positioned to support this. We live and breathe innovation, so the rebrand supports a continual evolution, allowing the business to be even more creative in what

we do, attracting a developing eco-system of vendors and the next generation of the ASM team.

"We are looking forward to the future and taking our brand forward whilst continuing to represent the values developed over the past 30 years."

If you want to learn more about ASM, please visit [www.asmttech.com](http://www.asmttech.com).



**C**hrysalis Day Nursery and Pre-School, located here on Gadbrook Park, is registered for 100 children and provides excellent indoor and outdoor facilities. They would also like to share an exclusive offer for all employees who work on Gadbrook Business Park.

Please keep reading to discover Chrysalis's many benefits.

"We know it can be daunting to choose a nursery for your child and understand the anxiety this decision can bring as you may be leaving your child in someone else's care and education for the first time. We would therefore like to raise your awareness of our Outstanding Nursery.

We work closely with families and actively encourage parents/carers to become involved with their child's learning, building further on these parental partnerships throughout your Chrysalis journey.

We provide the highest standard of care and education; our dedicated staff support child-initiated, spontaneous play as well as offering a range of focused activities, and because staff understand the needs of each child in their care, they are able to challenge and encourage them to be inquisitive and make outstanding progress. Chrysalis is a unique environment in which children are actively encouraged to explore, learn, communicate and interact with others.



## The Chrysalis Offer

- Open 52 weeks of the year and closed only on bank holidays
- Open from 7.30am-6.00pm
- Half and full day sessions available
- No minimum session requirement
- Rated as an outstanding provider of childcare
- Menu is home cooked on the premises
- The team is 100% First Aid trained and also trained in Makaton
- Offer term time only contracts to all 2, 3 and 4-year-old funded children
- All-year round stretched funding available
- Also have a limited number of term time only contracts available to children on a standard nursery contract. Age 0-3 years.

We have an extensive enclosed garden for each area where the children can play in absolute safety. 'Outside' play is an essential part of the nursery day at Chrysalis – it is only inclement weathers that keeps us indoors! The children help to garden and plant bulbs, seeds and herbs according to the seasons.

Chrysalis offers a homely caring environment where your child can truly 'Learn Through Play.' We seek to employ the very best staff from the local area and we pride ourselves on our staff retention and between us we have decades of knowledge and experience. The experience and quality of our team really shines through and they are totally dedicated to their job.

On top of this, parents/carers who work on Gadbrook Park can get 10% off Monday and Friday sessions and there is also a 5% discount for siblings which would be applied to the eldest brother or sister."

If you would like more information about Chrysalis, please head to their website: <https://chrysalisdaynursery.co.uk/>.

# Fond farewell to Barclays Bank

It is with a heavy heart that Gadbrook Park has bid a fond farewell to Barclays which moved off site at the end of March.

The company initially moved to the estate in 1987 meaning they had racked up an amazing 35 years here before leaving.

All of the staff who were based here have relocated to the firm's Radbroke Hall campus so we're pleased to say that there have been no job losses.

We wish Gadbrook's Barclays team well in their new home.



## Updates from around the Gadbrook Park estate

### Roads

All works were completed on Friday 20th May and the junction fully opened on Monday 23rd May. The original programme was expected to last nine weeks from the 28th Feb until 29th April. This overran by three weeks, with some of this delay due to the unfortunate timing of a burst water main.

### Estate Audits

There have been a number of audits carried out by the BID Team from January to April and there was also a follow-up audit which took place after the storms. This was undertaken in order to check for debris or any damage to signs, boards or hoardings. Fly tipping, potholes and ground maintenance were also noted by the BID team during these checks.

### Training

We're pleased to say that the training courses, which are free for employees of BID businesses to attend, are now back in full swing. If you require a training course please, contact the BID team via [Stephanie.leese@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Stephanie.leese@groundwork.org.uk) or [Hugh.shields@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Hugh.shields@groundwork.org.uk).

If you are looking for free online training for your staff, level 2 is available through the following link: <https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/>.

### Injunction

The Default Judgement Application is still currently with the Court for Approval. Our solicitors have spoken with the Court and were advised that they are working through a backlog, however they are hopeful of having the final Order through shortly (subject to any further action that may be required). Our solicitors will continue to update on the situation and hopefully a copy of the final Order will be made available as soon as possible.

### Be Vigilant

There has been an increase in unwanted activity on the Business Park recently with both security and the Police having been alerted. If you see anything suspicious please make sure you report it. Together we can make Gadbrook Park as safe and secure as possible for everyone.

### Green Innovation Fund

A new £400k green innovation fund has been launched to help small and medium-sized enterprises in the area to transform their ideas into reality in the race to net zero. Businesses, charities and social enterprises can get up to 60 per cent funding towards projects worth £25,000 to help them deliver sustainable products, processes or services.

Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/GreenInnovationFund>.

### Bike Marking

On Tuesday 5th April, local PCSOs held a free bike marking event outside Arabica Caffe. The weather wasn't ideal but it didn't dampen the spirits of the officers who marked the bikes of the attendees and added them to the bike register. We would like to thank PCSO Angela Richardson and PCSO Dean Butterworth for their time on the day.

