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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello and welcome to the Gadbrook Park BID spring newsletter.

I hope you have all enjoyed a positive start to the year and are looking forward with optimism to the spring and summer months.

I'd like to begin by saying how great it is to see **sustainability initiatives** so high on the business agenda as organisations strive to become greener and cleaner.

Well done to all companies who got involved in the **Pathways to Net Zero training**, and I look forward with anticipation to hearing how the installation of solar panels positively impacts Looking Forward Activities, **Eurospecial Express Ltd, MIS**, and **NPORS** over the months ahead.

Sustainability is a subject which is going to dominate headlines for the foreseeable future, so it's pleasing to see so many businesses acknowledging the significance of net zero.

As ever, there are a range of positive stories and updates from our members in this newsletter.

From **RMG's charitable activities** and **Butcher & Barlow investing in the next generation of talented solicitors**, to the community spirit on show at this year's **quiz**, I'm always inspired by Gadbrook's businesses and their passionate employees.

In other news, we're thrilled to share details of our new mental health and wellbeing programme which can be accessed on the **Gadbrook Park BID website**.

The workshops are geared towards supporting positive mental health in the workplace – a topic which continues to grow in significance, especially given the rise of hybrid working.



Please do check the programme out when you have a moment and get involved where you can – it will be beneficial both for your business and your employees.

And finally, don't forget to have a read of the **updates section** which features some useful events, guidance, and handy tips for all businesses.

This includes news of an important King's Awards for Enterprise workshop which takes place at the beginning of May. Being a successful applicant could transform your business so make sure you check out the details.

That's all from me for now. Have a great spring and don't forget that your **BID team** is on hand should you have any questions, queries, or requests.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris McLaughlin,
Chair of Gadbrook Park BID



GADBROOK PARK QUIZ CHAMPIONS CROWNED



The winners of this year's quiz have been crowned after a tense and fiercely fought contest between Gadbrook Park's sharpest minds.

Against the backdrop of a beautiful venue, and following a delicious meal, the teams battled it out to determine who would be taking home the coveted Gadbrook Park Challenge Cup.

It was neck and neck at one point but ultimately it was Air IT who broke away to take an unassailable lead, with second place going to Weaver Vale Housing Trust who narrowly triumphed over Fifield Glyn following a nail-biting tie-breaker.

While it was great to see so much knowledge on show, it was even more rewarding to witness such great camaraderie and team spirit between the companies taking part.

The BID board would like to thank all those who participated for their enthusiasm. If you missed out this year, we extend a warm invitation to join in next time and experience the excitement firsthand.

RUN FOR CHARITY: THE NORTHWICH 10K CHALLENGE

Would your business like to play a part in supporting families across North West England and North Wales who are facing the unimaginable challenge of childhood cancer?

The Joshua Tree provides a crucial lifeline for so many in the region and this year, on Sunday 29th June, you could help contribute to their vital work by participating in The Northwich 10k Challenge.

With an entry fee of just £10, taking part in the event will help raise priceless funds for local families and support The Joshua Tree in delivering activities and initiatives which make a difference to so many lives.

RMG is leading the way, and it would be great to see as many Gadbrook Park businesses as possible getting involved to boost this local cause.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or taking your first steps into community fundraising, your participation can bring hope and support to families when they need it most.

Sign up [HERE](#)





BUTCHER & BARLOW CELEBRATES NEWLY QUALIFIED SOLICITORS

Gadbrook Park's Butcher & Barlow – a leading Legal 500 law firm with 12 offices across the North West – has announced the qualification of its latest solicitors following the successful completion of their training.



Emily Cliffe has qualified into the Wills, Trusts, and Estates Team, while Matilda Jones is now working within the Commercial Property Team. Both are based at Gadbrook Park.

Senior Partner, Jonathan Aldersley, extended his congratulations to both Emily and Matilda, stating:



Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to client service reflect the values we uphold at Butcher & Barlow. We have no doubt that they will continue to thrive in their respective departments, and we look forward to seeing their careers develop within the firm.



Elsewhere, the company has also welcomed three additional young lawyers to the team. Akbar Raza and newly qualified Jessica Senior have joined the Commercial Property department, while Isabella Earnshaw joins the Family Law team in the Bury office.

EVENT HELD TO MARK SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESSES

An event was held earlier this year to celebrate the sustainability endeavours of a range of businesses across Gadbrook Park, Winsford 1-5, and the West Chester Commercial BID.

Held by Groundwork and hosted at Cheshire West and Chester Council's Business Support Hub in Winsford, the event marked the conclusion of the organisation's low carbon mentoring programme which has seen businesses in Cheshire undertaking 'Pathways to Net Zero' training.

The initiative was designed to provide organisations with guidance on best practices for tackling the climate crisis, and offers ongoing learning provision to support companies in helping them reduce their carbon footprint.



Andrew Cooper MP attended the event to present certificates to participating businesses and commended those involved for their commitment to environmental sustainability.

On the day there was also chance to shine a spotlight on Groundwork's contributions to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund decarbonisation project. As part of this initiative, Groundwork has facilitated a reduction of over 200 tonnes of CO2 emissions.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED



Following feedback from businesses gathered during visits from BID Manager Hugh Shields, Gadbrook Park BID has launched a comprehensive series of mental health and wellbeing workshops which will take place throughout the year.

This is in direct response to requests from businesses and is designed to support and enhance workplace wellness.

Delivered as a series of online hour-long workshops, the programme aims to provide valuable tools and resources for fostering employee wellbeing, and dovetails with the BID's commitment to raise awareness of the impacts of poor mental health.

For more details about how to get involved, please visit the Gadbrook Park BID website:

gadbrookparkbid.co.uk/mental-health-support

RMG RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR CHARITY

It's been an impactful few weeks for the RMG team who have been raising vital funds for two charities throughout February and March.

Georgia in particular has made a real difference after not only organising a prize draw – which included a 7-night Eurocamp holiday package as the grand prize – but also doing a **bungee jump at Salford Quays**.

An impressive total of **£2,446 was raised** through the innovative prize draw which included a substantial **£250 contribution from Places for People**.

The money raised through Georgia and the RMG team's efforts will directly support St Mungo's work addressing homelessness and the vital endeavours of Changing Lives Together.



GADBROOK BUSINESSES EMBRACE GREEN TECHNOLOGY

Four businesses on Gadbrook Park have taken steps towards a greener and cleaner future by investing in solar panels at their offices.

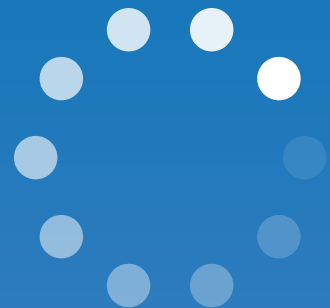
Looking Forward Activities, Eurospecial Express Ltd, MIS, and NPORS, have all had the energy efficient technology installed thanks to grants accessed through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund's Business Support Programme.



Solar energy represents a clean, renewable resource that allows companies to significantly reduce their carbon footprint while simultaneously cutting long-term energy costs, and the BID team looks forward to seeing more businesses embracing similar sustainable practices over the coming months and years.

If you are interested in energy efficiency options for your business, get in touch with the BID by emailing Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk.

UPDATES FROM AROUND GADBROOK PARK



KING'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP

On Thursday 1st May 2025, The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **focused workshop** on the King's Awards for Enterprise. At the event attendees will be talked through the entry process, receive tips for impactful submissions, and hear from successful applicants. Featuring talks, a workshop, and an insightful Q&A, it's an event well worth attending.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

A NEW LOOK FOR BRIO

Fitness, health, and leisure provider, Brio, has unveiled its new logo and website as it starts an exciting new chapter. Visit the website today to see the fresh and exciting designs and learn more about the facilities and classes on offer! Don't forget – Brio also offers a **Work Fit Membership discount for Gadbrook Park employees** that also extends to family members. Simply pop in to your local Brio with a proof of employment (payslip or work badge) to sign up! It couldn't be easier!

[TAKE A LOOK](#)

LOOKING TO RECRUIT?

Don't forget that the BID can help you find the perfect candidates for any job openings you may have. This includes uploading vacancies to the Gadbrook Park website, sharing opportunities with the Job Centre and job clubs in Cheshire, and also promoting these at job fairs. Please email any vacancies to Hugh.Shields@groundwork.org.uk and ensure a closing date is attached.

HAVE A TRAINING NEED? LET US KNOW!

If you have a specific topic or training requirement that would benefit you or your business, please contact us. We're committed to supporting our business community and will explore options to provide the training you need. Please contact: Stephine.Lee@groundwork.org.uk.

SIMPLER RECYCLING LEGISLATION

Did you know that new legislation came into effect on **31st March 2025** for workplace recycling in England? The rules relate to separating waste, with firms having a legal duty to follow the new requirements.

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