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MAKING PROGRESS

New link road demonstrates further investment in our growing and multi-award winning Business Park



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WELCOME

Hi! We are delighted to welcome you to our inaugural Birmingham Business Park magazine.

Over the last few years it has been a pleasure to watch the Park develop as we invest in activities, events, amenities and improved infrastructure.

Greggs, Dry Cleaners, Saffron Catering, Express Café and Wiggles and Giggles have all been a welcome addition to the Park to help you enjoy your time while at work. We're adding new events such as live movies, food carts, table tennis tables, wellbeing weeks, water bottles, tote bags, and more.

With the weather turning, we look forward to the Park's beautiful autumnal colours, our link road opening and launching our festive events.

This is the first edition of a bi-annual magazine; we hope you enjoy it!



Liz

Liz Allister,
Park
Development
Manager

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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Progress Way link road improves access to and from Birmingham Business Park for thousands of employees and visitors

Journeys to and from Birmingham Business Park are now quicker and easier thanks to the investment in a new link road.

Progress Way opens up direct access to Solihull Parkway and the heart of the Business Park from Bickenhill Parkway.

The opening of the link road, Progress Way, means visitors can travel via Bickenhill Parkway direct to International Train Station, NEC, Birmingham Airport and other local connections, thus giving more choice.

Liz Allister, Park Development Manager at Birmingham Business

Park, said: "Progress Way demonstrates our continued investment and future-proofing of our multi-award winning Birmingham Business Park as the Park continues to grow, thrive and develop as a premium business park in an unrivalled location."



GET TO KNOW HEART CHARITY

Andrew Marsden,
Nikki Pollock,
Maryann Diderserre
and Becky Bonder



The Customer Service Centre [CSC] of the British Heart Foundation has recently moved into Birmingham Business Park.

The CSC ensures supporters and volunteers from across the country feel connected to the cause by providing customer services, income processing

and managing fundraising materials. The charity is the largest independent funder of cardiovascular research in the UK, funding research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart and circulatory diseases.

Locally, the British Heart Foundation [BHF] funds 24 research projects in the

SULZER'S NEW ERA

Historic company breaks ground at Business Park

PARK'S GREEN APPLE HONOUR

Birmingham Business Park has won an International Green Apple Environment Award in the campaign to find the greenest companies and organisations. The Business Park competed against more than 500 nominations in the International Green Apple Awards 2019 and will be presented with a trophy and certificate at a glittering ceremony in the Houses of Parliament, London, on November 25, 2019. As a result of the International Green Apple Award success, Birmingham Business Park has been invited to achieve Green World Ambassador status and have its winning paper published in The Green Book; the leading international work of reference on environmental best practice.



West Midlands and support is available to over 135,000 people in Birmingham and Solihull living with heart and circulatory diseases via the charity's helpline, website and heart health literature.

The charity is keen to get to know neighbouring organisations on Birmingham Business Park and become

part of the local community. If organisations would like to find out more about the BHF and are interested in working together to improve the health and wellbeing of employees, CPR sessions and providing volunteering and fundraising opportunities, please contact Donna Stokes on 07714 069132 or email stokesd@bhf.org.uk

After more than 100 years at the famous Camp Hill site, Sulzer has started the process to move its facilities and create a new centre of excellence for its customers.

Sulzer's brand-new service centre will be located at the prestigious Birmingham Business Park, where the company will base its UK head office as well as state-of-the-art repair and maintenance facilities.

The 7618 sq. m (82'000 sq. feet) purpose-built service centre has been designed using 3D mapping technology that positions both the existing and new equipment in the most efficient layout. By optimizing the floor plan, material flow will be improved and project repair times for customers will be minimized.

With the official ground-breaking ceremony completed the build phase is very much underway.

Project Manager, Warren Bell, said: "It's great to see the plans become reality, it's all starting to become very real now.



Left to right: Vicky Harding (Ledgers Manager, Sulzer), Prince Madzinga (Graduate Engineer, Sulzer), Mel Hallas (Birmingham Service Centre Manager, Sulzer) and Warren Bell (Project Manager, Sulzer)

Below: An artist's impression of the new building

The foundations are in place for the main steel uprights to go in and shape the building, and the cavity for the overspeed pit is almost finished. Exciting times are ahead".

The building phase is scheduled to be complete in early May 2020, after which there will be a carefully planned relocation of all

the equipment. In addition to the existing equipment, Sulzer is also taking the opportunity to invest in a new high-speed balancing chamber, which will be located below-ground, and will be one of the most advanced facilities in Europe.

A large factor in the decision to move to the site was the services that Birmingham Business Park offer. Kevin Smith, Human Resources Manager, said: "The amenities and social culture on the business park are a huge plus, and we are working to communicate these benefits to our employees. We are very much looking forward to being a part of the community."



MEET THE TEAM: BIODIVERSITY & LANDSCAPING

With 148 acres of parkland, lakes and wildlife species to maintain, Birmingham Business Park's landscaping and biodiversity team is kept busy all year round.

Award-winning horticulture, landscape and grounds maintenance business, Nurture Landscapes, is committed to enhancing the Business Park environment.

In 2019 Birmingham Business Park unveiled its first repair station for bike repairs, located at the rear of Waterside.

The bike repair station is just one of several initiatives aimed at Park workers who enjoy the great outdoors.



Pictured: The award-winning Nurture Landscapes team

MEET THE TEAM: AGE UK & ALLOTMENTS

Birmingham Business Park's new allotments area is giving older Solihull residents a place to visit and grow vegetables to take home with them.

Age UK Solihull have been allocated two of the six beds as the park's Charity of the Year 2019. The remaining four allotments have been sponsored by businesses on the site.

The allotments offer a fantastic opportunity for older people to connect with nature and enjoy the company of others.



Pictured: Mayor of Solihull, Cllr Mrs Flo Nash, left, launches the new allotments in May 2019

2019

HIGHLIGHTS

Lettings to 4PS Construction Solutions, EQ Technologic, Open Study College, Glencar, British Heart Foundation and GKN Automotive

6% VACANCY RATE - THE LOWEST FOR 16 YEARS

Lettings at Birmingham Business Park accounted for 45% of the total office take up along the M42 corridor in the first half of 2019

TOTE BAGS & DRINKING BOTTLES FOR STAFF

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79,655
OF OFFICE SPACE LET
ACROSS 9 DEALS IN FIRST
HALF OF 2019

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PARK OPENED IN 1988. OFFICIAL
LAUNCH OF WATERSIDE CENTRE
ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 1992,
BY THE PRINCESS ROYAL

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Pictured: Andy Picton and David Harrison, Honeywell M&E Engineers, with Adnan Aftab, AXIS Lead Security and Dale Knight, Nurture Team Supervisor



MEET THE TEAM: PARK MANAGEMENT

“Birmingham Business Park continues to grow, thrive and invest,” says Park Manager Liz Allister.

“2019 has been exceptional with key occupiers and existing occupiers taking on additional space and deciding to remain at the Park.

“Sulzer committed their move from Camp Hill to BBP and we look forward to welcoming them in 2020.

“The opening of Progress Way demonstrates the significant investment to future-proof the Park as a destination of choice in an unrivalled location in The HUB. The next few years will be very exciting as we continue to invest in our community, CSR and development plots.”

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ANIES

REUSABLE
BOTTLES
HANDED OUT
ACROSS
PARK

8,000 TO
15,000
PEOPLE IN JUST
THREE YEARS

Birmingham
Business Park

AGE UK
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2020
PLANS

More collaborations with
our local community

Extend our support
for Solihull Age UK for
two years

CONTINUED
SUPPORT
FOR GREENER
SCHOOLS
AWARD

Supporting the Solihull
Council Enterprise
Adviser scheme with
dedicated career and
enterprise support

PARTNER
AND SPONSOR
LOCAL
SPORTS
CLUBS



MEET THE TEAM: HEALTH & WELLBEING

Physical wellbeing and mental health is of critical importance to the work/life balance at Birmingham Business Park.

Qualified experts Beren Hopkins, Lorraine Checklin and Nicola Holmes are on hand to support this. Beren hosts a weekly yoga session every Tuesday (12.30pm-1.15pm) in the MSO workspace building, while Lorraine hosts mindfulness sessions twice per month on a Thursday at 1.10pm in MSO Workspace. Nicola hosts pilates sessions every Wednesday, 12.30pm-1.15pm.

Check availability at the Birmingham Business Park website and social media.

Pictured: Beren Hopkins and Lorraine Checklin

GLOBAL AMBITIONS

Park profile: Rolls-Royce Control Systems



HIGH-SPEC GRANITE 40 TAKING SHAPE

A digital impression of the new site

BlackRock, in conjunction with Development Manager Canmoor, are on site constructing a speculative industrial/warehouse building of approximately 40,000 sq ft. The building, which sits on the same plot at the new Sulzer facility, is being constructed to a high specification with its location close to the entrance to Birmingham Business Park.

Granite 40, as the building will be marketed, will benefit from 10m clear internal height to the warehouse/production space, 2 dock level loading doors, 2 level access loading doors, a 45m yard and 62 car parking spaces (with electric charging points). Internally the 4,000 sq ft of offices will be completed to a high specification and will benefit from LED lighting, a metal suspended ceiling and full raised access floor.

At the time of going to press, steelwork is on site, with completion due during Q1 2020. For further information, please call Rob Large at Canmoor on 0207 495 4115.

GRANITE 40 IN BRIEF:
 40,000 sq ft industrial/warehouse
 4,000 sq ft of offices
 45m yard
 62 car parking spaces

Rolls-Royce Control Systems (RRCS) is a supply chain unit within Rolls-Royce Civil Aerospace, specialising in the design and manufacture of safety critical electronic and mechanical components for the aerospace industry.

The company and its predecessors have been in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing and procuring engine controls systems and components for aircraft turbine engines since the technology was developed in the 1940s.

The business possesses unique expertise and its highly skilled, dedicated workforce is a key asset which enables Rolls-Royce to stay ahead of the international competition. RRCS's technology and capability in high integrity control systems and solutions is applicable to a variety of other demanding environments expanding beyond aerospace, such as electric motor control systems



for marine and aerospace applications. In order to support the company's ambition to improve performance, Rolls-Royce invested £75 million in a purpose built state-of-the-art manufacturing and technology facility at Birmingham Business Park, to consolidate its activities in the Midlands. RRCS employs 2000 people world-wide of whom 1200 are based at Birmingham Business Park.

The Derwent building (named after Rolls-Royce's first Jet engine), opened in 2016 and provides facilities for the manufacture of electronic and mechanical products alongside engineering test capabilities, office accommodation and employee welfare facilities. The

building occupies 17.5 acres of a 24-acre site, and has 28,000sq m of floor space. The remainder of the plot has been acquired by Rolls-Royce to enable future investment.

Stuart Baker, Operations Planning Executive for RRCS, who managed the investment to create the building, says: "We set out to create a working environment that retains, attracts, supports and inspires our people to produce the best work of their lives.

"Location was important to us – we could design our own building, but we needed the location to support our objectives too and Birmingham Business Park has lived up to our ambitions."



SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

Birmingham Business Park is delighted to sponsor the Greener Solihull Schools Awards 2019.

The Greener Solihull Schools Awards challenge children and staff in Solihull to learn about the environment, and make schools more eco-friendly.

The Park's support enables the winning school to purchase items for their green sustainable activities and have a tour of the Park to see its wellbeing and sustainability ethos.



PARK LIFE

DES PONSONBY

Managing Director,
Corporate Solutions Logistics



TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

We formed Corporate Solutions almost 20 years ago when we spotted an opportunity in the market to use the latest technology that was becoming available to manage our customers' transport and distribution requirements. We use our network of contacts within the industry in order to provide top quality service at competitive rates using our bespoke systems.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

I work alongside my brother Mark [sales], cousin John Mangan [finance] and old friend Brian Croghan [operations]. We are the four shareholder/owners and directors of the company. We recently appointed a fifth partner, Stuart Payne, as Commercial Director. Our skill-sets complement each other.

LIFE AT THE PARK?

Life is great on the park. It's such an incredible place to work with trees, grass areas and a lake. What's not to like!? It's a fantastic location too, close to the M6 and M42. With HS2 designated for this area, it's simply the best connected park in the country, bar none.

YOUR MESSAGE TO A COMPANY THINKING OF MOVING HERE?

Quality companies surround you and you have every amenity you need, all superbly managed to sky-high standards.

HELP FOR FAMILIES

Park profile: Wiggles & Giggles Day Nursery

An award-winning day nursery is helping Birmingham Business Park's busy parents personalise their childcare needs.

Wiggles & Giggles Day Nursery enables children to play, learn and grow in a holistic nature. The nursery, based at the Waterside Centre, offers creative, fun, play-based learning as well as activities which are focused on specific goals.

Wiggles & Giggles was founded by Janna Geiregger, pictured above, who won the Outstanding Young Achiever of the Year Award at the Solihull Chamber of Commerce Awards in 2018.

Janna explains how Wiggles & Giggles takes pride in supporting families and creating tailored learning experiences: "Our nursery offers childcare for children from birth to five years old and provides nurturing environments which are tailored to the needs and interests of the children," she says.



"We also pride ourselves on creating a personalised childcare facility; this has been reflected in our awards – the Top 20 nursery 2019 daynurseries.co.uk, Top 20 nursery 2018 daynurseries.co.uk and Early Years School of the Year 2018 Education Awards."

The nursery offers different learning environments to suit a range of ages, learning abilities and interests. Activities are based on the play styles and schemas children prefer as well as creative new experiences for them.

"Using regular exercise; healthy food options; the EYFS and a warm, friendly approach; we support the well-being of our children," adds Janna.

"Parents on the Business Park

find having their children here a comfort and support of their working needs."

Janna works in partnership with the Birmingham Business Park team to maintain its position as part of the business community.

"Birmingham Business Park has embraced having the children on the park and boosted our learning experiences by allowing the children to join in with the different hosted events such as nature week, craft activities and Christmas.

"Our parents know they are nearby should their child need anything and find the travel more convenient knowing they do not need to rush to another setting in the traffic," Janna explains.



THE ARTISAN DELI

Award-winning Saffron Catering has opened the Artisan Deli to offer a choice of options, including a 'grab and go' selection

Birmingham Business Park is proud to continue its partnership with award-winning Saffron Catering with the launch of the Artisan Deli at The Crescent.

Catering for breakfast, brunch and lunch, the new Deli is open to the general public, along with the 400 workers based at The Crescent.

The Artisan Deli is licenced, meaning guests can enjoy a chilled glass of wine or beer with their meal, along with a full range of juices, smoothies, milkshakes and other cold drink options.

Saffron has also installed a self-scan 'grab and go' Micro Market facility for those who are pressed for time, which will remain open outside of the Deli opening hours.

"The space has been kitted out with



comfortable and vibrant pod style seating creating a welcoming and fresh environment for everyone to enjoy a bit of 'me time', lunch with friends/colleagues or to hold meetings in a relaxed space, whilst enjoying our catering," says Saffron founder Carla Garey.

"We also offer corporate lunches to local businesses, catering for meetings ranging from 10 to 200 over the lunch period.

"With a wealth of experience in the events sector, our team is working with businesses in respect of all event requirements, including product launch

events, seminars, presentation evenings, and also team events such as family fun days, summer balls and Christmas parties.

"Being an eco-friendly company, there will be a clear focus on minimising packaging and reducing plastics as much as possible," adds Carla.

"We recruit locally from the surrounding area of Birmingham Business Park to maintain our core values and continue to give back to the local community, working with local businesses for the best in produce."

SAFFRON'S THREE TIPS FOR A PERFECT CORPORATE LUNCH



Ensure all dietary requirements and allergies are considered



Select a menu suitable for your guests and the potential numbers you're expecting



Ensure a delivery time is booked in; you don't want to keep your clients waiting!