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As we head into a busy summer, I am delighted to present the latest edition of the Chamber's Bulletin, which shines a light on the connections, celebrations, and community spirit that defines our Chamber. From our sell-out expo to the return of the Business Awards, there's plenty to look forward to across Barnsley and Rotherham.

Welcome to the Summer edition of The Bulletin, packed with updates on the Chamber's recent activities and successes. It's been a busy few months for our team, our members, and the local business community, and we're delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

It's been a fantastic few months of growth, collaboration, and connection. As always, we're proud to highlight the amazing work being delivered by our members, the strength of our business community, and the events and programmes helping shape our region's economic future.

We're now in full swing preparing for two of the biggest fixtures in the Chamber calendar, Chamber Means Business and the Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards. This year's Chamber Means Business Expo promises to be our biggest yet. Following last year's record turnout and stands selling out in just two hours, we look forward to seeing you all there.

With more than 70 businesses showcasing their work and innovation, the event will be a brilliant opportunity to network, discover new partnerships, and explore South Yorkshire's growing business community, find out more on **Page 29**.

Entries are also now open for the Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards 2025 on **Page 12**. With new categories such as Small Business of the Year, Campaign of the Year, and Social Value Business of the Year, this year's event will reflect the incredible breadth and depth of talent in our region.

Whether you're a new start-up, a social enterprise, or an established business, this is your chance to be recognised. Don't miss out, nominations close Friday 12th September.

Elsewhere in this edition, we share updates from our Chamber Forums and policy work, including our latest insights from the Quarterly Economic Survey on **Page 22**. Despite a tough economic landscape, there are glimmers of resilience and stories of innovation that shine through.

You'll also find inspiring features on Chamber Patrons joining forces to deliver digital upgrades on **Page 11**, members giving back through community action, and local businesses achieving national recognition.

Finally, I'm pleased to welcome Matthew Trueman as our new Marketing Manager. His experience as a former member and proven track record brings valuable insight, strengthening our digital communications and member engagement.

As we move forward, the Chamber remains steadfast in its mission to stand by our members, advocate for your needs, and celebrate your successes.

Thank you to our Patrons and members for your continued support and for shaping our business community. We look forward to seeing you at Chamber Means Business and celebrating together at the Business Awards, here's to another year of growth across Barnsley and Rotherham.



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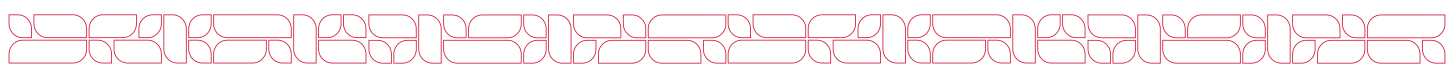


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Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber Welcomes New Marketing Manager

Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Trueman as the new Marketing Manager.

In his new role, Matthew Trueman will be responsible for driving growth of the 1100 strong member organisation, as well as signposting businesses across the region to the wide range of activities delivered by the Chamber, including networking events, training and practical support to help businesses navigate their way through a changing business landscape.

An award-winning marketer, Matthew joins the chamber from specialist apprenticeship training provider Why? Change, where he rapidly rose through the ranks; initially joining a marketing intern he quickly progressed in his career to become head of communications.

In 2023, Matthew was named South Yorkshire's Technology & Digital Apprentice of the Year, recognising his outstanding contributions in his role in the digital sector. He holds a Level 6 Diploma in Professional Marketing and a Level 6 Marketing Manager Apprenticeship from the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). In his spare time, Matthew acts as vice-chair of education for CIM Yorkshire, where he successfully collaborates with universities, as well as supporting individuals taking the first steps in their marketing career.

Matthew brings with him a strong track record of delivering effective, creative marketing campaigns, and he is no stranger to Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber having worked closely with the organisation to help businesses overcome their skills shortages.



On his new role, Matthew Trueman said:

“Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber plays a vital role in supporting the local business community and I’m looking forward to using the skills I’ve developed during my career to supporting the Chamber’s members and ensuring that the voice of business across South Yorkshire is seen and heard.

The chamber plays an incredibly diverse role, from hosting networking events, delivering training and of course celebrating the achievements of local businesses through its annual

business awards, and it’s an exciting opportunity to help businesses across the region to connect and engage with the organisation.”

You can reach out to Matt for any marketing related queries via email at matthew.trueman@brchamber.co.uk or by phone at 01709 386210.

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Why? Change Crowned Training Provider of the Year at Regional Apprenticeships Awards

Why? Change, an independent training provider based in Rotherham, has been named 'Training Provider of the Year' at the South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards 2025, recognised for delivering the region's best apprenticeship programmes.

The award celebrates Why? Change's role in powering workforce development through interactive face-to-face, industry-aligned programmes. Its consistent learner results, commitment to employer partnerships, and innovative delivery model distinguished it from a shortlist that included:

The University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, Lifetime Training Ltd, First Intuition, Lavender International NDT and Total Training Provision.

Now in its fifth year of nominations, having been Highly Commended in 2024, Why? Change's 2025-win marks a milestone in its journey from a little acorn to a mighty oak, now a recognised leading provider in professional education across South Yorkshire.

With a 96% first-time EPA pass rate and over 75% of learners achieving Merit or Distinction, the Rotherham-based provider continues to raise the bar for apprenticeship training in South Yorkshire.

Emma Harrison, Managing Director of Why? Change said:

"To be named Training Provider of the Year is more than recognition, it's validation. Of our people, our partners,



and our purpose. I'm incredibly proud of the effort behind every learner journey we support."

Also honoured on the night was Rebecca Beever of Straaltechniek UK Ltd, a Level 3 Multi-Channel Marketer currently studying with Why? Change, who received Technology and Digital Apprentice of the Year and was Highly Commended for Advanced Apprentice of the Year.

Rachel Ovens, Rebecca's Marketing Tutor, added:

"Watching Rebecca's transformation has been inspiring. She embodies what's possible when ambition meets the right training environment."

Ray Byrne, CEO of Why? Change, concluded:

"It feels like winning the World Cup. This award belongs to everyone at Why? Change, our team, our apprentices, and the employers who put their trust in us."

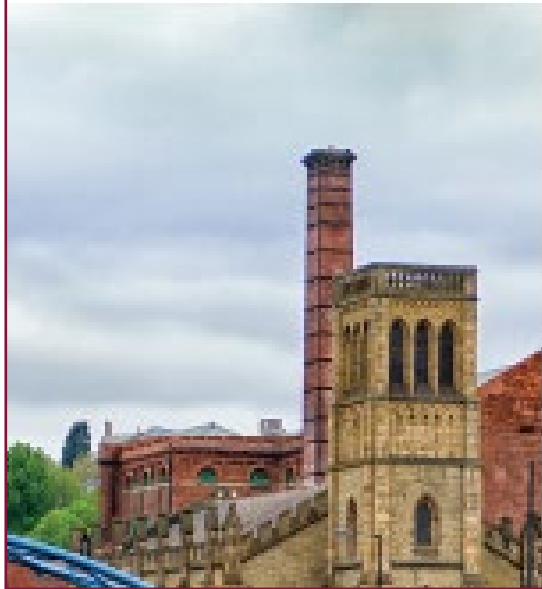
With ambitious plans to expand, Why? Change remains focused on its mission: To provide business knowledge and services to transform people and industry.

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Chamber patrons collaborate to deliver digital overhaul for South Yorkshire business

Building Plastics Online sees operational improvements through Chamber-facilitated partnership with Balliante and CSP Systems.

Three Patron members of the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce have come together to deliver measurable improvements to a growing local business, showcasing the power of regional collaboration and the strength of the Chamber's Patronage Programme.

IT specialists Balliante and managed print experts CSP Systems partnered to support fellow Chamber Patron Building Plastics Online, delivering integrated solutions that modernised infrastructure, reduced costs, and improved day-to-day efficiency.

When Building Plastics Online required support to upgrade its IT and document systems, it turned to the Chamber's trusted network. Through introductions made via the Patron Programme, Balliante was commissioned to provide a full audit and overhaul of digital infrastructure, enhancing security, streamlining workflows, and preparing the business for future growth.

Anthony O'Sullivan, Director at Building Plastics Online, said:

"It's great to utilise the Chamber services through our Patronage. Working locally is really important to us and we were in the market for IT and Print solutions. We reached out to the Chamber team, and were delighted to collaborate with CSP Systems and Balliante".



The partnership not only improved internal systems but also demonstrated the Chamber's wider mission: helping local businesses connect, grow and thrive together.

Shane Young, Operations Director at Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, commented:

"This collaboration perfectly reflects the purpose of the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber. It's about turning introductions into real results. building meaningful relationships, creating opportunities, and strengthening the local business community. It's fantastic to see our Patrons not just connected through the Chamber, but actively working together to help each

other succeed. Balliante, CSP Systems and Building Plastics Online have set a brilliant example of what can be achieved through true collaboration."

As a result of this successful collaboration, Building Plastics Online is now better equipped to scale operations while continuing to invest in local supply chain relationships, an important principle shared across the Chamber's Patron community.

Businesses interested in joining a network designed to build commercial connections and drive local growth are encouraged to explore the benefits of joining as a Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce member.



Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards now open

The wait is over! Entries are now open for the 2025 Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards. With thirteen different accolades up for grabs, as well as the highly coveted title of Business of the Year, there's never been a better time to get involved.



The Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards showcases and celebrates the achievements of the local business community and has firmly established itself as one of the most prestigious and highly coveted events in the local business calendar.

Hosted by Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, the awards demonstrate the achievements of all areas of work being delivered by local businesses, from apprentices taking the first steps in their careers to businesses that have gone above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to delivering growth, customer service and sustainability.

This year, the Chamber has announced three new categories: Small Business of the Year will recognise the achievements of organisations with fewer than 50 members of staff, whilst companies that have delivered creative marketing campaigns that have brought about positive change within their organisation can showcase their achievements by

entering Campaign of the Year; the category celebrates the most impactful, creative, and results-driven campaigns across all sectors.

Finally, the Chamber is also inviting businesses that have made a positive impact on the communities they serve through its new Social Value award. Entries are now open to all businesses with an “S” postcode, as well as members of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, and the awards are free to enter.

Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber is also calling on businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries to apply for a highly coveted “Salute to Business” in recognition of their longstanding contributions to the local economy. Companies celebrating their 25, 50, 75 and centenary celebrations are encouraged to apply.

The awards, which have been generously supported by headline sponsor Barnsley

College will also highlight the important contribution made by charities, with the overall winner not only walking away on the evening with the title of Charity of the Year but also receiving £3000 to support their work.

A full list of award categories and the application form to enter can be found on the official Barnsley and Rotherham Business Awards website: <https://www.brawards.co.uk>. This year's categories include:

- Apprentice of the Year
- Business Community Impact
- Business Growth
- Businessperson of the Year
- Campaign of the Year
- Charity of the Year
- Commitment to People Development
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Large Business of the Year
- Most Promising New Business
- Small Business of the Year
- Social Value Business of the Year
- Sustainability Award



The overall title of Business of the Year, which is presented to a company that has demonstrated truly outstanding achievements in all areas of business, will be chosen from the finalists in each category.

Carrie Sudbury, Chief Executive Officer, Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, said:

“The Barnsley & Rotherham Business Awards has firmly established itself as one of the most respected and prestigious events in the Chamber’s business calendar. It’s an opportunity to celebrate success, reflect on achievements, as well as an opportunity to meet many like-minded businesses that are going above and beyond the call of duty.



I would encourage all eligible businesses to explore this year’s awards categories and get involved in what promises to be an unmissable event.”



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Yorkshire businesses call on government to back Blunkett rail review

Yorkshire businesses have written an open letter to the Chancellor calling on them to back the recently published Yorkshire's Plan for Rail, led by Lord David Blunkett.

Businesses want to see major new investment in rail to improve connectivity within Yorkshire and to other parts of the North and South to help businesses grow and offer more opportunities for jobs and training.

Business leaders including CEOs and Directors at Magtec, Westfield Health, University of Bradford, Yorkshire Building Society, Virgin Media O2, Stephen Joseph Theatre and Community First Yorkshire, Business Advisory Board Chairs and Chambers of Commerce have united to show their support for improving transport connectivity in a region that has been under invested in for decades.

The Blunkett review was commissioned by Yorkshire Mayors Tracy Brabin, Oliver Coppard and David Skaith as part of the White Rose Agreement. The White Rose region of South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and York and North Yorkshire represents a population of 4.6 million and 190,000 businesses.

Yorkshire's Plan for Rail found that targeted rail investment including new stations, more capacity and electrification, has the potential to add £20 billion to the region's economy, could help generate an extra 83,000 jobs, and contribute to the building of 210,000 new homes over ten years. This would be a big win for Yorkshire and businesses.

The letter states: "We know improving rail infrastructure requires significant funding, but we strongly believe that by

prioritising investment in Yorkshire rail infrastructure in the Spending Review will be a down payment on improving economic growth and helping businesses and people to thrive."

South Yorkshire Business Advisory Board Co-Chairs, Tariq Shah OBE and Louisa Harrison-Walker OBE said they also fully supported Lord Blunkett's review and the benefits that it would bring to South Yorkshire businesses and their current and future workforce.

Louisa Harrison-Walker, CEO of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, added:

"This review provides the practical improvements which would make a real difference to our communities.

"Getting Sheffield Station ready for the future, line electrification and bringing Rotherham back to the mainline are all programmes to support businesses and people to thrive and help ensure our region can play a major role in the country's economic growth."

Mandy Ridyard, Business Advisor to the Mayor of West Yorkshire, said:

"For our region's ambitious growth plans to succeed, we need a transport system that gets people to where they need to be. Greater connectivity is the key to unlocking opportunities for people and businesses, and investment into vital new infrastructure will be transformative."



Managing Director of Airmaster Named in The Manufacturer Top 100

Airmaster is delighted to announce that Managing Director Lisa Pogson has been named in The Manufacturer Top 100 for 2025. Now in its 12th year, this prestigious programme recognises the most inspiring individuals driving the future of UK manufacturing.

Lisa's inclusion on this year's list celebrates her decades-long contribution to the built environment sector and her tireless work championing sustainability, skills development, and inclusive leadership. Selected by a panel of industry leaders, academics, and key sector bodies, the list honours individuals making a profound impact across Net Zero, Digital Transformation, Innovation, and Leadership.

Lisa brings nearly 40 years of cross-disciplinary experience, having worked in architectural practice, quantity surveying, structural engineering, and construction before joining Airmaster. Over the past 30 years with the company, she has led its evolution into a values-driven, forward-thinking building services specialist. Under her stewardship, Airmaster now delivers intelligent heating, cooling, plumbing, and ventilation solutions and became an employee-owned trust in 2021, completing the buyout of its founders in 2024.

A lifelong learner, Lisa holds an MSc in Management (Resources) from Sheffield Hallam University and was part of the inaugural UK cohort of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Programme in 2016. She is a passionate advocate for continuous development, having established Airmaster's first apprenticeship programme in 2000, with that apprentice now serving as the company's Operations Director. Airmaster has proudly held Investors in



People accreditation for over 20 years, and Lisa continues to promote talent development across the sector.

Beyond Airmaster, Lisa is an energetic champion for industry engagement and community impact. She has served as a STEM Ambassador for over 16 years, supporting initiatives such as STEMazing, The Work-wise Foundation, and the Women in RACHP group. She is also Chair of Trustees at the children's literacy charity Grimm & Co and acts as an Enterprise Advisor, reinforcing her belief in creating accessible pathways into technical and professional careers.

Lisa's work as a leader of SMEs and local industry has also been widely recognised. She made history as the first female president of the combined Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, serving for three

years, and has been a Freeman of The Company of Cutlers of Hallamshire since 2014, a reflection of her deep commitment to regional economic growth.

"I'm truly honoured to be recognised in The Manufacturer Top 100," said Lisa Pogson. "This award is a testament to the brilliant people I work with, the supportive network I've built over the years, and my belief that great leadership means lifting others as you rise. Manufacturing in the UK is full of unsung heroes — and I'm proud to stand alongside them."

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‘Lifesaving’ Fruit & Veg Prescription Scheme makes strong case for Neighbourhood Plan Investment in Barnsley

A pioneering fruit and veg prescription in Tower Hamlets has delivered powerful results, improving physical health for 8 in 10 participants and cutting GP visits by 15%.

Now, Alexandra Rose Charity is urging Neighbourhood Boards to take note as the Government prepares to invest £1.5 billion in the UK’s most deprived areas, including Barnsley.

Alexandra Rose Charity is working in partnership with Tower Hamlets Council and the Bromley By Bow Centre to provide families on low incomes with access to fresh fruit and vegetables. The charity has been supporting communities to eat better since its 2014 ‘Rose Vouchers for Fruit & Veg’ project and, more recently, its two ‘Fruit & Veg on Prescription’ projects.

Based in London, one project operates in Lambeth, to the South, and another operates in Tower Hamlets, in the East End. The Tower Hamlets project is now set to enter its third year of funding from Tower Hamlets Council.

With fruit and vegetable prescription schemes among the Government’s pre-approved interventions for its upcoming ‘Plan for Neighbourhoods’, Alexandra Rose Charity hopes its Tower Hamlets model can inform future rollouts when funds are released in April 2026.

Jonathan Pauling, Chief Executive at Alexandra Rose Charity, said: “The Government has recognised the role of voucher projects in reducing child poverty and tackling health inequalities. This is a major milestone. We know that access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables can transform diet and health

outcomes for families on low incomes.

“By including voucher projects like ours in its Plan for Neighbourhoods, the Government is taking an important step towards making healthy food more accessible for those who need it most.”

Alexandra Rose Charity, in partnership with the Bromley by Bow Centre, delivers the Fruit & Veg on Prescription scheme in Tower Hamlets as part of a broader social prescribing service. Health professionals and Social Prescribing Link Workers issue weekly Rose Vouchers to people on low incomes with diet-related health conditions. These vouchers are collected from the Bromley by Bow Centre and used to purchase fresh, healthy food at local markets.

Since 2022, 140 people have been prescribed Rose Vouchers. The results of recent data analysis shows that access to weekly fruit and vegetables has improved the physical health of 8 out of 10 of these participants.

In addition, 54% of participants experienced improved mental health, attributed to their need to worry less about money for food – and feel more supported in their community.

Self-reported GP visits have reduced by 15%, with patients experiencing a better diet, thanks to greater access to fruit and vegetables. 78% of participants met their ‘5 a day’ target after nine months of ‘Fruit & Veg on Prescription’, compared to 32% at the start of the project.

Aggie, a participant from Tower Hamlets,

said: “When I got the Rose Vouchers for fruit and veg, I thought, ‘Brilliant, I don’t have to worry about food – at least I can still eat’. It was lifesaving for me.

“The food choices I’m making now are forever. Before I started receiving Rose Vouchers, I was feeling awful – I’d found out I had Type 2 Diabetes and high cholesterol. It’s been a complete lifestyle change; I could never go back.”

The ongoing project, delivered by Alexandra Rose Charity, in partnership with Bromley by Bow Centre and funded by Tower Hamlets Council, is part of a social prescribing service that provides bespoke support to people with health and wellbeing challenges by connecting them with a Social Prescribing Link Worker.

The National Academy for Social Prescribing defines social prescribing as ‘connecting people to activities, groups and support that improve health and wellbeing’.





Aggie said: “Before I had the support of my Social Prescribing Link Worker at Bromley by Bow Centre, I was struggling to leave the house. But now, I’m part of a business enterprise group and I’ve set up a business selling banana bread in the community.

“A lot of the positive changes that have happened have come off the back of me having access to fruit and veg and the support I received from the centre.”

In Tower Hamlets, only 27% of adults eat the government-recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables a day.

Alexandra Rose Charity also found that 80% of participants said they were skipping meals to make food last longer at the start of the project. Nine months on, this number has reduced to 30% and has had a big impact on physical health too.

Access to a healthy diet is a key determinant of health. Before joining the project, 80% of participants were suffering from at least four symptoms of poor nutrition, such as fatigue, trouble focusing on tasks, sleep issues, fainting

spells, and gut and digestion problems.

87% of participants now report a range of health improvements, including less sickness and stronger immune systems, higher energy levels and healthy weight loss. 43% of participants also reported an improvement in their blood sugar levels whilst 59% reported better digestion.

More than 3,500 Social Prescribing Link Workers have been employed within primary care teams and GP practices across England, processing over 2.7 million referrals to date. The personalised approach taken by Link Workers ensures that each person’s unique needs are met, enhancing the role of community resources in supporting patient health.

Cllr Sabina Akhtar, Lead Member for Health, Adults and Social care at Tower Hamlets Council, said: “It’s been truly heartening to hear local people share how much this programme has made a real difference to their everyday lives.

By partnering with Alexandra Rose Charity and the Bromley by Bow Centre, we’ve been able to keep building on a

project that’s shaped by the community itself – tackling food and nutrition challenges whilst also giving local shops and businesses a well-deserved boost.”

“Aggie’s story is one of many that shows how a small change, such as access to fruit and veg, can transform lives – improving health, reducing isolation, and building community,” Jonathan added.

“Social prescribing projects like ‘Fruit & Veg on Prescription’ should be used as a national blueprint for success and rolled out on national scale to support those affected by poor diet. We’re excited for the project’s third year at Tower Hamlets and the opportunity to help even more people eat healthier.”

Alexandra Rose Charity is looking forward to working with local partners to ensure the Government’s ‘Plan for Neighbourhoods’ funding is used effectively to bring fresh fruit and vegetables within reach of more communities.

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Did you know a key benefit of being a member of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber is the opportunity to shape and influence decisions that directly affect your business?

Our policy activities include engaging with MPs and councillors, working closely with our public sector partners, whilst the feedback you provide through the Chamber's Quarterly Economic Survey.

This is a benchmark used by Government when it comes to understanding the local, regional and national economy and the challenges currently being faced by businesses. It is also used as one of the measures by the Bank of England when setting future interest rates.

Policy Updates

- **Free Parking in Rotherham Town Centre**

Through ongoing work with Rotherham Council, visitors to Rotherham Town Centre can now benefit from one hour of free parking in council-owned car parks (fees still apply for on-street parking).

- **Business rate exemptions for hospitality, retail and leisure businesses in Barnsley**

This pioneering scheme is the first example of its kind in the UK, and will provide additional support to key industry sectors in Barnsley Town Centre

- **Buy Local**

Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber has secured a commitment from Rotherham Council to support local suppliers. Since the scheme was launched, the council has increased its commitment towards supporting local suppliers by 72% and we are currently working with other public sector bodies to support local businesses.

Working Groups

Since the last issue of The Bulletin, we have re-launched the Chamber's policy working groups. Each group brings together businesses and individuals with common interests, offering a platform to discuss key issues and engage with decision makers.

We currently run five forums:

- **Construction**

Chaired by Mark Goldsworthy - Aims to support all businesses operating within the construction sector, the forum helps businesses to keep informed about changes in legislation, adopt best practice, as well as creating opportunities to connect and collaborate with other like-minded businesses.

- **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)**

Chaired by Cllr Lindsay Pitchley - The EDI forum was born from the Chamber's successful Women in Business group, provides support and advice, ensuring that everyone can thrive and prosper in the workplace.

- **Health & Wellbeing**

Chaired by Mike Lawrence - Aims to help members lead healthy lives and make choices that support their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.





• **Property**

Chaired by Matthew Stephens - Is designed to create collaboration and between businesses and public sector organisations to unlock opportunities for growth by working collaboratively to overcome challenges within the planning sector.

• **Transport**

Chaired by Clive Watkinson - Works collaboratively with local and national stakeholders, the Transport working group plays a key role in shaping transport policy to deliver a more effective public transport and road infrastructure.

Quarterly Economic Survey

The Quarterly Economic Survey brings together the views and opinions of more than 5,000 businesses across the UK. In addition to assessing business confidence, each quarterly survey examines different issues currently affecting businesses.

The most recent survey examined barriers to business growth, the results can be found here.



The next survey is set to be launched next month. Keep an eye out for the link and remember, your views matter!





South Yorkshire **Firms Eye** **Growth** Despite Challenges

In the latest regional survey of business sentiment, the Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) reveals that confidence among South Yorkshire businesses remains fragile, with economic conditions and government policy cited as the biggest barriers to growth.

The Q2 QES survey gathered responses from over 400 businesses across Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster, and Sheffield. The majority were small and medium-sized enterprises, with 78% operating in the services sector.

Research revealed that increasing sales was the top priority for 70% of businesses, yet only a minority were looking to expand into new UK (23%) or overseas markets (16%). Instead, firms are focusing on building partnerships (55%) and boosting brand awareness (53%) to drive growth.

Despite these ambitions, only 32% of businesses reported an increase in domestic sales over the past quarter, while 26% saw a decline. Export performance was even weaker, with export sales and orders falling to their lowest levels since 2022.

Survey data showed over half of businesses (53%) identified the current economic climate as their biggest challenge, followed by government policy (33%) and competition (24%). Labour shortages and access to finance also remain persistent concerns.

Cashflow positions remained negative, although the pace of decline has slowed. Just 26% of businesses reported improved cashflow, while 30% saw a deterioration.

When seeking help, firms were likely to turn to accountants (30%), Chambers of Commerce (28%), and business networks (27%). Only 6% said they would use national government services.



Firms expressed a strong desire for support in business development (53%), marketing (36%), and workforce skills (33%). Calls for lobbying on rising employment costs, including National Insurance and minimum wage increases, were also prominent.

While workforce growth expectations have improved slightly, recruitment difficulties, particularly for skilled manual and technical roles, have intensified. Investment intentions for both equipment and training have stabilised, but remain weak.

“The National Insurance increases are killing business and the tax structure is not encouraging business growth at all.”

said one Chamber member.

Carrie Sudbury, Chief Executive of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, said:

“These findings show the real challenges local businesses are dealing with, especially slow sales at home and cashflow problems that affect how they run and grow. But despite these difficulties, there are early signs of improvement, with costs starting to ease, which is a welcome relief.”



Representing half of South Yorkshire, the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce is hearing a clear and consistent message from our members: the current economic climate is unsustainable for many, particularly our SMEs and charitable organisations.

The recent increases in the National Living Wage (NLW) and National Insurance Contributions (NIC) have placed a disproportionate burden on employers. One charity told us plainly, "NLW and NI increases have crippled us." This sentiment is echoed across sectors, with many businesses forced to reduce headcount and ramp up manufacturing efficiency just to stay afloat.

Confidence is waning. Decision making has slowed. Consumers are increasingly price-driven, often at the expense of quality. While some organisations continue to thrive, many others are struggling under the weight of rising costs and delayed government contracts. One member shared their frustration: "We've been awarded contracts, only for them to be delayed, causing serious cashflow issues."

The hospitality sector, in particular, is calling for urgent VAT reform. Sole employers are asking for a review of NIC thresholds, and there is growing pressure to reassess personal tax allowances. These are not just policy preferences, they are lifelines for businesses trying to survive.

Despite these challenges, there are glimmers of resilience. "All is OK and growing month by month," one business reported. This shows that with the right support, stability is possible. But we must act now.

I attended the British Chambers of Commerce Global Annual Conference, in late June, where the focus was to answer the exam question, "Where's the Growth?" We heard directly from



the Prime Minister as he unveiled the Government's new Trade Strategy, a bold and ambitious vision aimed at unlocking £5 billion in opportunities for UK businesses.

A key announcement was the expansion of UK Export Finance's capacity to £80 billion, promising faster, more tailored support with tangible benefits for firms across the country. We're proud that the Chamber network played a role in shaping this important policy.

BCC's Director General, Shevaun Haviland rightly welcomed the progress being made on international trade agreements, while also voicing concern about current business tax levels, warning that they risk undermining confidence and putting jobs at stake. It's a crucial message that Government must not ignore.

The Governor of the Bank of England acknowledged the ongoing global uncertainties facing our members but also spoke with real optimism, highlighting the resilience and entrepreneurial spirit he's seen in businesses up and down the country.

The conversations underscored a sense of renewed momentum. With the right conditions and policies,

we have the potential to deliver the growth, investment, and employment that our businesses, and our communities, need and deserve. The potential is there. A streamlined, practical approach is now needed from Government. They assured us they're listening. Well, now's the time to act and show us.

Now more than ever, we urge our members to engage with the Chamber. Make the most of every benefit: networking, advocacy, training, and mentoring support. Our members are the engine of growth.

Together, we achieve more.





South Yorkshire Patrons Celebrate Summer in Style at Bawtry Hall

Patrons from across Barnsley & Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield Chambers of Commerce came together on Thursday 19th June for the annual South Yorkshire Patrons' Summer Reception, held at the picturesque Bawtry Hall.

Blessed with glorious sunshine, the event provided a relaxed and informal setting for businesses to reconnect and build new relationships.

Guests were welcomed with the uplifting sounds of Sofia's Steel Band, setting the tone for an afternoon of meaningful conversation and light summer entertainment.

Set in the stunning gardens of the historic venue, the reception celebrated the strength of regional partnership and the value of the Patron network.

Alongside a delicious three-course meal, attendees were treated to performances by magician and mind-reader James Kirman, who wowed the crowd with his interactive illusions, and singer Ella Jay, who added a laid-back summer soundtrack to the occasion.

Carrie Sudbury, Chief Executive of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, said: "This event is a highlight in our calendar, not just because of the setting, but because of the people it brings together. It's a brilliant example of the spirit of collaboration that runs through our



Chambers and our region. Whether it's your first time at a Patrons' event or your tenth, there's always something valuable to take away – from a new connection to a fresh idea."

The South Yorkshire Chambers' Patron Programme brings together influential businesses who play a key role in supporting the wider economy and championing collaboration across the region.

To find out more about becoming a Patron of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, visit: www.brchamber.co.uk/patronage.



South Yorkshire Transport Museum Unveils Ingenious New Display Space

The South Yorkshire Transport Museum, one of Rotherham’s Hidden Gems, has completed its latest project.

A team of volunteers from within its membership has completed this charity’s latest 85 sq. m. new display area.

To minimise costs; the construction work and the fitting out was done by Museum members and was supported by local businesses.

Changes in regulations after the project was conceived resulted in delays to the work but it received full Building Regulations approval in May, so the area is now fully open to the public on ‘Open Days’ and for group or school visits.

There is a stairlift – so that there is disabled access plus two staircases allow an easy flow of visitors across the viewing space. Although at first floor level, there are even small cars on the mezzanine – it’s amazing what ingenuity can achieve!

The project fell into a gap between the timings of grant funding schemes and had to be almost entirely funded by the Museum – which would love some new commercial sponsors to come forward and help to replenish its funds. Sponsorship can be given public recognition or can be on discreet basis.

The South Yorkshire Transport Museum, a long-established non-profit organisation, continues to preserve the region’s rich transport heritage through



the dedication of its volunteers and the support of donations, entry fees, grant funding, sponsorships, and vehicle hire income.

The museum plays a vital role in keeping history alive, showcasing a wide range of transport-related exhibits, including meticulously restored vehicles.

These efforts reflect the passion and commitment of the museum’s members, who work tirelessly to maintain and enhance the collection.

Now housed in a modern 24,000 sq. ft. facility, vastly improved from its previous location at Tinsley (1997–2007) the museum features over 50 historic

vehicles and numerous other exhibits.

With such a diverse and engaging collection, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

To find out more about the South Yorkshire Transport Museum visit: www.sytm.co.uk or call them on 07828 068484





BCC Research:

Trade Strategy Must Support Smaller Exporters

The Trade Confidence Outlook, conducted by the BCC's award-winning Insights Unit, is a survey of just over 2,000 UK exporters.

The data was collected between 12 May and 9 June, after a narrow trade deal with the US was agreed but before any changes came into effect. The EU reset deal was also announced during this time, on May 19, but again any alterations had yet to happen.

The research shows that SME exporter sentiment remains very weak, with most not reporting increased export sales or orders. However, micro firms are more likely to be reporting worsening conditions.

Overall, 24% of SME exporters reported an increase in export sales, 50% no change, and 26% a decrease. By contrast, only 20% of micro exporters reported an increase.

Looking at export orders – sales yet to be made – 22% of SME exporters reported an increase, 51% reported no change and 27% reported a decrease. By contrast, only 18% of micro exporters reported an increase and 29% reported a decrease.

SME exporters are consistently more likely to report decreased exports compared to before the pandemic and Brexit. In Q2 2018, only 14% of SME exporters reported a decrease in overseas sales compared to 26% in Q2 2025.



The View From Business

Tariffs on exports to the USA are a concern. At the moment they are 10% on our products. Should they be any higher it could be a serious problem.

Medium construction firm in the East Midlands

In relation to Trump and all the tariff issues, this will affect our pricing and shipping on a global scale with the uncertainty.





Medium construction firm in the East of England

William Bain, Head of Trade Policy at the BCC, said:

“Exporting remains an uphill grind for many SMEs and the smallest firms are finding it toughest of all.

“Smaller, innovative, agile businesses should be able to export in a streamlined way, especially by taking advantage of e-commerce platforms. But in practice it is larger firms who seem able to more easily navigate the challenges and complexities of international trade.

“If the UK wants to boost exports for the long-term, then our overseas traders will require additional support and the right finance and advice to develop their order books.

“The trade strategy sets out a strong framework for how this can be done but we must now move at pace to turn it from the page into practice.

“Over 40 per cent of Chamber members export due to the framework of support placed around them. This level of advice, training and guidance needs to be replicated across the UK.

“If the trade strategy is effectively executed, then it could generate economic growth in every nation and region of the UK, lowering tariffs and removing trade barriers.

“But the hard work has to start now. The government must work with businesses and Chambers to deliver the strategy’s action points.

This means leveraging the expertise, resource and place-based knowledge of our Global British Chamber Network to build, invest and deliver on international trade as an engine for economic growth.”



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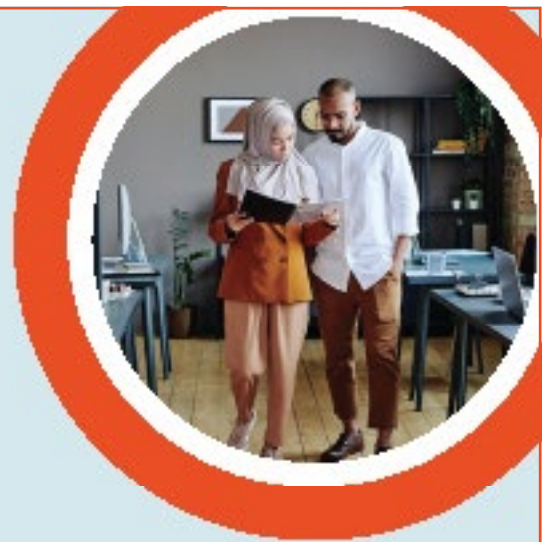
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Chamber Means Business set to be the biggest yet after record-breaking demand

Barnsley & Rotherham’s largest and longest-running business exhibition returns on Thursday 18th September. The event promises a full day of networking, innovation, and collaboration for businesses across South Yorkshire.

Following the record-breaking success of last year’s expo, which welcomed over 450 attendees and introduced a second floor of exhibitors, this year’s event has already made headlines.

All 70+ exhibitor stands sold out in just two hours after going live in February, an unprecedented milestone that reflects the growing demand for high-quality business networking opportunities in South Yorkshire.

Sponsored by KAT Communications, EntrySign, and KCM Waste Management, Chamber Means Business 2025 will showcase a diverse range of businesses, from innovative start-ups to established industry leaders.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore new products and services, connect with potential partners, and gain valuable insights into the work being delivered across the region.

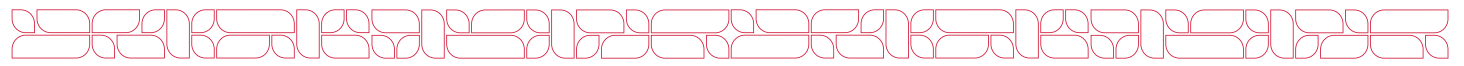
Shane Young, Operations Director at Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber, commented: “Chamber Means Business is a popular and well-attended event that gives business owners the opportunity to make new connections, network with businesses operating in many different sectors, and find out more about some of the truly innovative work that’s currently being delivered in South Yorkshire. The atmosphere is always electric, and this year promises to be our best yet.”

Tickets for Chamber Means Business

2025 are now available. The event is free to attend and open to all professionals and businesses.

To find out more, visit www.chambermeansbusiness.co.uk or scan the QR code below book your ticket.





Industry and nature grows together at AESSEAL headquarters

Nature has moved in alongside industry on a Tree Walk opened at a Rotherham factory site which now operates without the use of any natural gas.

The one-kilometre trail, which sits within the grounds of AESSEAL's Mill Close engineering base, was officially opened last month by Rotherham United chairman Tony Stewart.

Its first visitors included 28 children from St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Kimberworth, as well as representatives from the Millers, youth sports clubs, business and education, Rotherham Titans rugby club and Olympic Games silver medallist Peter Elliott.

Since then more than 50 children from Redscope Primary School have completed the walk, on which they saw the bug hotels, a pond, meadows and woodlands, a wide variety of trees, a hedgehog crossing and hives for 60,000 bees, all accompanied by interactive information and facts available by scanning QR codes.

There's also a treasure hunt, which adds another fun element to the learning, as well as animal, insect and bird sculptures by local artist Robin Widdowson.

Early doors visitors have included a kingfisher, a fox and her cubs and a great tit, who recently hatched six chicks in a bird box installed on the trail, the development of which was tracked through a wildlife camera. A second set of chicks appeared within weeks!

Previous to AESSEAL moving onto the site in 1997 the area was little more than unused fields of mud. However, new development was changing the make-up of the area and someone had to set an example and look to the long-term

future.

The scene now is very different. AESSEAL's ten-acre Factory for the Future, which contains 175,000 sq. ft. of new buildings, stands proudly on the land – and alongside it runs the Tree Walk.

What may have once been viewed as a contrast serves as a visible, tangible example of how industry and nature can grow together and live with each other to provide our planet with a chance of long-term survival.

The original suggestion was to build a pond within the developing site but, like the company, the project grew beyond recognition.

Mr Rea said: "It's something that has been created over a long period, and we've just enhanced it and developed it and planted more and more trees and added more attractions like wildlife sculptures, the seal family, brass etching stations, wildlife and plant life boards, as well as providing a home for rescue hedgehogs and bees.

Add to that a treasure hunt and we have a fun and educational amenity aimed at primary school children."

Opening the walk, Tony

Stewart said: "I have been associated with AES for many years and known Chris for a long time and what he has done, not just for Rotherham but on a world stage, sets the standard. He is a great ambassador.

"I have been on the Tree Walk and it is a fantastic facility for staff and for schoolchildren to visit and one that shows his commitment to the town and to the environment.

"What this company has done is incredible, not just in manufacturing but in thinking about the finer things in the world, allowing wildlife to exist. I am proud to open the Tree Walk and proud to be a friend of the company.

"Credit is due to Chris and AES for achieving this and for what they have achieved for Rotherham."

After Mr Stewart cut the ribbon, children took part in a guided Tree Walk and treasure hunt, followed by a commemorative tree planting ceremony.





Prior to its official opening staff have been using the facilities – including a picnic and meeting area – which have cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to create and develop. It’s a relaxing, peaceful place to sit and enjoy lunch or to take in the fresh air.

Mr Rea says: “Some people really love it and come out every day. We even have colleagues who come in the depths of winter and put warm clothes on and go and sit at one of the benches, play chess or have their flask of coffee.”

“I think most companies fail to understand that the soft issues, how people feel, their mood, their morale and motivation is just as important as monetary matters. People want to work with nice people, they want to feel that the company they are with is doing more good than bad. The value of high levels of motivation is immeasurable but provides tangible results.”

There’s an even more serious side to the Tree Walk though with sustainability the

driving force behind the project and the growth of the company, resulting in the environmentally friendly trek around the site that aligns with AESSEAL’s global commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting green innovation.

Indeed, the AES Engineering Group recently won a King’s Award for Enterprise in the sustainable development category.

The opening was followed by a commemorative tree planting ceremony, which the youngsters took part in at the site where AESSEAL has decommissioned the last of its natural gas-fired heating systems.

Mr Rea hopes the company’s work will persuade others to follow the example and adds: “If you pursue excellence, there’s nothing excellent about destroying the environment. There’s nothing excellent about not being a good corporate citizen. There’s nothing excellent about not doing what you can

do to continuously improve things. It’s just what we do.

“The tree walk is nothing compared to what our business has invested in the environment as a whole.

“We’ve made a commitment to spend £29 million by 2029 on environmental projects. We did this at the time of COP 26 and we’ve kept a record of it, a video diary, and we have now committed £26 million of expenditure.”

The Mill Close development is called the Factory for the Future for more than one reason – it is designed to seamlessly integrate manufacturing with nature and with the aim of proving that industrial growth and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand.

Plus, the company wants to show the young people who visit that it is playing its part in ensuring there is a future for them and the planet.

To find out more about AESSEAL and the Tree Walk, visit www.aesseal.com.



Climbing for a cause Ward B5 at Rotherham Hospital take on Mam Tor for dementia patients

When it comes to going the extra mile for patients, Kerry Smith and her team from Ward B5 at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust are literally heading for the hills!

Kerry, the dedicated Ward Manager on Ward B5, is rallying over 20 amazing colleagues for two epic hikes up the iconic Mam Tor, all to raise vital funds for the Rotherham Dementia Appeal, which aims to improve the hospital experience for patients living with dementia.

Kerry said: “Dementia affects more than just memory, it affects families, relationships and independence. We see those challenges every day, and we want to do our bit to make a difference.”

Ward B5 provides care to many elderly patients, a significant number of whom are living with dementia. The funds raised from this double summit will go directly towards enhancing patient care, from creating calming, comfortable spaces to funding specialist resources that support dignity, comfort and care.

Rachael Dawes, Head of Fundraising at Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity, said:

“We’re so proud of Kerry and the team on Ward B5 for going above and beyond to support the Dementia Appeal. It’s heart-warming to see the team taking on this challenge to support the patients they care for day in, day out on Ward



B5. One in four people in our region are affected by dementia. The team see first-hand how distressing a hospital stay can sometimes be for both patients with dementia and their loved ones.

“As part of our £250,000 Dementia Appeal, we are undertaking a major redevelopment of several key areas within the hospital to better support inpatients with dementia and their families. Support from people like Kerry

and her team, is helping us make that experience significantly more positive and less overwhelming for patients living with dementia.”

The charity’s Dementia Appeal aims to transform multiple hospital wards at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust into, welcoming dementia-friendly spaces.

To support Rotherham Hospital’s Mam Tor challenge, visit www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk/charity/events

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Gala Tent's recent audit was an outstanding success: 100% compliant, with zero non-conformities and zero observations, a rare result in the certification world. The audit covered every part of the business, from staff training and supplier performance to risk management and customer satisfaction. As the certification report states, Gala



Tent's scope includes the manufacture, storage and distribution of marquees, gazebos and related event equipment, all delivered under an ISO-backed system that's continually evaluated and improved.

Ryan Bracha, Marketing Manager, explains: "This wasn't about passing an audit for the sake of it; it was about proving to our clients that we're serious about quality at every level. Our reviews are clear proof that we listen, we learn, and we act."

Andrew Scott, Director, adds: "Our ISO 9001 accreditation shows that we don't just promise reliability; we have the

systems and people in place to deliver it, day in, day out. This is our foundation for growing stronger alongside our customers."

Achieving this gold standard wasn't a box-ticking exercise. It was the result of years of dedication by a team that believes in doing things better every day. From new lead management systems that improve client communication to same-day dispatch on 95% of orders, Gala Tent has put customer satisfaction at the core of its operations.

To find out more about Gala Tent's ISO certification, visit www.galitent.co.uk or call them on 01709 242454.





Grow your network and grow something beautiful at Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber members are invited to roll up their sleeves and dig into something a little different this summer, a networking gardening session at Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

Taking place on Thursday August 14 from 9.30am to 11.30am, this event blends meaningful connection with hands-on support for one of the region's most cherished charities.

The gardens at Bluebell Wood are more than just green spaces, they're places of peace, play, and memory-making for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. By taking part in this session, Chamber members will be helping to maintain these vital spaces while also growing their own professional networks.

Heidi Hawkins, chief executive of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, said:

"We are looking forward to welcoming members of Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber to our hospice where they will be able to network and build strong connections while support their local hospice."

"This event shines a light on the fact that while our hospice is based in North Anston, our impact is felt by families from across the region. Just as we are here for Rotherham, we are also here for Barnsley. We are here for the children, the parents, the siblings, and the wider families who need us."

In the past year alone, Bluebell Wood has supported 35 Barnsley families and 56 Rotherham families with hundreds of hours of care, including overnight stays, music therapy, counselling, sibling support, and hydrotherapy. The support of local businesses makes a lot of this support possible.



Rotherham-based Propensio Finance have supported Bluebell Wood for some time.

Operations team manager, from Propensio Finance, Karen Boulton, said: "Supporting Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice reflects our organisation's deep commitment to making a meaningful difference within our local community."

"We have visited the hospice and experienced first-hand the exceptional care and support provided to children and families facing life-limiting conditions and it is both inspiring and humbling. We're proud to stand alongside Bluebell Wood in their vital work, helping to ensure that local families continue to receive the compassionate care they so deeply

deserve."

Bluebell Wood opened in 2008 and supports families across South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire, North Derbyshire and parts of North Lincolnshire. As well as providing clinical care, the hospice offers a home-from-home environment filled with fun, laughter, and the chance to make precious memories together.

Join Bluebell Wood for a unique morning of expert gardening insights, networking opportunities and an exclusive preview of our brand-new Forget Me Not Garden, as featured in the RHS Flower Show at Wentworth Woodhouse.

For further information about Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice visit, www.bluebellwood.org.



LensGo Visual Media Proud to Support Rotherham Hospice with RUFC Centenary Kit Reveal

LensGo Visual Media, a multi-award-winning film and video production company, is proud to have produced the official kit reveal video for Rotherham United’s commemorative centenary season shirt, a collaboration that shines a spotlight on Rotherham Hospice.

The brand-new kit for the 2025/26 season, unveiled this week, proudly features the Rotherham Hospice logo and marks 100 years of footballing history. LensGo brought the launch to life with a striking short film that celebrates both the town’s heritage and its unwavering sense of community.

The film will be used across social media and online platforms to help drive sales of the centenary kit while raising awareness of Rotherham Hospice and the vital work they do in the community.

The film’s creative concept celebrates Rotherham United’s past and present, featuring current first-team player Joe Powell, who joined the club in 2024, alongside former midfielder Lee Frecklington, who made 157 appearances and scored 26 goals for the club, and club legend Ronnie Moore – both a prolific striker and a promotion-winning manager for the club.

Stuart Turner, Founder and Creative Director of LensGo, said:

“As a local business rooted in this community, we’re incredibly proud to have played a part in this project. It’s always great fun working with the Rotherham United team, and to be

involved in a creative that celebrates 100 years of the club is something really special. Rotherham Hospice holds a special place in the hearts of many, and using our storytelling skills to raise awareness of their incredible work is exactly why we do what we do.”

LensGo were incredibly creative and most definitely delivered the nostalgic and emotional tone to a wonderful media release.

Huge and sincere thanks to Stuart and his colleagues. Perfect job for such an important milestone for the club and the town as a whole.”

Sophie Barnett, Corporate Fundraising Manager at Rotherham Hospice, added:

“The Rotherham United kit launch video is absolutely incredible and truly captures the spirit of Rotherham – community, passion and pride.

Seeing Rotherham Hospice on the front of the shirt is so powerful, and we are deeply grateful to the six diamond partners (AESSEAL, Hughie Construction, IPM, Mears, Steelphalt & TMG) for making that possible.

Stuart and LensGo do so much for the Hospice behind the scenes, and to see that reflected in such a meaningful way means the world to all of us. He truly is the best in the

game, and we are lucky to have such a great partnership. Thanks for everything you do!”

LensGo has a long-standing commitment to supporting local causes, particularly those that make a meaningful difference in Yorkshire communities.

For further information about LensGo Visual Media visit, www.lensgo.co.uk.



Steve Coakley, Commercial Director at Rotherham United,

“For the club’s commemorative centenary season kit launch for 25/26, we wanted to do something different that represented and encapsulated not only the excitement of a modern-day kit reveal but also paid homage to a wonderful history too.





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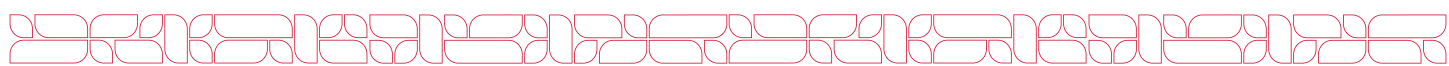
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South Yorkshire Agency Launches New Barnsley College Website

Award winning creative marketing agency Objective have been recognised for launching a new best in class website on behalf of Barnsley College.

Objective, based in the heart of Sheffield City Centre, scoped, designed and developed a new digital platform, taking three existing sites into a central content management system.

“By building a completely new content management system we have taken Barnsley College’s website to a whole new level of accessibility, creating a platform that can be utilised by even more learners, businesses and stakeholders,” said Objective Creative and Digital Director Carl Richardson. Steve said:

“We have developed a custom-built, multi-faceted and fully integrated system, designed specifically to meet the needs of a diverse range of College audiences.

“The new digital platform enhances the current system, whilst providing opportunities for additional functionality such as reserving tables at The Open Kitchen or booking gym classes at The Sports Village.”

Barnsley College Principal and CEO David Akeroyd said:

“As a leading College with thousands of students and staff – across a range of departments, business areas and varied requirements – having a website that’s accessible, easy to navigate and reflects our strong identity is crucial.



“Barnsley College is committed to being at the forefront of digital technology, and so it’s important to continue to build upon this new platform to remain current for years to come.

“Objective have worked diligently to deliver on all our requirements, and we’re delighted with the result.”

The Objective team of education marketing specialists have delivered hundreds of projects for clients including Sheffield Hallam University, DN Colleges, RNN Group, YPO and Morthyng Training.

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Utility Source Unveils Utilitopoly Campaign to Help Property Developers

The energy landscape is set to undergo significant change in 2025 with the rollout of Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS), a national initiative led by Ofgem.

Utility Source Limited, a Yorkshire-based utilities consultancy, has launched Utilitopoly – a campaign designed to cut through the difficulties of utility connections for property developers, site managers, and investors.

The Utilitopoly initiative provides practical, jargon-free guidance on getting utilities connected, disconnected, and reconnected, backed by video guides, case studies, and expert insights drawn from years of industry experience.

Property developers frequently encounter a range of challenges when coordinating utility connections, from navigating complex paperwork and liaising with multiple providers to facing unexpected delays or discovering capacity issues at the last minute.

Misunderstandings about installation requirements, confusion over connection timelines, and a lack of clarity around who is responsible for what can all lead to costly setbacks. Utilitopoly is designed to address these pain points head-on, empowering developers with clear, actionable guidance.

Utility Source, founded in 2018 by Dean Pattison, is a specialist utilities consultancy based in South Yorkshire. Originally launched as a family-run business, it has grown to become a trusted partner for developers and investors across the UK. The team brings a wealth of experience, particularly in commercial-to-residential conversions, new-build developments, and complex redevelopment projects. Whether coordinating new utility connections,



managing disconnections, or resolving paperwork issues, Utility Source ensures clients can focus on their projects without the stress of utility headaches.

Dean Pattison, Owner and Founder of Utility Source Limited, said: “We’ve seen time and again that developers are struggling with utility connections – whether it’s understanding the process, avoiding costly delays, or knowing who to contact. Utilitopoly is our way of putting that knowledge in their hands. It’s about empowering people to make informed decisions about their development, which can often lead to a more cost-effective development with fewer time delays.”

Aaron Dodwell, owner of Church View Croft Developments, said about the campaign: “Utility Source has been a game-changer for us. Utility connections can be a nightmare; there’s so much

complicated information, red tape, conflicting advice, and room for costly mistakes. Dean and his team not only simplified the process but also gave us the confidence to make the right decisions at the right time. The Utilitopoly campaign is exactly what the industry needs – clear, practical guidance that’s accessible to everyone.

The Utilitopoly campaign is accessible through Utility Source’s YouTube channel, a comprehensive hub on Utility Source’s website, and across their social media platforms. The campaign features practical videos, expert advice, and case studies and serves as a one-stop resource for anyone looking to navigate utility connections with confidence and clarity.

To find out more about Utility Source’s Utilitopoly campaign, visit www.utilitysourcelimited.co.uk/utilitopoly



Backing Rotherham's Field of Remembrance

A powerful and peaceful tribute to Rotherham's loved and lost will be created through a partnership between the town's hospice, Wentworth Woodhouse and local businesses.

Hundreds of steel feathers will form Rotherham Hospice's Meadow of Memories at Wentworth Woodhouse in August.

Rotherham-based AESSEAL is the headline sponsor of the project and steel fabricators MTL Advanced have crafted the feathers for the installation.

MTL donated the production and materials for the Feather Appeal sculptures, which will be made from stainless steel and designed to be enduring, with each one carrying its own story and representing a tribute to a loved one's memory.

The feathers will then be placed across the grounds and set against the one of Yorkshire's most historic gardens.

Rotherham Hospice individual giving manager Siobhan Halpin said: "We're delighted to be working with AESSEAL as a sponsor of our Feather Appeal.

"Their enthusiasm and commitment to Rotherham Hospice demonstrate a genuine dedication to compassionate care and community wellbeing.

"We're incredibly excited to be working together and look forward to making a real difference in the lives of our patients and their families, and seeing our beautiful installation come to life."

The hospice is inviting people to dedicate a feather in memory of someone they love and says: "Each feather tells a story. Each one holds a wish. By dedicating a feather, you will honour their memory in a truly meaningful way, while helping Rotherham Hospice continue to add more life to every day for patients and families in our care."

The installation will then be on display



at Wentworth Woodhouse between August 9 and 23 (10am to 5pm Tuesday to Sunday), with proceeds going to the hospice and the house.

Visitors will be able to walk through, reflect, remember and celebrate the lives represented by the feathers.

At the end of the installation, people can take home their feather and engraved tag as a keepsake.

AESSEAL's sponsorship is particularly relevant due to its relationship with business leader Dame Julie Kenny, who chaired the trustees of Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust and was a passionate advocate for the house and the region until her death at the age of 67 on February 21 this year. Dame Julie was a non-executive director at AES

Engineering Ltd.

Managing director Chris Rea said:

"The Feather Appeal brings together so much of what is good about Rotherham, from its businesses to the local hospice and Wentworth Woodhouse as well as, of course, the wonderful Dame Julie Kenny who had such strong connections with all three.

"As a result we had no hesitation in supporting what will be a wonderful and lasting tribute to many Rotherham people who had cause to use the hospice towards the end of their lives, which many of their families will have been grateful for."

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The grass is greener at YWCA Yorkshire thanks to generous business team

Friends from B&Q Regional Distribution Centre in Worksop have been volunteering and donating to women's charity YWCA Yorkshire – beautifying outdoor spaces for vulnerable families to enjoy this summer.

Assistant General Manager Mick Walker responded to a call for help from YWCA Yorkshire, donating four lawnmowers, two fruit trees and a variety of potting plants to be used in gardens across Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield.

YWCA Yorkshire Project Manager at Fleming Gardens in Rotherham, explains: “We support young women who may have been homeless, who have likely experienced trauma, and who might be escaping an unsafe situation or recovering from a bad relationship. The homes they build with us are often the first time they’ve had the opportunity to live independently with compassionate and expert support. We work with women to build the confidence and skills to maintain their own properties and create a home that feels happy and healthy for their children. We couldn’t do this without our amazing handy people, volunteers and support from the wider community – like the friends we’ve made from B&Q.”

YWCA Yorkshire recently reached out to national retailer B&Q in need of new lawnmowers and volunteers. Mick Walker, who has worked for the Worksop Distribution Centre for six years, answered the call. In response, B&Q donated essential equipment and volunteer hours to support vulnerable families in South Yorkshire.

Mick explains what motivated the team to get involved; “I think YWCA Yorkshire do incredible work. They support young women and children who often don’t



have anyone else on their side, and they help them up and out of difficult situations and into a better future. Part of that work is about creating a home and a garden that families can feel safe in and proud of. That is absolutely something we wanted to support.

I know first-hand the good work this charity does because my wife has worked across their different projects in Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham, so when Elly got in touch, I knew straight away that we’d want to help.”

Mick Walker, Phil Godley and Leanne Johnson – all from B&Q’s Distribution Centre in Worksop, recently spent a day volunteering at YWCA Yorkshire’s Rotherham Project Fleming Gardens, cutting grass in 11 gardens across the

cul-de-sac. Using the newly donated lawnmowers, the team made light work of the grounds, transforming the space for the young women and children that live there.

YWCA Yorkshire works with women, children and families locally to create better futures. Businesses, community groups and South Yorkshire residents looking to support a local charity, can contact admin@ywca-yorkshire.org.uk to learn more about volunteering and donation opportunities.

The ROC Café operates from Ulley Country Park every Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

To find out more about YWCA Yorkshire, visit: www.ywca-yorkshire.org.uk.





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August 20 at 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Chamber Summer Social 2025

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September 12 at 11:30 AM- 6:00 PM

Chamber Race Day – St Leger Festival 2025

Doncaster Racecourse

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