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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**Hello and welcome to the West Chester Commercial BID summer newsletter.**

I'd like to start by saying what an honour it is to be the new Chair of the Executive Board here on the estate. I know I have big shoes to fill following Jordi's excellent work but I am relishing the challenge, and take over at a time when the West Chester Commercial BID is in a healthy position.

Over the coming months I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and gaining a further understanding of what makes our amazing businesses tick.

In fact this newsletter is a perfect example of the fantastic community we have in this corner of Chester, and I've thoroughly enjoyed reading updates from a few of our members in this summer edition.

For instance it's great to hear about Calder getting its name out there and networking to drum up business, and it's also great to see Obsidian being innovative with a tempting summer offer. If you do know of any firms thinking of moving premises then make sure you let them know about the deal and the many perks they offer.

Elsewhere, it was heartwarming to read about John Dowdeswell's exploits over in Morocco – what an incredible effort it was to raise money for such a worthwhile cause! You can still donate if you are able, and more information can be found on **page 3**.

In other news, it's pleasing to read about new business openings: some of which are bringing some great health and fitness options to the estate. The new Padel courts in particular are sure to be a hit as the sport has really taken off over the last few months!



I think that's enough from me for now other than to reiterate how honoured I am to be in this position, and I look forward to helping oversee this exciting new chapter for the estate alongside my fellow board members.

Please remember that your BID team is here to help no matter the query so don't hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy the rest of summer.

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Matthew Flack,**

**Chair of the West Chester  
Commercial BID Executive Board**





# CALDER SHOWCASES NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AT INDUSTRY EVENT

Jupiter Drive's Calder, the UK's leading supplier of lead sheet and lead engineered products, has successfully showcased its nuclear capabilities at a major industry event.

Held at Birchwood Park in Warrington, the Nu-tech Science and Technology Exhibition gave Calder the opportunity to connect with leading organisations from across the industry including **Cavendish Nuclear, Sellafield, and the Science and Technology Facilities Council.**

To catch the eye, the firm set up a striking display featuring 3D printed product samples and brightly coloured painted lead items, with their stand drawing attention throughout the day.

Calder's attendance at the event forms part of the company's strategic initiative to increase brand awareness and drive new business opportunities within the nuclear industry, and the business is pleased to report they received a very positive response from everyone they interacted with at the event.



The BID board wishes Calder well in their endeavours to secure further clients in the sector.

## PROXIMO'S JOHN DOWDESWELL SCALES HEIGHTS FOR CHARITY

Proximo's John Dowdeswell has completed an epic challenge to raise money for Hope House Children's Hospices.

In May, the Risk and Compliance Manager successfully summited Mount Toubkal in Morocco – the highest peak in North Africa which stands at **4,167 metres.**



He admitted he was nervous before making the trip but that didn't stop him and his companions from completing the challenge over the course of five days.

Hope House Children's Hospices provide vital respite and end-of-life care, but with **80% of their income coming from community fundraising**, they rely heavily on donations to continue their life-changing work.

So far, John and the Proximo Group have raised an incredible **£3,400.** If you would like to contribute to this fantastic cause, you can do so by following the below link.

**DONATE NOW**

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR: ABBOTS MEAD

**Were you aware that the estate is home to a trusted maintenance company that serves businesses of all sizes?**

Abbots Mead, based at Unit 16, can handle everything from small retail shops to large-scale commercial projects, and offer tailored services at competitive prices.

This is all provided by the company's team of qualified engineers who hold IPAF and PASMA training certifications, while all supervisors hold the IOSH certification for managing safely.



Elsewhere, S.P.A Passports enable Abbots Mead to work safely on petrol filling stations, and the business also proudly holds the SSIP safe contractor accreditation.

Here's an overview of the building services they provide:

- Refurbishment and renovation projects
- Emergency repairs and maintenance contracts
- Plumbing, drainage, and electrical work
- Painting, decorating, and plastering
- Brickwork and roofing with guttering
- Complete shopfitting and groundworks

If you'd like more information, follow the link below or call **01244 374 987** for a quote.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Abbots Mead**  
Property Maintenance  
Building Maintenance Engineers

## CASES & CLUES ARRIVES ON THE ESTATE

Please join us in welcoming Cases & Clues to the estate! Here's a little bit of information about the company.

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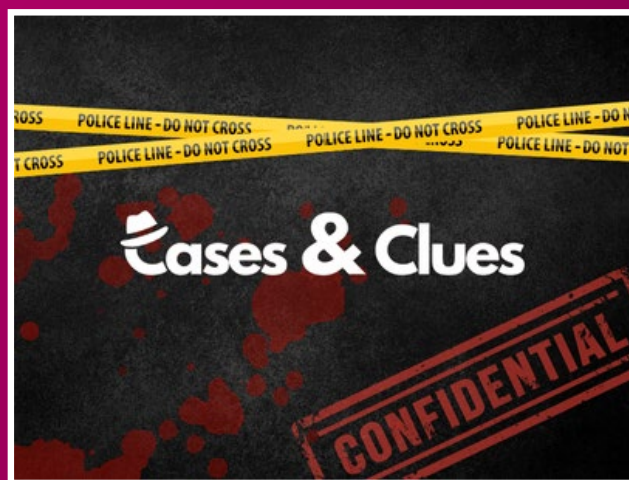
*We stand as the UK's number one case file brand, but our story goes far beyond puzzles and plot twists. We believe in the magic that happens around the table – those precious moments when screens switch off, stories spring to life, and people forge deeper connections.*

*In an industry saturated with noise and clutter, we're charting a different course. Our mission is refreshingly simple: create games that bring people together, honour our planet, and deliver experiences that are as thoughtful as they are thrilling.*

*Every case file we craft is designed to transform ordinary evenings into extraordinary adventures, where friends and families become detectives, collaborators, and storytellers. Our games are also perfect for businesses looking to strengthen team bonds – ideal for staff bonding days that combine fun with meaningful collaboration.*

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If you'd like to learn more about Cases & Clues, make sure you visit their website today.



[LEARN MORE](#)



# TRANSFORM YOUR BUSINESS WITH OBSIDIAN

On the lookout for an affordable office space to help transform your business? Obsidian offers dynamic environments designed to support companies from a diverse range of industries.

Whether you're an SME, start-up or are looking to expand, the Obsidian office portfolio provides a supportive network designed to help your business flourish.



Some of the benefits of an Obsidian office space include:

- ▶ High-speed internet
- ▶ Reception and mail-handling service
- ▶ Free parking
- ▶ All utilities included
- ▶ 24/7 access, 365 days a year
- ▶ Furnished/unfurnished option

And what's more, if you join this July you can benefit from **35% off a 12-month contract\***! Plus, additional discounts are available for companies with sustainability policies or a B Corp certification. For more information and to schedule a tour of an office, please call **01244 394200** or visit the Obsidian website:

[obsidianoffices.net](https://obsidianoffices.net)

\*Terms and conditions apply

## LOOKING TO BUILD TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE?

Is your business looking to build tomorrow's workforce? **Cheshire College – South & West** has announced an expanded apprenticeship offering for the 2025/26 academic year which provides businesses across the county with the perfect opportunity to develop skilled talent.

Flexible learning options have been designed to suit all business needs, and comprehensive recruitment assistance is available to help you find suitable candidates.

There are five apprenticeship programs which are all accredited by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

If you have any further queries, please contact Colin Stokes by calling either **01244 656368** or **07789 288 003**, or by emailing [Colin.stokes@ccsw.ac.uk](mailto:Colin.stokes@ccsw.ac.uk).

**FIND OUT MORE**



**Cheshire College  
South & West**



# UPDATES FROM AROUND THE ESTATE

## FITNESS FACILITIES SET TO OPEN

We're pleased to announce that two new businesses with a focus on fitness are set to open here on the estate. **Babe** – a dedicated all-ladies gym – will be located on West Park, while **Padel Sheds Chester** will be bringing a four-court padel facility on the back of the explosion in popularity of the racket sport. Further details about opening dates and facilities will be announced by both businesses in due course.

## CCTV/ANPR

Over the past three months, two local businesses have requested CCTV and ANPR footage via the BID manager. In both cases, our monitoring company successfully retrieved the requested footage and provided it directly to the police for their investigations.

## TRAFFIC UPDATES

Major roadworks to replace ageing infrastructure on Bumpers Lane, Knutsford Way and Winsford Way were completed in June, and the BID board would like to thank businesses and their employees for their patience while the work was carried out. If you'd like to keep up-to-date with any future planned works, visit the BID website.

**BID WEBSITE**

## MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR

The next Mental Health Webinar will take place on **Thursday 25th September** from 11am-12pm. The session will include tips for working from home and advice for coping with loneliness, and is free to attend for BID members.

**REGISTER HERE**

## EV CHARGING

If you have an electric vehicle and would like to see where is available to charge your car, make sure you check out the **Zap-Map website**.

**FIND A CHARGING POINT**

## REPORTING FAULTS

If you would like to report a fault with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) or Property Services, this can be done via the CWAC website or by emailing: **property.services@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**

If you have not received a response, please email: **customerservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**

## BID EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Did you know that as a BID member you can access our employment support services? This means that if you have a job vacancy that needs advertising, simply get in touch with the BID manager and the opportunity will be shared far and wide. This includes the position being posted on the BID website, shared with Job Centre Plus, distributed to local job clubs, and sent to our employment partnership network. The aim is to help you reach great local candidates and support employment opportunities here on the estate. If there is a job opening you'd like to advertise, please contact **Hugh Shields** by calling **07921 055039** or by emailing **hugh.shields@groundwork.org.uk**.

## GET IN TOUCH

For any general queries about the BID, whether as a tenant or a company looking to invest, please contact BID Manager **Hugh Shields** via **hugh.shields@groundwork.org.uk** or by calling **07921 055 039**.





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