

STOCKPORT BUSINESS BULLETIN



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Welcome to the June 2018 edition of Stockport Business Bulletin, providing an overview of investment, news and networking opportunities in Stockport.



Winners of the Stockport Food & Drink Awards revealed

Stockport based chartered accountants and business advisors Clarke Nicklin teamed up with food-focused multi-disciplinary business Foodsync, to host the first [Stockport Food and Drink Awards](#) which was held on Wednesday 20th June at Robinsons Brewery. The awards followed the first ever Stockport Food & Drink Trade Show which was held at Stockport Market Place during the day and showcased 60 food and drink related businesses from the north of England.

Investment and Property Update



Investment News

The Prudential Buildings at St Peter's Square, Stockport is now fully let. Marketed by Buckley Commercial and Edward Mellor Estate Agents, 11 new tenants have taken a total of 5,444 sq ft at the characterful and beautifully renovated building, including **Poulter Architects, Green Project Management Ltd and Amanda Pierce Aesthetics.**

Creative Apparel Ltd have purchased a detached, freehold industrial property of 11,522 sq ft at Unit 16 Newby Road Industrial Estate, Hazel Grove, Stockport to accommodate their growing business. The company specialises in branded workwear and promotional clothing.

Business Support & Funding News

Elegant Digital launches with GC Business Finance Loan

Simon Fuller has launched digital development agency, Elegant Digital, using a £25,000 loan from the [Stockport Business Finance Scheme](#). Elegant Digital offer digital consultancy services centering on modern technologies and effective marketing methods. Simon, from Stockport, said: "The starting capital from GC Business Finance and the support from Stockport Council meant that we were able to invest in and focus on doing the work, rather than struggling to get and up running".



£500M Fund to Help Northern SMEs

Barclays has launched a new [£500m growth fund](#) for small and medium-sized businesses in the North of England as part of the bank's commitment to support the Government's Northern Powerhouse initiative. The new fund is available to inject investment into businesses across the region with favourable terms for manufacturing, transport and logistics companies, helping them to grow and create new jobs.

Calling All Business Pioneers

This year's [Pioneer 10](#) Programme is on the hunt for talented entrepreneurs looking to grow their business. Led by Stockport Business and Innovation Centre (SBIC), Pioneer 10 is aimed at early stage businesses who are keen to grow along with established businesses looking to innovate and/or enter new markets. The closing date for applications is 30th June.





STARting your Environmental Journey

[STARting your Environmental Journey](#) masterclasses will help you to identify and implement opportunities to maximise efficiency and provide evidence of your environmental credentials - an increasing requirement in public sector procurement. You must attend 3 workshops to achieve certification but they can also be accessed as standalone workshops.

Innovation in Action

[Innovation In Action](#) is a cohort programme delivered by industry experts, through the Business Growth Hub. The programme is tailored to you and your business with the opportunity for you to network and share experiences with a peer group of like minded businesses.



Events and Networking Opportunities



[Give to Gain Social Accounting Masterclass, 6th July, 9.30am - 12.30pm, Stockport Masonic Guildhall](#)

If you are completely new to social accounting, or need to brush up on some of the key principles, this workshop is for you. This is the final workshop in a series of three workshops however you are welcome to attend this workshop as a standalone as a recap of the whole social accounting process will be given.

[Driving Towards Best Practice, 25th July, 8.30am - 12.30pm, Stockport Business and Innovation Centre](#)

Transport and fleet operations is often a necessary and expected cost to a business and, with unpredictable fuel costs, managing and reducing these costs can be daunting. This workshop will give you practical advice to implement easy to apply sustainable transport options to a small business.





**Action for Business, 31st July, 12.00 - 2.00pm,
Bredbury Hall and Country Club, Stockport**

This GM Chamber of Commerce Action for Business networking lunch will focus on **Apprenticeship Myth Busting** and in particular what positive experiences businesses have had with apprenticeships and how to overcome any barriers when recruiting an apprentice.

Other News

Have your say on our transport plans

Stockport and Cheshire East Councils would like your views on plans to continue improving transport for all across north Cheshire, Stockport and south east Manchester, through their SEMMM Strategy which stands for the South East Manchester Multi-Modal Strategy. [Consultation on the SEMMM strategy](#) runs until Monday 16th July 2018.



Stockport Jobs Fair

The annual Stockport Jobs Fair is taking place on 25th September this year in Stockport Town Hall.

The event organised in partnership by Stockport Council and Jobcentre Plus provides businesses with an opportunity to reach a wide range of potential employees. If your business is considering recruiting (even if it's just 3 or 4 people) at any level and would be interested in taking a stand please email stockport.ea@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.

Stockport Work and Skills Commission

Stockport Council has recently held a [Work & Skills Commission](#) to identify the key issues and required actions for the local economy regarding employment and skills issues to ensure growth in the local economy is sustainable and inclusive. The Work & Skills Commission identified potential actions for stakeholders to take forward and we are keen for employers to play a key role in this work moving forward. If you would like to know more about the Commission, or how as an employer you could benefit from involvement in some of the action areas, please contact richard.mortimer@stockport.gov.uk or nick.hill@stockport.gov.uk





Totally Free Parking in Stockport Town Centre

The BID's Totally Stockport team are looking at ways to attract new shoppers and visitors into Stockport town centre and have introduced [Totally Free Parking](#), making it easier for people to park. Anyone can apply for a Totally Free Parking Pass that is valid from 1st June until 31st August 2018.

Become a volunteer to help your community in an emergency

Stockport Council is joining the British Red Cross and Aviva in calling on people across the borough to sign up to a new scheme called community reserve volunteers. [The British Red Cross community reserve volunteer scheme](#) wants local people to work together as a team during major emergencies, such as flooding, fires and power failures.



Sign up for Flood Warnings

With torrential downpours more common at this time of year, businesses are advised to sign up to receive [Flood Warnings](#) or call Floodline on 0345 9881188. The Environment Agency also has a useful guide on [Preparing Your Business for Flooding](#)

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