

STOCKPORT BUSINESS BULLETIN



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



Innovative interchange and new town centre park for Stockport given go-ahead

People in Stockport can give their views on plans for the state-of-the-art [transport interchange](#) in the heart of the town, featuring a two-acre public park and high-quality residential development, ahead of a planning application being submitted to Stockport Council later this year.

Funded by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), Stockport Council and the GMCA, the development is planned for the site of the existing Stockport Bus Station alongside the A6 and Mersey Square in the town centre and will continue the radical £1 billion transformation under way in Stockport town centre.

TfGM and Stockport Council are inviting residents, businesses and community groups to give their views through an [online questionnaire](#) by 29th July.

Investment and Property Update



Pure Offices developing Business Centre in South Manchester

Pure Offices is to bring its national serviced office operations to Greater Manchester following the off-market acquisition of 3400 Lakeside on Cheadle Royal Business Park. Providing suites ranging in size from 100 sq ft the accommodation will be let on flexible rolling monthly contracts.

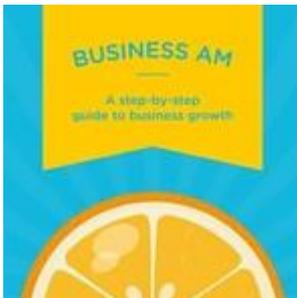
Business Support & Funding News

Venturefest

Venturefest North West takes place at Manchester Central on 13th September, featuring a unique mix of inspirational speakers, interactive workshops, exhibitors and networking opportunities.



The Innovation Showcase Competition is the centrepiece of Venturefest North West, with the final featuring some of the region's most innovative businesses pitching their business ideas to potential investors in the audience. This year the competition has four categories: Product Innovation, Service Innovation, Digital Innovation, and Innovative Established Business. The closing date for entries is 31st July.



Grow yourself and your business with Hallidays' 10-step programme

Hallidays is relaunching their popular Business AM programme for 2018/20 which supports business owners and decision makers to achieve their business goals. Their 10-step programme, which restarts in September, brings together like-minded professionals in a supportive environment to develop the tools they need to grow both themselves and their business.

Pitch@Palace

Pitch@Palace 10.0 has opened its doors to applications from innovative tech entrepreneurs offering a fantastic opportunity to get their bright idea in front of the right people. The initiative gives business leaders the opportunity to meet the people who can help make their dreams become a reality, including CEOs, influencers, angels, mentors and business partners. Interested entrepreneurs can apply here - <http://pitchatpalace.com/apply-10/>





Get Digital Faster

The recent Get Digital Faster programme has meant that over 99% of premises in Stockport now have access superfast broadband. But you need to ask to be connected. If your business is still struggling with low broadband capacity, speak to your internet service provider about upgrading to superfast via the fibre network.

Events and Networking Opportunities

Stockport Breakfast Club, 9th August, 7.15 - 9.30am, Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport

A chance to hear from Christopher Charlton-Killen, founder and MD of Human. Christopher suggests that productivity and happiness are linked in both directions and that as business leaders we must play our part in unlocking them.



McKellens Masterclass, 21st September, Cheadle Golf Club

McKellens are offering businesses a chance to attend a free taster session at one of their masterclasses. The September masterclass will look at the whys and wherefores of pricing, including, presenting your value and the practical steps and proven techniques for presenting products and services to maximise value perception. Sessions are available at either 7.45am or 10.30am.

Other News

The Stockport Business Awards Shortlist revealed

Main sponsors and organisers, Clarke Nicklin, have announced the shortlist for the [2018 Stockport Business Awards](#). Over 80 Businesses entered the 12 categories this year and after many hours of discussion and debate the shortlist was decided. The winners will be announced at an awards dinner on the 11th October at Stockport

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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.

Help turn Stockport's restaurants and bars into winners

Popular food events, restaurants and bars across Stockport are celebrating once again after being named in the shortlist for the sought-after Manchester Food and Drink awards. Inclusion in the shortlist shines a light on Stockport's ever growing food and drink offer which is undergoing a significant revival. Online voting for the awards is open until 27th September 2018 on the [Manchester Food and Drink Awards website](#).



Stockport Local Fund

The [Stockport Local Fund](#) is a new £1m fund to support great ideas that make a difference in our communities. It will invest in local activities and projects that help people to join together and make our neighbourhoods even better places to live in and to grow up and older in. If you're aware of a community group or individual with a great idea then please encourage them to apply.

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