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Dear

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We would like to wish all our members and subscribers a happy Easter as many of you take a well-earned break over the Easter holiday period.



The Partnership office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

If you require business support, grant advice or guidance please do not hesitate to get in touch via email: help@erewash-partnership.com

If you have a good news story or offer you would like to share and promote with fellow members please do get in touch. Likewise, if you would like to feature in our new 'Sponsor Spotlight' section please contact [Lottie](#).

Partnership News



New Chair of Board and Headquarters move

Changes have taken place at the Partnership – with a new chair of the board of directors and a move of headquarters to state-of-the-art offices.

Vice-chair Richard Ledger has stepped up to be chair in a role reversal with Bev Crighton who became the first woman chair in 2020 and has steered the organisation through the Covid pandemic.

Richard is managing director of Draycott-based Millitec, which designs and manufactures machinery for the food industry and exports across the world.

He is also chair of Long Eaton Town Deal Board, which won £24.8m of Government funding for projects to breathe new life into the town and take it forward over the next decade.

Richard is thrilled at becoming chair. "These are exciting times and Erewash is a fabulous place full of opportunity" he said.

"The Partnership is all about people working together to make the most of those opportunities and the team can give real tangible help to all businesses, from those just setting out on their journey in self-employment to the more established businesses looking for investment and growth."

Partnership chief executive Ian Viles said: "Richard is very enthusiastic about the area. He was educated in the area at Trent College, Long Eaton. He's very passionate about manufacturing and training and skills.

"Bev has proved a steady hand as chair, especially through the difficult challenges of the Covid pandemic period when we had to re-think, adapt and even boost support for businesses, including new members attracted by what we do. The board is grateful for her leadership.

"Among her new roles Bev has taken up a position with Derby County Community Trust and one of her first acts was to introduce the trust to the Partnership and recruit them as members".

"This 'swap' in roles will help to steer the partnership and the team on its journey going forward, and I look forward to working alongside Richard and Ian to support the growth of the partnership."

The Partnership has moved its headquarters from Bridge House, Derby Road, Long Eaton, where it has been based since autumn 2014, to Toll Bar House, close to White Lion Square, Ilkeston.

The newly-opened premises, with 27 offices, are managed by the Partnership on behalf of Erewash Borough Council.

The authority invested £425,000 in refurbishing and breathing new life into the building. This was matched by D2N2, the Local Enterprise Partnership.

A further £126,000 was secured by contractor J.Tomlinson from a Government scheme aimed at helping local authorities with projects designed to improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon output and lower energy bills. This took the total transformation cost to £976,000.

The Partnership was based at Toll Bar House for several years from 1994. "The move is to provide better facilities for face-to-face meetings with clients, including people with disabilities," said Ian.

The full news release can be viewed [here](#).

Further COVID support provided by the Partnership to Erewash Businesses

EPL have worked in partnership with Erewash Borough Council (EBC) to develop and help to deliver their most recent COVID grants to support local businesses. We are delighted to announce that through our direct support EBC have been able to support 35 manufacturing business providing £519,420 of grant funding from the Manufacturing ARG grant, which was a discretionary scheme to support businesses in the manufacturing sector by offering larger awards of funding, of up to £15,000, to fund projects that have the potential to safeguard and create new jobs, and build a more resilient economy.

We were also able to support a total of 24 start-ups providing a total of £115,696 of funding through the ARG Start-up Grant, a discretionary scheme to award small grants to businesses that started up during the pandemic, but who faced challenges to establish themselves, owing to the adverse effects of Covid-19. Applicants were required to explain how funds would be used to support business sustainability and growth.

We also provided support to many other businesses in the borough by signposting them to other funds also available.

A total of 81 clients were supported with nearly 140 hours of direct advisory support.

No more taxing problems for Accountant Brian



A partner at Mabe Allen LLP (EPL Member) is putting away his calculator and retiring – at the tender age of 84!

Brian Sutton, retired on Thursday March 31st from Mabe Allen, who have offices in Derby, Ilkeston and Ripley. Brian began cutting his hours down at the age of 70, latterly doing two days a week, but now he is definitely finishing work.

His career started when he was articled to the Nottingham firm of Taft, Baldock and Winstanley. He qualified in 1959.

While most people retire at 65 Brian still helped people with their books and tax matters. "I continued working because I enjoyed it and meeting clients," he said.

Erewash Partnership would like to wish Brian all the best in his retirement!

The full news release can be read on our [website](#).

Time to take Erewash forward



Residents are being asked for their views in a public consultation that has opened on Erewash Borough Council's Core Strategy – a new blueprint that sets out positive ways forward for the borough over the next 15 years.

The draft strategy is a detailed document that features the proposed sites for new housing, including development on some green belt land. But it is also a 'masterplan' that sets out a wide range of policies to take the borough forward through key issues including employment

opportunities, town centre regeneration, planning for our town and village centres plus transport and green infrastructure.

The eight-week consultation opened on 14th March the third public consultation to be organised by Erewash Borough Council and will run until Monday 9 May.

The full document can be viewed online along with a form for comments at www.erewash.gov.uk/corestrategy

University of Derby Leadership and Management Programme



If you would like to develop the resilience of your organisation whilst accelerating the potential for future growth and productivity, then the University of Derby is here to support you.

Our brand-new Smart and Inclusive Leadership Programme (SAIL) has been designed to help small-to-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) develop the skills required to move forward with confidence during these challenging times.

A programme for managers, supervisors, recent graduates, and aspiring leaders

SAIL is intended to support supervisors, managers, and aspiring leaders of SMEs, who would like to develop their management and leadership skills. Participants will identify their unique leadership skills and learn how to build resilience in themselves and others, so that they can create a positive impact within their organisation.

The programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and part funded the delivering partners (including the University of Derby), meaning employees can attend without any cost to their organisation. We recognise the need for flexibility when balancing learning alongside work. As such, SAIL will be offered through a blend of online learning methods and has been designed to allow participants to tailor learning to their individual needs.

Would you like to take part?

To be eligible for the programme, your business must be an SME based in the Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire region.

To find out further information and to book your place click [here](#).

New Workshop dates for business start-ups Erewash Partnership Ltd



Sign up for our next virtual start-up workshop.

**Introduction to Business Planning – Wednesday 13th April
4pm – 5pm via MS Teams**

We will introduce you to effective business planning methods for your new business, which can support you to achieve your business goals, by designing a sustainable business.

To find out further information and to book your place please follow this [link](#).

Save the date – we will be hosting our virtual workshop **'Introduction to Sales & Marketing'** on **Thursday 19th April 4pm – 5pm** via MS Teams.

Further information and booking details to follow.

Both workshops are FREE of charge.

Trainer for both sessions is Kerry Ireland, Business Adviser, EPL

Future EPL Events



FFA Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work

I am happy to confirm we have three dates confirmed now for the above, follow the link to our website below to book your place.

EPL member, Fiona Roberts from FKR Consulting will be running these events for us once again. There is a special discounted rate for EPL members.

It will be a one-day course consisting of practical and theoretical activities. Practical assessment is ongoing by the instructor throughout the day, and a three-year qualification will be issued to those who satisfy the criteria.

Link to [events page](#) on our website for further information and bookings.



New Sponsor & Member Renewals

EPL would like to warmly welcome our newest sponsor and thank those sponsors/members listed below for their continued support, who have recently renewed their subscriptions.

New Sponsor:

- Millitec Food Systems Ltd

Sponsor renewals:

- Saint-Gobain PAM UK

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- Engineering Business Support Ltd
- Juno Telecoms Ltd
- Kimberley Signs Ltd
- Max IT Ltd
- Pollards Engineering Solutions Ltd
- SCG Solicitors
- Skyeworx Ltd
- The Mill Gymnastics Academy Ltd
- Trent College

Making it easier to find each other



We STILL require your main core services to enable an enhanced search facility of your business on our [members directory](#). This means people will be able to find you a lot easier from the tags that you send over.

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase opportunities within our network, we have been improving the Members' Directory on the website to allow more ways of finding businesses, that may be of benefit to you.

So far, we have added an enhanced organic search area and we are also in the process of preparing a services-based tag cloud feature. Our plan is to put this live in the New Year and we need your input to help realise its potential.

What we need from you is between three and five core services, your business can provide. For example: If you are a solicitor you might use 'Employment Law, Wills and Probate, Conveyancing, Planning Law,

Personal Injury'. Try to keep the service terms short, simple, and restricted to letters and numbers, avoiding special characters and punctuation marks.

Please send an email entitled 'Members Directory Services' (along with your company name) containing your chosen service terms to help@erewash-partnership.com

Start-up Support at Erewash Partnership Ltd



If you are thinking of starting a new business venture, we can provide information and advice on every aspect of running a business, including business start-up, survival, virtual office solutions, success and growth.

For more information visit <https://www.erewash-partnership.com/startup>, call 0115 9468839 or email lottie@erewash-partnership.com

Testimonials

EPL are keen to further promote our services and membership offer out to businesses across the region, we would welcome any testimonials from our current members that we could add to our website.

Please email them over to:-
help@erewash-partnership.com

With thanks.

EPL Membership

To find out more about the benefits of becoming a member of Erewash Partnership and what's involved please visit our website <https://www.erewash-partnership.com/business-network/become-a-member/> or give us a call on tel: 0115 9468839 to arrange an appointment to discuss further.



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