



Signage company relocates to Road Three

Bam Nuttall, one of the UK's leading civil engineering companies, has relocated its signage division to Winsford Industrial Estate.

The company moved its Highway Services division for the North West to Road Three in October last year, and has now consolidated its signs plant at the site.

It has invested over £100,000 in turning the empty warehouse into a hub for production, offices and storage.

The signs division has relocated from Waverton, Chester and the Highway Services was previously based at Phoenix House, Winsford.

Services now provided from the Road Three site include highway maintenance, traffic management, safety fencing, street lighting installation and maintenance, sign installation and sign manufacture.

Bam Nuttall Signs offers design, manufacture, supply and installation services throughout the UK of road traffic signs and a range of bespoke signage such as safety, environmental

information, temporary signs, fire safety, vehicle livery, banners, and flags.

General Manager Peter Hindley said: "Winsford Industrial Estate offered us a central location with reliable transport links to the rest of the North West and a plot size large enough to develop and integrate our sign manufacturing branch.

"We have links to a number of existing contracts and clients in the area and being part of the estate offers further opportunities to market our sign capability."

Minsups celebrates 50 years in business

Minsups is celebrating 50 years in business – more than half of which have been spent on Winsford Industrial Estate.

The company, which is based on Road One, manufactures and supplies animal feed throughout the UK and Europe.

"We manufacture and store our products from our Road One base and also distribute the foods from here," said Apryl Biddle, Managing Director.

"Being based on the estate works very well for us, a lot of our staff are local and there is good transport links which is important for when we are distributing goods far and wide.



"We have been here for more than 30 years and the site is still serving us really well as we continue to grow."

Minsups is a family owned company that moved onto Winsford Industrial Estate in 1979.

It employs a sales team of 28, and has 11 people based at its office and factory sites in Road One – the majority of which come from Winsford and Northwich.

"I have been very impressed with the 1-5 group and the way they look after the estate, in particular the security is very good," said Apryl, from Winsford.

Dates for your diary

- Principles of Risk Assessment Course - Wednesday 5th June - 9.30am - 12.30pm
- CIEH Level 2 Environmental Principles and Best Practice Course - Tuesday 2nd July - 9.30am - 4.30pm

These courses are free and provided by the BID for all businesses on the estate.

To book a place on any of the courses please go to: www.winsford1-5.co.uk/p/105/health-and-safety

Spring has arrived at Winsford Industrial Estate. The hundreds of daffodil bulbs planted by the Winsford 1-5 Business Environment Group late last year are now in bloom at the southern entrance providing a sunny welcome to estate visitors.



Your Estate Manager

If you require information or advice about Winsford Industrial Estate, either as a tenant or a company looking to invest, please contact Mike Kelly on 01606 723175 mobile 07773391680 or email mike.kelly@groundwork.org.uk



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For further information about Winsford Industrial Estate and the Business Improvement District contact Groundwork on 01606 723175 or visit www.winsford1-5.co.uk or www.1-5bid2.co.uk



Keeping the local workforce fully skilled



Almost 600 estate employees have received free training since the inception of the Business Improvement District in 2006.

Over the past six years free training has been offered across the estate in various skills, with the most popular courses being health and safety and first aid. Courses have also included manual handling, risk assessment, social media, data protection, employment law and asbestos awareness.

This high uptake shows the value companies on the estate put on training to keep their workforce fully skilled.

Some of these courses have been validated by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health or in the case of first aid by the Health and Safety Executive.

As well as receiving training, some companies on the estate are in the business of providing training, including Rare IT, Lean Ltd, CLIC, Auto Training and Iveco's Training Academy. Other companies have dedicated internal training departments making sure there is a highly skilled workforce to ensure continued competitiveness.

Many companies on the estate are working with Mid Cheshire College to provide apprenticeships, helping young people gain the skills and

experience they need to progress into careers. These apprentices will hopefully provide a supply of expertise for the future.

Estate Manager Mike Kelly said: "It is great to see so many businesses taking advantage of the free support available as part of the Business Improvement District.

"We will continue to provide a variety of training courses and would urge businesses to take the opportunity to give their staff valuable extra skills and abilities.

"We are also proud that Winsford Industrial Estate is providing vital training and opportunities to the wider community."

One area where there is an apparent shortage of skills locally is in tool making.

Mike added: "We are aware there are certain skills in shortage, which long term is unhelpful in supporting business growth.

"Together with the new Winsford E ACT Academy and Mid Cheshire College, we can ensure engineering skills are taught to a high standard and address this gap, keeping Winsford competitive for the future."

Great deals available to employees

If you haven't yet signed up to the estate Employee Incentive Scheme you could be missing out on some great deals.

The scheme, in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council, is now open to all Winsford Industrial Estate employees and businesses with offers and deals at 300 local companies and discounts for some council-run services such as parking and leisure centres.

It's free to join and you can view the latest deals at www.ourcharisma.com.

Offers cover leisure, entertainment, shopping, and food and drink. Currently Winsford Industrial Estate employees can

take advantage of a 20 per cent discount on leisure packages at Brio Leisure, which includes Winsford Lifestyles Centre, Rudheath Leisure Centre and much more.

Visit www.winsford1-5.co.uk and click on Employee Incentive Scheme to register for your card and find out more.

Don't forget the Winsford 1-5 website is a useful resource offering all the latest news, job vacancies, training opportunities and, if your business is looking to expand, details of property to let or buy on the estate.

It's there for you so get clicking and make the most of it!





Welcome to the 1-5 Business Environment Group spring newsletter.

It seems no time since I was wishing you a Merry Christmas. I am pleased that we are experiencing good economic progress among the majority of the 120 companies across the estate after several difficult years. The feedback is that order books are up and enquiries are continuing to exceed

expectations. I realise this optimism does not apply to every company and we shall continue to champion the cause of business across the region.

There are some interesting moves on the estate which I am delighted to share with you. Premier Park is now full. Ion Path is now full with Timstar shortly to join us at number 12. Pineapple Park has AOCC and Storengy as new tenants. Work is underway to expand and develop the Tripak site on Road Three and also Car Transplants are carrying out internal works on their Road Three site.

Larger units within Meridian House have been acquired as One Tek expands its operations. On Wallace Court, Haywood & Jackson have joined the 1-5 family of companies. STM has acquired additional property on Oasis Business Park and Saint Flooring continues to expand.

These investments bode well for the future prosperity of the estate. The 1-5 Group continues to keep a watchful eye on the travelling showman's proposals and there is currently nothing new to report however we must remain vigilant and I will report back to you if any change occurs.

I am pleased that the daffodils have finally appeared at the estate's southern entrance after the harsh winter. We are planning to establish a bench on the corner of Road Two now that the phone box is removed and we have arranged for all the street signs to be power washed.

The executive board is investigating the possibility of installing radar activated speed warning signs as manufactured on the estate by TWM of Oasis Business Park.

Security remains our major focus and our collective actions, investments and support from the police does help to maintain the very low incident levels over the past 12 months.

Finally can I congratulate the hundreds of successful candidates from the estate who have passed nationally recognised examinations across a range of subjects supported and funded by the BID.

If I can help at any time or if you have any queries please contact me on pete@office-essentials.co.uk

Pete Price Chair of the Winsford 1-5 Business Environment Group

Logistics company opens first northern base at estate

National logistics company Howard Tenens is expanding its footprint into the north with a new base at Winsford Industrial Estate.

The company has acquired the lease of a 177,000 sq ft warehouse on Road One that will provide warehouse and distribution solutions.

The move to the estate follows the signing of another new client to the company's already impressive portfolio.

The site will accommodate up to 40 truck movements a day.

General Manager (North) Colin Pemberton said: "The estate provides us with the right size facility with fantastic transport links, which is important for a logistics business such as ours."

Howard Tenens is one of the largest family-owned logistics companies in the UK, providing warehousing, distribution, logistics and haulage services.

The company offers advanced IT solutions, environmentally friendlier dual fuel vehicles run on gas and diesel and a true partnership approach to business. It operates around 4m sq ft of warehousing space across the UK with 15 depots and is headquartered in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Estate Manager Mike Kelly: "We are very pleased that Howard Tenens has chosen Winsford as the location for their first northern base. It shows what an attractive proposition the estate is for businesses."

"With our transport links, security features and the support of the BID, it is the ideal place for companies to grow."



Low crime – but we must stay vigilant

The Easter Bank Holiday passed without incident on the estate thanks to security patrols from Alpha Omega and the police.

However, there have since been a couple of thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles on Road Three and Pineapple Park.

Overall crime remains at an all-time low on the estate thanks to a range of security measures, but businesses must remain vigilant.

There is CCTV coverage of all traffic entering and leaving the estate via Road One and the foot bridge at Road Two, and the rapid text service, property marking kits and signage are also available for all businesses.

Estate Manager Mike Kelly said: "Despite these two unfortunate incidents, crime on the estate is at an all-time low."

"If we all stay vigilant and utilise the measures we have in place we can ensure crime is minimised on our estate."

For more information contact Estate Manager Mike Kelly on 07773 391680.

To report suspicious activity via the rapid text service call 01606 866826.

To join this free service, provided by Office Link based in Meridian House, please email mobile numbers to mike.kelly@groundwork.org.uk



Tripak celebrates 20 years of business with expansion

Celebrating 20 years of business in April 2013, Tripak Services Ltd has continued to secure its strong future on the estate with the purchase of its Road Three base, a significant move that will help the company to expand its operations.

The contract packaging business has recently purchased the site from Cheshire West and Chester Estates and is now planning to construct a new 1,050 sq metre warehouse which will enable the company to store all its raw materials on one site and allow for the restructure of its production facilities.

The steady growth of Tripak began on Road Two in April 1993, when it employed six staff. In September 1999, having outgrown the Road Two site, Tripak moved to larger premises on Road Three, allowing the company to grow to its current size employing more than 30 staff.

Tripak provides manufacturing and packaging services for the toiletry, perfumery and pet care industry across the UK and the Middle East.

Over the past few years the company has rented additional warehouse space from neighbouring businesses, but the purpose built facility will bring everything together on one site.

David Orme, Managing Director, said: "Recent growth in our export business has enabled the company to make the financial commitment to purchase the building from Cheshire West and Chester Estates.

"During negotiations, CWAC could see that we wanted to invest in our future on this estate, which can only be good for the local economy."

"This is a significant step for us, and the start of a 10-year plan to further expand our operations."

The new building will allow Tripak to split its production and warehousing, which is currently under one roof. This re-structure will have a huge impact on the company's ability to produce goods more efficiently.

David added: "Much of our success is down to the support and hard work of our staff."



Tripak employees.

GDN merges Manchester manufacturing

A business which has been based at the estate for 45 years has now relocated production facilities from Manchester, further strengthening its future in Winsford.

Vacuum pump manufacturer Gardner Denver Nash UK, on Road One, has integrated its former Manchester centrifugal blower manufacturing facility into its existing base on the estate which produces liquid ring pumps.

The Manchester site was restricted in size and the building was no longer suitable for manufacturing.

The business and staff were transferred in November 2012 after a month-long re-organisation of the Winsford facility to accommodate the move.

Gardner Denver Nash UK, part of Gardner Denver Inc, has been located at Winsford Industrial Estate since 1968 and employs 17 people, 11 of which have been with the company for 30 years.

Mark Roughsedge, Area Sales Manager with Gardner Denver Nash UK, said: "Winsford offered

a better facility for our centrifugal blower manufacturing. We have been based here for more than four decades and we know it is a great place from which to do business."

"We are pleased to be able to invest in our future at Winsford."

The Winsford facility supplies products across the globe, from Ireland, Scandinavia and Iceland to the Middle East and India. It recently supplied the first bio fuel plant in Finland where oil for burning in district heating has been created from farming pine needles.

Orders from the Winsford site range from just a few hundred pounds to a £2.6m order last year for floating off shore platform gas pumps to be installed in Brazil.

Nash vacuum pumps are used in diverse industries including power generation, chemical, mining, marine, paper, food, and oil and gas markets.

The centrifugal blowers are commonly used in waste water plants, mining ore floatation cells and central vacuum cleaning systems. The liquid ring pumps were invented by Nash in 1905.



Left Mark Roughsedge with some of the employees involved in the move.