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Welcome to the seventh edition of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Business E-Newsletter.



The first two months of 2022 have proved to be a positive start to the year, with exciting advancements in the priority projects outlined in Newark's Town Improvement Plan.

The future dreams of Newark's younger generation took another step forward as the planning application for the permanent home of the International Air and Space Training Institute (IASTI) was approved. This new state-of-the-art institute is expected to open in September 2023 and will be run in partnership with local education providers from Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Once completed, it will focus on further and higher education in engineering, plus additional specialism in cyber, avionics and robotics, and communications.

Students at the temporary IASTI site are already experiencing some of the most thrilling technical training and development opportunities in the UK, including flight training in a specialised aircraft simulator, pictured above.

Meanwhile, planning permission to preserve, enhance and redevelop 32 Stodman Street, the former Marks & Spencer site, has been granted by Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee. The redevelopment will create new retail units and 29 new dwellings whilst retaining the building's art deco façade. Construction is set to begin in April 2022.

Alongside these initiatives is the announcement of a planned International Logistics Conference in March and the commencement of research to inform the district's Evening Economy Strategy. More information on these projects can be found below.

Our business e-newsletters are moving across to our new exciting platform soon. We will bring you more information and what this means in due course. Your continued support for the newsletter is hugely appreciated. If you would like to contribute your own business story for a future issue, please get in touch with Economic.Growth@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

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Over 50 businesses supported by the Business Resilience and Growth Programme



Councillor David Lloyd, Leader of Newark and Sherwood District Council, congratulates Newark Copper Cylinders: From left to right, Councillor David Lloyd, Andrew Smith (Works Managing Director) and Mark Smith, (Company Managing Director)

Newark and Sherwood District Council's £300,000 Business Growth and Resilience Programme has offered local businesses in four key sectors support and guidance from professional industry experts to help as the district recovers from the impact of the pandemic.

The scheme has provided participants with a 12-16 week programme of tailored workshops, 1-2-1 mentoring, business model reviews, training opportunities, and more. Businesses who complete the programme could also be eligible to apply for a discretionary grant of up to £5,000. This grant can be spent in any way they see fit to boost recovery and growth.

Advice and guidance from these specialists have helped local businesses adapt and develop plans, identify new markets, modify working methods and establish new supply chains. So far, over 50 businesses have been supported, including Newark Copper Cylinders (pictured above). Remaining spaces are quickly filling up. However, applications are still being accepted in Manufacturing & Construction, Health & Social Care and Accommodation.

For more details about this fantastic opportunity and guidance on applying, please see the [NSDC website](#).



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Prize Winning Apprentices at Midlands Machinery Show



Left: Luke, Right: Stella, pictures by photographer Richard Johnson of [Rj Photographics](#)

In January, the Midlands Machinery Show's Apprenticeship Award saw six students accept a cheque for £250, the first in a two-year instalment totalling £500. The award recognises these young agricultural engineers for their dedication and achievements in their careers. Two of these winners are Luke and Stella, local students whose stores can be found below.

Luke, who works at Russells, Newark, said, "Growing up on a farm with my Grandad, I enjoyed helping repair machinery and driving the tractor. My proudest moment so far would be the last harvest when one of our customers snapped the front axle on his combine. It was estimated the job would take about ten days but my mentor and I ended up doing it in under half that, allowing the customer to get back to harvest without too much disruption."

Stella, who works at Farol as a John Deere apprentice, said, "During school I developed an interest in metal work and design and took a particular interest in removing and installing components." Having worked at John Deere in both Australia and the UK, Stella enjoys being given the independence to carry out jobs by herself. "I would like to inspire more women to take on this career. I would also love to own my own farm and develop a career in farming."



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This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund.



Business Premises

Rent Free Business Unit for a Young Entrepreneur



Flexspace is a national landlord offering commercial units for a wide range of uses. They are currently seeking to help a young entrepreneur launch their business idea by offering one unit - rent free - for up to 12 months. With locations available in either Newark or Boughton, this offer will provide one young person with the vital support needed to get started in business.

This opportunity is aimed at college, school or university leavers. To find out more, or to discuss the offer in more detail, please contact sales@flexspace.co.uk.

Beacon Hill offices



Newark Beacon provides the ideal workspace for businesses, offering flexible, professional premises with a range of business support services. The serviced offices and workshops are available with as little as one month's notice.

The on-site meeting and conference rooms are ideal for client appointments and presentations, and there's a warm, welcoming reception team to greet guests. As well as offices, the centre provides virtual offices for those not yet ready for office space.

The centre encourages the development of startups, entrepreneurial and high-growth businesses.

You can find more information on the Newark Beacon website. Alternatively, you can call 01636 653100, or email hello@newark-beacon.co.uk.

Evening and Night Time Economy Strategy



The NSDC Economic Growth team are now working with Night Time Economy Solutions to research and develop an Evening and Night time Economy Strategy for Newark and Sherwood. This strategy will focus on creating a more vibrant, safe and inclusive evening offer in Newark, Southwell, Edwinstowe and Ollerton.

The strategy will cater towards the specialities of each location, with examples of what the strategy will consider, including:

- Late night shopping and markets
- Promotion of heritage assets through late museum openings and night-time tours
- Early evening entertainment and cultural aspects such as the theatre, cinema and art galleries
- Cafés, pubs, restaurants and bars
- Street performances and outdoor evening events during the summer which make greater use of open spaces and longer periods of daylight
- Festive events during the winter
- Leisure activities such as sports centres, libraries, bowling alleys and activity centres
- Improving available facilities and transport

Research to inform this strategy is underway, with two more online stakeholder workshops planned for 15th March and 12th April. In addition, 1-2-1 meetings are also available. A [public survey](#) has also been created.

If you would like to get involved, please contact will.parkinson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk to express your interest.



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Venue **Everyday Champions
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Financial Support

Coalfields Recovery and Resilience Fund



Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CPT) is offering grants of up to £10,000 to organisations delivering services that address local needs in coalfield communities.

Eligible activities and services must take place in the wards of Ollerton, Edwinstowe & Clipstone, Bilsthorpe, and Rainworth North & Rufford.

The application deadline is 18 March 2022 at 5pm. You can find more information on the [CPT website](#).

Additional restrictions Grant



The government has provided Newark and Sherwood District Council with limited funds of £205,187 for businesses impacted by Omicron.

Payment will come on a first come, first serve basis, with applications closing on 18 March 2022.

To learn more about the criteria for this grant and to apply, please go to the Additional Restrictions Grant section of our [advice for businesses](#) page.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant



In December 2021, the government announced further Business Support one-off grants for hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses.

The scheme will close for applications on 18 March 2022.

To apply to this scheme please [complete our online form](#).



Invest to Grow



The University of Derby's Invest to Grow programme provides grants and loans of between £15,000 and £250,000 to private-sector businesses across the East Midlands to innovate, grow and create jobs that can be sustained for a minimum of three years.

For more information on eligibility and to apply, visit the [University of Derby](#) web page.

NBV Enterprise Grants



Grant for Enterprise supports the growth or development of existing micro, small and medium-sized businesses based in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Greater Lincolnshire.

To discover more visit the [NBV Enterprise Grant](#) web page.

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To find out more please see the [Grant Finder website](#).

D2N2 Investment Fund



D2N2 are offering to support growing businesses by funding up to 30% of a total project cost. The minimum grant available is £3,000 and the maximum grant is £30,000.

If you are interested in applying please speak to one the D2N2 Business Advisers about your project. Further details can be found on the [D2N2 website](#).



Training, Guidance and Recruitment

Partnerships for IT Recruitment



As part of the Government’s Digital Bootcamps, Inspire are looking to work with local IT businesses to help them recruit freshly qualified new employees in either Coding or User Experience & User Interface.

Complete Inspire’s [online form](#) to register your interest

Inspire Learning Support



Inspire are offering free staff development in Science, Technology (including IT), Engineering and Maths. The training can be accredited or non-accredited and tailored to your need.

Complete Inspire’s [online form](#) to register your interest. Eligibility for specific programmes depends on the size of your business.

GOV.UK



Search the [gov.uk business support page](#) for free government business support, from guidance on statutory rights and Brexit, to [T-Level incentives](#), [coronavirus support](#) and [Skills Boot Camps](#), including HGV driver training.

If your business operates overseas you may also be interested in the [Export Support Team webpage](#) and the [Brexit Checker tool](#).

D2N2 Growth Hub



Supporting economic growth across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, D2N2 is one of the largest Local Enterprise Partnerships in the country.

For free, impartial business support advice, and to access a tailored Funding Tracker, visit the [D2N2 growth hub's website](#) or phone 0333 006 9178.



2022 Business Support Programme



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After a successful 2021 initiative, Newark and Sherwood District Council are supporting local businesses with a second round of the Business Support Programme.

This 16-week course is designed for business owners within Newark and Sherwood in their first three years of trading. It will provide the knowledge and support you need to ensure your business has firm foundations and is ready to move to the next level.

Your business will receive:

- 24 hours in total of direct support from 2 experienced Business Doctors
- Peer support
- Weekly actions to move your business forward
- Expert guest speakers bringing key insights

Places are limited to 12. For further information or to book a place, please contact Michael Hardy at michael.hardy@businessdoctors.co.uk or by mobile on 07770 346384.

Small Business Charter: Help to Grow: Digital



The Government's Help to Grow: Digital scheme – designed to support smaller businesses in adopting digital technologies – launched in January 2022.

Under the scheme, eligible businesses can receive discounts of up to £5,000 off the retail price of approved Digital Accounting and CRM software. This software will help manage finances and build customer relationships, enabling more businesses to scale up. Businesses can also access support and advice on choosing the right digital technologies to boost their growth and productivity through [a new online platform](#).

For information on eligibility criteria, please visit the [Gov.uk](#) web page.

Similarly, details of the Government's **Help to Grow: Management** programme - offering business leaders management and leadership training - can be found on the [SBC website](#).



Dates for Your Diary

Innovation and Nimble Thinking Procurement Event, Everyday Champions Centre

14th April 2022

Nottinghamshire County Show, Newark Showground

14th May 2022

Newark Business Awards, Newark Showground

10th June 2022

Economic Growth Conference, Southwell Racecourse and Golf Club

14th October 2022

Future First Expo 2022, Newark Showground

22nd November

Online versions of these newsletters can now be found on the new [Business Newsletter](#) page on the Invest Newark & Sherwood site

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