

New software to help train Gadbrook Park BID employees

A new piece of software has been rolled out across Gadbrook Park BID which is helping businesses and their employees to learn new skills and develop their current ones.

MicroLearn provides cutting edge e-learning resources for companies across a range of different industries with training provided in a range of different formats including animated videos, case studies, infographics, workbooks and fact sheets to name but a few.

The extensive MicroLearn library is split into two different sections with a range of topics falling under each one.

Compliance Titles comprise Equality & Diversity, Health & Safety, Social & Corporate Responsibility, Data Protection, Food Safety & Hygiene, Safeguarding and Finance with numerous courses under each heading, while Soft Skills Titles cover a broader range of genres.



This area covers Workplace Wellbeing, Teamwork, Personal Development, Communication & Social Skills, Literacy Skills, Career Development, Change Management, Management & Leadership and Customer Service.

All courses are designed to help employees gain new skills which could benefit them and their company on a day-to-day basis.

The programme went live at the beginning of November so if you would like to take advantage of the free training library please email Stephanie.Lease@groundwork.org.uk and you will receive an information pack as well as details of how to log on and administer the training for your company.

Boobee bus rolls in to help raise awareness of breast cancer

Gadbrook Park BID was alive with activity on Friday 18th October when Prevent Breast Cancer's 'BooBee' bus rolled onto the business park to help raise awareness of breast cancer.

On board the bus, visitors could speak to volunteers who had been personally affected by the disease and learn about the risks that breast cancer poses.

Many employees turned out to support the event and some even dressed in pink as part of a competition which aimed to have a bit of fun despite the serious nature of the topic.

Congratulations must go to Becca and Natasha



from Principia Law who won 'Best in Pink' – they donated their £100 winnings to The Christie NHS Foundation.

Gadbrook Park BID would also like to thank Roberts Bakery and Arabica Caffe who helped to support the event.

Butcher & Barlow recommended as a leading firm by The Legal 500

It's great news for Butcher & Barlow solicitors who have been recommended as a Leading Firm by The Legal 500 for the third consecutive year running.

The Firm has been recommended for the legal services they provide in the North West in seven distinct practice areas. They also have 18 individual solicitors specifically recommended with two of those, named Mike Bracegirdle and Zoë Paton-Crockett, receiving the highest accolades of Leading Lawyer and Next Generation Partner respectively.

The Legal 500 is a guide aimed at buyers of legal services providing up-to-date information on law firms and Solicitors from across the UK.

Published annually, the guide highlights law firms' and individuals' achievements over the past 12 months. Firms and individuals are included purely on merit after a meticulous research process. This year sees an improvement in the rankings in five service areas for Butcher & Barlow, and an entry in to the listings for one service area.



The Firm has risen to the top tier in Agriculture and Estates, an outstanding achievement for Partner Mike Bracegirdle and his team.

A rise in tier was also achieved by Commercial Property, headed up by Zoë Paton-Crockett, Private Client – Personal Tax, Trusts and Probate, Clinical Negligence and Property Litigation.

The Corporate and Commercial and Commercial Litigation teams maintained their 3rd tier ranking and Contentious Trusts and Probate ranked for the first time.

Congratulations to the whole team at Butcher & Barlow!

Make use of the Gadbrook Park BID website

Don't forget that as a business you can take advantage of the Gadbrook Park BID website and everything it has to offer.

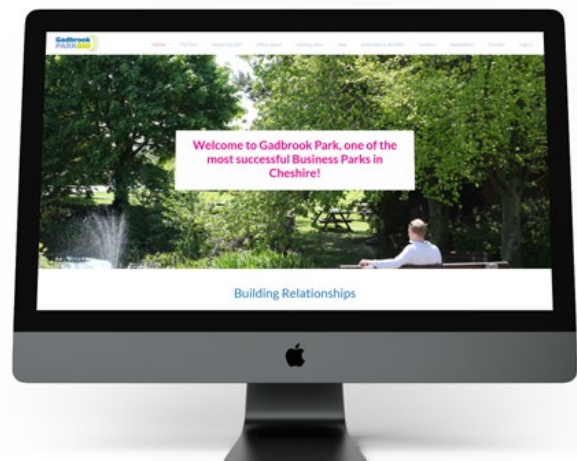
On the site you can read all of the weekly news bulletins that have been published and you can also raise awareness of offers or incentives that you're running.

All you have to do is forward your news and information to the Gadbrook Park BID team and they will then organise for this to be uploaded to the website under the 'Amenities and Benefits' section.

Remember that you can use the site via your own personal login details to advertise any job vacancies your organisation might have too. This page is one of the most visited on the whole site so it is definitely worth utilising if you need to fill a position.

By visiting the site regularly you can also keep up-to-date with upcoming training courses and read minutes from monthly meetings so you can stay on top of the latest developments that are happening on Gadbrook Park.

Visit the website today: gadbrookparkbid.co.uk



Christmas spirit coming to Gadbrook Park BID

Do you want to attend an event that's guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit in the run up to Christmas?

Then put Thursday 12th December in your diary because that's when Gadbrook Park BID will host this year's Christmas Carol event.

Taking place between 12pm-1pm, The County High School Leftwich brass band will be in attendance playing favourite Christmas carols with the children from the Chrysalis Day Nursery, and Father Christmas will also be making an appearance from around 12:30pm.



To ensure some yuletide cheer, attendees will be able to enjoy some free mulled wine and mince pies and if you come along you will also be given a free raffle ticket to be entered into a draw for the chance to win a £100 high street voucher.

So make sure Thursday 12th December is in your diary and you're in the mood for a sing-along because you could win some money that you can put towards a Christmas present or two!

Date set for Gadbrook Park BID AGM

The date has now been set for the next Gadbrook Park BID AGM which will take place at 12pm on Thursday 23rd January at Little Treats, Roberts Bakery.

If you wish to be considered to become a board member in the first instance please e-mail Stephanie Leese on Stephanie.Leese@groundwork.org.uk and the board will then be voted in at the AGM.

Please note that nominations are required by Monday 13th January 2020.

The AGM will provide businesses and stakeholders with the opportunity to learn about the projects and initiatives that have been delivered over the past year as well as learning about what is set to take place over the next 12 months.

This is a great chance to learn more about the BID's aims and objectives and understand what we're trying to achieve on Gadbrook Park BID moving forward.



Teams to get the chance to test their knowledge

Businesses from Gadbrook Park BID are going to get the chance to showcase their general knowledge skills next year when the annual Quiz Night returns.

It will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club from 5:45pm, so if you would like to register a team please email Stephanie.Leese@groundwork.org.uk.

The evening will be packed full of fun, drinks, good food and, of course, some healthy competition.

The main meal will consist of Lasagne, Garlic Bread and a dessert and if you require a vegetarian or vegan option please notify Steff via email.

Those taking part will have to show extensive general knowledge, a mastery of songs and theme tunes and also skills when it comes to knowing their stuff about celebrities, TV shows and current events.

Make sure you email Stephanie now before places get booked up!





An update from the Business Park Manager

Hi all,

The time has come for me to let you know that after two years of working on Gadbrook Park, I am moving on to work for the Insolvency Service Criminal Enforcement Team as an investigator.

The role will see me investigating alleged criminality by a bankrupt company, or potentially relating to the affairs of a limited company.

We will conduct a criminal investigation by gathering evidence, taking witness statements and interviewing suspects under caution. On completion of the criminal investigation, a lawyer will decide if there is sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction against each proposed defendant and whether it is in the public interest to bring a prosecution against them. This delivers economic confidence to the business community.

During my time as the Business Park Manager at Gadbrook Park BID I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the different businesses and believe that as a collective community, we have worked hard to ensure that the park continues to prosper.

I will finish in this role on Friday 29th November and I wish each and every business on the park a prosperous and successful future.

Yours Sincerely,

David Snasdell, Business Park Manager

Upcoming training courses on Gadbrook Park

To help upskill, educate and train employees of Gadbrook Park BID businesses, the Gadbrook Park BID hosts a number of FREE training courses, workshops and seminars throughout the year.

For a list of training courses and workshops running until May 2020, please see below.

- **Leadership Skills and Management Training**
Monday 13th January 2020
- **Emergency First Aid in the Workplace (1 Day)**
Tuesday 11th February 2020
- **Level 2 Award in Health & Safety**
Thursday 26th March 2020
- **Principles of Manual Handling**
Thursday 9th April 2020
- **Emergency First Aid in the Workplace (1 Day)**
Monday 11th May 2020
- **Leadership Skills and Management Training**
Thursday 14th May 2020

Please note that in 2020 Gadbrook Park BID will be offering Mental Health First Aid courses – dates and information relating to these courses will be announced in due course.

If you would like to book onto any of these courses, please email Stephanie.Leese@groundwork.org.uk.

