

OUR COMMUNITY PARK MAGAZINE

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Introducing

LORI HENEBURY

Marketing, Community &
Business Development Manager

Welcome to your Autumn
2021 edition of 'Our
Community' magazine.

It is with great excitement and pride that I introduce myself as the new Marketing, Community, and Business Development Manager here at Birmingham Business Park. When I started this role in May I very quickly realised BBP is a unique place to work when I got introduced to the Park's residential peacock who I was told is called Phil!

Since then, it has been a joy to see a gradual increase in people around the Park. I've seen teams enjoying picnics on the grass, table tennis in the sun, sausage rolls on the deck-chairs, and races down the Woodland Walk.

Again, Birmingham Business Park truly is a unique place to work.

Thanks to those that turned up for the big screen event we held in September despite the English rain! It is so lovely to see more events back at the Park. Keep your eyes peeled for more over the next couple of months as the festive season kicks in.

In this edition, we celebrate and elevate success stories from individuals and businesses from around the Park. Whether that be a work anniversary, a charity fundraiser, a work initiative, or the growth of a very big pumpkin in the allotments.

Community has never been so important as it is today which is why we continue to bring everyone in a little closer as we reach the colder months. It's important to know that you're not alone. Be sure to download the BBP app to find out about clubs, events, and wellbeing sessions you can take part in.

I'd love to hear from you! If you've got a story you'd like to tell, or a club you'd like to set up, feel free to email me at l@birminghambusinesspark.co.uk for a chat.

I am looking forward to meeting you all over the next couple of months and hearing your stories!

See you around!



VISITORS ENJOY SITCOMS ON THE BIG SCREEN AT ANNUAL DAY OUT

BBP comes alive for comedy fundraiser

Birmingham Business Park's Main Lake provided the backdrop to a day of comedy classics during this year's big-screen event in aid of charity.

Park occupiers were asked to vote for their favourite British TV sitcoms and the winning programmes were shown on the big screen on Thursday, September 9th.

A farmers' market offered arts & crafts gifts and fresh produce, while Age UK ran a tombola and raffle with Resorts World donating an overnight stay at the Genting Hotel for the raffle.

Transport for West Midlands and Solihull Council promoted public transport, active travel and cycling with information stands, while HS2 hosted a drop-in session to help answer queries about the rail project.

Dr Bike also offered free maintenance checks and tested out the Park's new e-bikes.

Hotel Ibis Styles Birmingham NEC and Birmingham Airport gave away free popcorn and the Park's popular food carts – Good Food Cartel, Return of Mister V and the Coffee Bike – were also in attendance.

Lori Henebury, BBP Marketing, Community & Business Development Manager, said: "It was great to see Park occupiers enjoying the outdoors – and a morning of lovely autumn weather – to have a bite to eat with colleagues on the deckchairs or to find out more about local transport projects and cycling.

"We're so pleased the event was able to support Age UK Solihull in the brilliant work they do in the local community."



Chiropractic & Natural Wellbeing is a new wellness practice based at the Park UBC Offices, offering a range of treatments which include chiropractic, reflexology, reiki, cranial balancing, massage and more. For information visit www.cnwb.co.uk



Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Transport for West Midlands offered information about active travel and cycling



Mister V burgers and tacos from Good Food Cartel



New Arrival

COFFEE BIKE FOR DRINKS TO GO


Look out for the Birmingham Business Park Coffee Bike, which will be on site every Thursday between 8.30am-3pm near the Main Lake.

The bike will be serving all the classic coffees made with Caferino coffee beans, which hold organic certification and consist of 100% premium Arabica beans.

You'll also be able to use the Coffee Bike at special events. Details will be shared through our events pages at the Birmingham Business Park website and app.

YOUR COMPANY CAN HELP FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH FOOD POVERTY

How local food charity is transforming lives

 Birmingham Business Park is supporting a food bank with a difference which has been created by an innovative charity with the help of an award-winning chef.

And the partnership should have all the right ingredients for success, thanks to the Park's community allotments.

Each of the companies which has adopted one of the vegetable plots, which can be found at the wild meadow between Knights Court and Bishops Court, has offered to donate its produce to the scheme, which is run by a charity called Around Again.

The Park is also inviting businesses to donate furniture to help families in need.

Three years ago Around Again set up a social supermarket in Chelmsley Wood to support people in the area struggling with food poverty.



Tom Shepherd

As well as helping with basic needs such as food, clothing and furniture, Around Again wanted to improve people's all round health and well-being.

So instead of just handing out traditional food parcels it decided to do something different.

It launched a project to provide people with all the ingredients, equipment and tuition they needed to cook nutritious meals and learn lifelong cookery skills.

Families and individuals were given a slow cooker and a starter pack, featuring store cupboard items and utensils, and five weeks' worth of recipes.

The dishes were put together by Tom Shepherd, who was head chef at Michelin-starred Birmingham restaurant Adams before opening his own venue called 'Upstairs' in Lichfield.

As well as recipe cards Tom created tutorials on YouTube to help people recreate the delicious recipes, which include Moroccan lamb and sausage goulash and vegetarian options.

"Tom has a passion for showing people that good nutritious food can be prepared and cooked by everyone and is more economical than any fast food," explains Gemma Ashington, who is Community Projects Manager at the Colebridge Trust, which manages Around Again.

"This meets all the aims at the heart of Around Again. The feedback from families



JOIN THE PARK ALLOTMENT CLUB

Get your gardening gloves on for the BBP Allotment Club on the first Thursday of every month.

It's a great opportunity to bring colleagues together and support the local community (see left).

One company that has taken an allotment plot is Corporate Solutions Logistics.

April Bradley from CSL said: "We have a rota of people who want to be involved and take it in turns to water, most of the time in the morning or after 5pm.

"It's a nice activity away from the office to get some fresh air. It's so satisfying growing your own and then nice to share out the produce."

Email lori@birminghambusinesspark.co.uk (pictured) to register your interest in the BBP Allotment club or an allotment plot for your business.



has been amazing. People have been delighted with the results.

"Parents have been cooking with their children and many have shared their meals through photos.

"At the end of the project people had learnt to be more resourceful, make tasty meals with cheaper produce and were also be able to batch cook, which not only saved money but enabled them to reduce food waste."

Visit www.colebridge.org/around-again or call 0121 448 0720.


The Around Again shop and Colebridge Trust are based at Junction, 100 Chapelhouse Road, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5HA.

■ Please drop food donations, carrier bags, old mobile phones or digital devices to the Park Management Office and we will ensure they're made use of!



Cutting the ribbon: Frédéric Gardès, Chairman and CEO of Colas SA and Amelia Irion, Colas Group HR Director

A Warm welcome to the Colas HQ team

 Colas Ltd has relocated its headquarters from Sussex to Birmingham Business Park.

The new offices were officially opened in August by Frédéric Gardès, Chairman and CEO of Colas SA, and Olivier Roussat, CEO of Bouygues SA. They were joined on their visit to the new UK headquarters in Birmingham by Amelia Irion, the newly-appointed Colas Group HR Director.

Carl Fergusson, CEO Colas Ltd, said: "I am delighted to have welcomed Frédéric Gardès, Amelia Irion and Olivier Roussat to the UK to open our new headquarters. The new location puts us in the heart of the UK, closer to more of our regional business activities and clients, and offers us the facilities and connectivity we need to support our ambitious future growth plans which we were pleased to share with our visitors."

The Colas Ltd Executive Board took the decision in early 2021 to relocate the corporate headquarters to Birmingham as part of its long-term strategic growth plans and post-pandemic property review.

Award-winning Colas delivers sustainable solutions for the UK's transport infrastructure. The new HQ is located at Bishops Court, Birmingham Business Park, and offers improved connectivity as well as the flexible modern business facilities required to support the company's growth plans.



Carl Fergusson, CEO Colas Ltd and Olivier Roussat, CEO of Bouygues SA



TOP AWARD FOR SULZER STAR DANIEL

Sulzer apprentice Daniel Dunkley has been awarded the MAKE UK Future Maker Apprentice Award for July.

He was nominated by his tutor Mike Dimmack, who felt that during the Lean Manufacturing module of his course, Daniel showed great application, aptitude and attitude towards the application of Business Improvement techniques at Sulzer, with good quality work submitted early and to a great standard.

MAKE UK – The Manufacturers' Organisation – champions UK manufacturing through awards, business services, apprenticeships and events.

RIVUS TAKES NEW SPACE AT KINGS COURT

Fleet management company, Rivus, formerly BT Fleet, has taken 11,701 sq ft at 2620 Kings Court on Birmingham Business Park. This letting represents the largest transaction of Q3 2021, according to office agents KWB.

In 2019, BT sold its fleet management arm, BT Fleet – responsible for over 80,000 vehicles – to Aurelius Group. The now renamed business, Rivus, handles the requirements of BT as well as a variety of other customers, including Highways England.

Rivus chose to stay in the area because they like the location and its proximity to local motorway networks.

BBP TENANTS THANK DAVE

I always look forward to 'Dependable Dave' coming on site. Thanks for always having a smile and being so helpful and for keeping Andy in check! Only joking, Andy. Many congratulations on your 45th Work anniversary from all at Vanderlande.

**Caron Brown, Office Manager,
Vanderlande**

We all adore Dave here at Minebea! Dave is always helpful, friendly and is always very adaptive to changing needs here in our office. He always has a smile on his face and will go the extra mile to help out!

**Lara Emmerson-Hicks, Financial
Controller & HR manager,
Minebea**

Always has a smile on his face and a tale or two to tell! Dave is a joy to work with and his knowledge about the various properties on the Park is invaluable – we're lucky to have him on the team!

**Jo Richmond, Associate,
Workman**

When I started as an engineer working on the Park Dave's knowledge was invaluable and helped me ease my way into the job. It's been a pleasure working with Dave over the last five years. Congratulations on 45 years at Honeywell.

**Andy Picton, Senior Field Service
Engineer, Honeywell**

45 years is an amazing achievement by any standard. David is an amazing engineer and an inspiration to his colleagues. Honeywell pride ourselves on great service for our customers and David leads from the front in achieving this. He continues to maintain a superb service and nothing is ever too much trouble. We wish him all the very best on his anniversary and a big thank you from Honeywell for all of his hard work and dedication throughout his career.

**Phil Didcote, Field Service Leader
UK South West, Honeywell**

Dave is lovely to work with, nothing is ever too much trouble and he also loves a cake!

**Emma Stanworth, Executive
Assistant to Bob Carnell, John
Burton and Dean Holyroyd,
ABP Beef**



This October we celebrate Senior Field Service Engineer, David Harrison's, 45th work anniversary with Honeywell.

Dave, as we call him, has worked 19 years of his career here at Birmingham Business Park.

I sat down with Dave over a cup of tea to find out more about his time working here.

Always smart to work each morning, Dave informs me 'looking the part' plays a big role at Honeywell.

"I remember my first day with the company, back in 1976, it was in Erdington, and I thought I had joined a holiday camp because I had to wear a smart jacket and tie – that was the first time I had to wear something so formal to work," he recalls.

I ask him how the Park has changed over the years and he tells me about the expansion of buildings and plots, "it's a lot bigger now than it was back in 2002, it's come along a lot since I first started," he says.

"It's always been well-kept and impressive when people see it for the first time."

Working here for a such a long period of time, Dave adds how he has seen a lot of staff come and go, but has met 'some wonderful people'.

He tells me his favourite thing about the job is the people. He smiles when he says "you can have a laugh and a joke with the people here," which is evident by the laughter echoing off the BBP Management Office walls from the endless tales Dave has to tell.

"Working here, it keeps me going. The cups of tea help too," he adds, as he takes another sip from his cup.

"When I visit some of the businesses on the Park the first thing they say to me is 'Hi, Dave, is it white, two sugars?' It's nice because they look after me and I like to repay that favour and look after them."

Outside of work, sport plays a huge part in Dave's weekly routine. When he's not at work he's President of Drayton Park Golf Club, which he attends several times a week. "I'm very keen on golf, but also cricket, tennis, badminton, squash – all sorts of ball sports.

"Just don't ask me to swim, because I'll sink like a brick!" he jokes.

'Heaven' is the word Dave uses to describe spending time with his grandchildren and his face lights up as he talks about his grandsons Albie, four, and Ronnie, seven.

"I get a lot out of being with them," he says.

"They keep me feeling young – it was only the other day we were laughing for 15 minutes straight over nothing, absolutely nothing – being silly and laughing, that's just what we do."

Dave mentions his friends at the golf club who are enjoying their retirement but for him, he enjoys working at BBP too much to even consider it yet. "If I didn't enjoy this job so

Lori Henebury catches up with 'dependable Dave' Harrison who is celebrating 45 years with Honeywell, the contractors who undertake mechanical and electrical works for Birmingham Business Park

'Working here, it keeps me going. The cups of tea help too!'

much, I would've retired by now," he says.

"Retirement for me is when I can't do anything but as long as I'm fit enough to keep walking around the Park, I don't plan or want to retire any time soon."

Erica Spink, Park Manager, Birmingham Business Park, says: "Dave is a true gent, and a really valued member of our BBP team. I have worked with Dave for over 14 years, and he always goes above and beyond.

"He keeps us all entertained with his stories and his great sense of humour. Congratulations, Dave on 45 years with Honeywell, what a fantastic achievement."



TAKE A WOODLAND WALK FOR SPRING OR AUTUMN COLOUR

Visiting the BBP Woodland Walk can be a pleasant experience at any time of year.

If you're lucky enough to take a stroll through the woodland area between February and April you'll see an abundance of flowering bulbs.

Since 2010 a total of 26,000 daffodils and bluebells have been planted in drifts to stimulate the bulbs' naturally occurring spread along the walkway. The bulbs have been planted by hand to avoid damaging the stately oak trees and took a total of 640 hours to plant!

The Woodland Walk is managed to promote natural flowers and in recent years this has been supported by planting foxgloves, oxeye daisies and cowslips.

Annually, flower seed mix is sewn near the edge of the walk (near the gate and main road) to give a blaze of colour and seasonal interest.

A careful balance of plant life is maintained to promote habitats and food sources, while the grass and natural meadow flowers are cut to the ground in late autumn.



WHY SUSTAINABILITY WILL MAKE THE FUTURE BRIGHTER

Honeywell talk about the importance of the environment and what technology can do to help.

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day marks a milestone in the environmental movement and a time to reflect both the past and future. Honeywell recently talked about the role of technology in promoting a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

Why does Honeywell see itself as playing a leadership role in sustainability?

Honeywell has a long legacy rooted in sustainability-related innovation. Several decades ago, we developed the refrigerants and aerosols that helped reverse damage to the ozone layer. Our technologists invented the catalytic converter, an automobile control system that reduces toxic gases and pollutants from emissions.

Today, we are developing innovations that can help make big improvements in sustainability across a wide range of industries. Many of our existing technologies could already make a substantial difference.

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are high-global-warming-potential molecules used commonly in applications such as refrigerants. If left unmitigated, air-conditioning refrigerants would contribute 20 to 25 percent of global warming by 2050.

Honeywell has pioneered a new generation of low-global-warming-potential hydrofluoro-olefin (HFO) refrigerants – along with aerosols, solvents and blowing agents – that can reduce the greenhouse gas emissions impact of current offerings on the market by more than 99 percent.

Honeywell's technologies can enable production of green diesel from renewable oils, which can generate an 85 percent reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from road, rail and shipping transportation.

What's next for the future of sustainability?

As we look to tomorrow, the world will use more wind and solar power and that means the key to our renewable energy future is energy storage. Honeywell is developing energy storage technologies such as flow batteries that allow surplus wind and solar power to be stored and used when needed.

We are also on the cusp of transitioning to a more hydrogen-based economy, which offers the potential for big reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

During this time of global crisis, it is fitting now more than ever that we plan for a clean and sustainable world for our children and grandchildren. Even in this economy with the challenges it brings, we will make the necessary investments in our sustainable technologies and our sustainable future.



Rebecca Jacob of Age UK Solihull

PARTNERSHIP WITH AGE UK FLOURISHES

Now in its third year, Birmingham Business Park's relationship with charity partner, Age UK Solihull, continues to flourish.

The Business Park recently hosted a comedy fundraiser in aid of the charity. Age UK Solihull's fundraising team came along to the event with their tombola and a sitcom raffle with a prize of a luxury stay for two at the Resorts World hotel. To donate, visit virginmoneygiving.com/fund/BBPfundraisingday.

You can also still play the sitcom raffle for £2 a go by visiting Lori Henebury in the Management Office.

The charity's next fundraising event is a quiz night on Tuesday, October 12th, at Eastcote Park Retirement Village and Care Home. This is a traditional-style quiz rather than the charity's usual Speed Quizzes. For more details, and to book your ticket, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/solihull/eastcote-quiz.

Tickets are also available for Age UK Solihull's Christmas Raffle. Prizes include a Christmas turkey and tickets for travel on Chiltern Railways. Tickets are £1 each (in books of five). Email [events@ageuksolihull.org.uk](mailto:ageuksolihull.org.uk) if you would like to play.

Fundraising Officer, Rebecca Jacob, said: "We are so grateful for the continued support from all at Birmingham Business Park. Our relationship with Lori has got off to a great start, and we really enjoyed the Comedy Fundraiser (while it was dry!). We're looking forward to planning some more activities for the rest of this year."

Rolls-Royce step up for charity support



Rolls-Royce Derwent Building colleagues Nicola Hatton, David Halpin, Lorraine West, Sarah Fisher, Lin Jackson and Lynn Clarke

Rolls-Royce employees based at Birmingham Business Park formed teams of four and joined Rolls-Royce colleagues from across the world to take part in September; an Annual Global Rolls-Royce Step Challenge.

More than 150 colleagues took part in this year's September, which encourages wellbeing, social interaction among employees and donates money to different charities. Not only does the step challenge have physical benefits for health, going for walks can be an active way to relax, boost your mood, relieve stress and engage with others in the great outdoors.

Last year, the total combined steps achieved from everyone who took part was an amazing 40,997,328.

This is equivalent to over 18,200 miles and walking air miles from Birmingham to Perth, Australia and then back again! Great charities that benefited last year include Mountain Rescue England & Wales, Rainbow Trust Children's charity & MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease Association).

Teams shared inspirational and sometimes competitive pictures and updates; for some friendly rivalry and a bit of light-hearted banter, a weekly leader board was published to see which teams were a step ahead of the competition. After the second week, the top five teams were from four different countries and each team had exceeded over 750,000 steps in total: Fabulous Fabrication Part Chasers, Steps & (NO) Gaps, Emei, Fly and The Wampus Wand-erers.

The teams used BBP's landscaped grounds and tree-lined footpaths as their September routes to help motivate them during lunch-

breaks, along with a few walks to Greggs.

The top three teams who completed the most steps at the end of September were invited to nominate charities to receive Rolls-Royce donations. Awards were also handed out which included most creative September team names.

September is just one of the initiatives which as part of Rolls-Royce's Performance Through our People (PTOP) scheme encompasses people, engagement, health and charity and encourages special events and wellbeing activities.

"I now look for opportunities to walk such as walking phone meetings, walking on the school run instead of driving, or taking my family out for a walk, after work or school, to feed ducks. As a result, we are all more active, we are spending quality time together and we feel better," said Nicola Hatton of Rolls-Royce.

Below:
Derwent Building colleague Thomas Wainwright steps up to the challenge





Walk this way... Join our monthly Netwalking events



Birmingham Business Park supported the annual Steptember challenge by offering free coffees to those who took part in walking meetings around the Park.

On September 23rd the Park hosted Netwalking – led by health and wellbeing coach, Julia Mitchell.

The netwalkers took in the Park’s landscaped paths and woodland walk, giving them chance to make new connections in a different setting to usual networking events.

BBP also offered Steptember prizes for step totals throughout the month with a water bottle for 150,000 steps, a back-pack for 300,000 steps and cinema tickets for 500,000 steps.

Keep in touch with BBP social media and download the app for details about future Netwalking events and for tips about places to walk on the Park.

The next netwalking event is on October 28th at 12pm. To reserve your place, email Julia at hello@yourhealthysteps.co.uk



The Netwalkers take in the Woodland Walk before finishing with a hot drink at the Coffee Bike

RETURNING TO WORK? CHECK OUT NEW BUS OPTIONS

As you may be aware there are a number of roadworks happening on routes in and around Birmingham Business Park. Transport for West Midlands will be supporting people during the time of the works to be able to get to where you need to go.

For information on the current works happening in the area please visit www.tfwm.org.uk/plan-your-journey/major-roadworks-and-events/interchange-m42-j6/. You will still be able to get to

where you need to go, but make sure you plan ahead when travelling in and around the area and leave more time for your journey to take account of changes and diversions.

With many people looking at returning to work at the Business Park you may be interested in new public transport ticketing that is now available through Swift.

For those who wish to travel more regularly, weekly tickets, 4-weekly tickets


and monthly direct debit tickets are available. Please visit www.tfwm.org.uk for more information.

If you currently travel by nbus you will be pleased to know that there has been a price drop on ticket prices. Please visit www.tfwm.org.uk/campaigns/nbus-sale/ for more details.

For more information on any of the ticketing options outlined above please go to www.tfwm.org.uk

LOCAL TRANSPORT, TRAVEL & INVESTMENT NEWS

M42 J6 site work update

 Since our last update in spring, we have been busy working with Esso, Western Power Distribution and Cadent Gas to carry out works in and around their pipes and equipment.

Our main site compound has been created near Clock Lane for site staff, plant machinery and materials for the duration of construction, with some smaller satellite compounds needed as the work progresses. We have been building a series of haul roads which will allow us to transport material to the site and take away the spoil from our excavations without impacting regular road users.

We are digging out the footprint of the new link road and have tarmacked the private means of access (PMA) that will run alongside the new road allowing access into the land west of Catherine de Barnes Lane. We have rescheduled the installation of the A45 footbridge from November to January 2022 to minimise the impact on key local stakeholders and if you sign up for regular project updates you will receive a notification of when the A45 will be closed overnight for this activity and all future network closures.

If you have any further questions, or want to sign up for regular updates, please contact a member of our team by emailing us at: M42Junction6@highwaysengland.co.uk



An artist's impression of Interchange Station from the lake

HS2: The latest news from the Interchange area



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. By releasing space on existing railway routes, HS2 will create more capacity for additional commuter and freight services and, in turn, improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions. HS2 will also generate a huge boost to jobs, homes and growth in the cities and communities it services. Find out more about HS2 at: [hs2.org.uk](https://www.hs2.org.uk)

Early works for HS2 are being carried out by Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons, known as LM, and main works are being carried out by Balfour Beatty VINCI, known as BBV. Near Birmingham Business Park, HS2 is working around the A452, A45 and M42, which surround the site of the future HS2 Interchange Station. This area is referred to as the Interchange area.

LM CONTINUES ITS WORK

To ensure that the local road network is fit for purpose when Interchange Station is operational, LM is remodelling and improving the existing network and creating new routes on HS2 land.

A new T-junction, scheduled for completion before the Commonwealth Games in 2022, will replace Northway Island, which is currently located over the M42. A new 'longabout' is now in operation outside the Holiday Inn Express NEC, on the way to the

National Exhibition Centre (NEC). In the future, you will be able to safely access routes east of the motorway by using HS2's highways bridge over the M42, which will be connected to the longabout.

To progress the creation of the T-junction, one short section of Northway Island will be closed for the remainder of 2021. Depending on your direction of travel, you may be redirected from Northway Island, along the B4438, and back. Direction of travel along the A452 and Northway will be unaffected, and you will still be able to access all routes in the area. Intermittent, phased traffic measures will also be installed along sections of the A446, A452 and M42 throughout 2021.

During HS2's work, access to and from Birmingham Business Park may alter but will always be maintained either via Progress Way off the B4438, or off Northway Island.

BBV'S ACTIVITIES STEP UP

BBV is remodelling and improving the remainder of the road network east of the M42 on HS2 land, which to date has included creating internal haul roads, importing materials and earthworks. BBV's compound off Coleshill Heath Road, near Chelmsford Cross and the M6, is also operational and construction continues on site.



HS2 and its contractors joined Birmingham Business Park's charity fundraising event in September to share information about the scheme in the Interchange area. You can catch them again at this year's Christmas wreath making event

In preparation for the creation of both the Pool Wood embankment, which will carry the HS2 trainline towards Birmingham city centre, and an underbridge along the Coleshill Heath Road, from September, BBV's activities will be concentrated along Coleshill Heath Road and fencing will be installed near Heath Park. In these early stages, no traffic measures will be required.

LM and BBV's schedules are subject to change depending on site and weather conditions. You can find information about all of HS2's work in the Interchange area at: hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map

HS2 LAUNCHES NEW LOCAL COMMUNITY WEBSITE

HS2 is no longer using its Commonplace website to issue project updates and information and has instead introduced a new and improved local community website. HS2 has published local community landing pages for each section of the route between London, the West Midlands and Crewe, including Solihull and the Interchange area. To continue to receive updates from HS2, you can sign up for email notifications at: engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list

WEBINAR ALERT

HS2 has recently published a series of webinars entitled Building HS2's West Midlands Stations, which includes episodes on the Interchange Station. You can watch HS2's webinars at: youtube.com/user/HS2Ltd/playlists

STAY UP TO DATE WITH HS2'S WORKS

Sign up for news updates about HS2 in Solihull at engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list, to receive information on traffic measures, online events, community and business funding, and station development.

Do you have a question about HS2? Get in touch on:

Tel: 08081 434 434

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

UK CENTRAL: Drive goes on to transform The Hub



The Urban Growth Company's drive to transform The UK Central Hub into Europe's best-connected destination for business, leisure and living has taken another step forward with the appointment of Savills UK to act as commercial property consultants for infrastructure investment and growth projects across the area.

Savills will provide continuing support for the UGC in advancing the commercial development opportunities that underpin the economic growth opportunity across The Hub.

The realignment of HS2's proposed Automated People Mover (APM) is an illustration of the way in which the UGC works collaboratively to deliver ambitious, forward-thinking projects.

The APM will be similar to the air-rail link that currently connects Birmingham Airport and Birmingham International Station and will include four new stops connecting the airport, International Station, the NEC and the HS2 Interchange at Arden Cross. The APM will provide a 'golden thread' of east-west connectivity across The Hub which will be critical for broader development at Arden Cross, opening up the site to attract future investment and being a crucial element of public transport for a new healthcare facility and other mixed uses.

The UGC is working closely with HS2 to realign the APM at Birmingham International to enable the future transformation of the station into a new multi-modal transport facility, and to also realise new commercial opportunities, whilst maintaining the original purpose and objectives of HS2.

The planning application will be submitted by HS2 in the autumn of 2021. Construction is likely to commence 2025 with services starting just ahead of HS2 opening.

An internal promotion and a new appointment will further strengthen the UGC team in its work in delivering strategically important projects at The Hub. Sue Barrett, who was previously Commercial and Contracts Director becomes Chief Operating Officer, while Hayley Davis has joined as Communications and Engagement Officer.

ABOUT THE UGC

The UK Central Hub in Solihull is home to Birmingham Airport, the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Jaguar Land Rover and Birmingham Business Park, as well as the Arden Cross development site, which will host the HS2 Interchange Station.

The Urban Growth Company (UGC) is the organisation set up by Solihull Council to coordinate and deliver infrastructure investment to maximise the economic, social and environmental benefits associated with the UK Central Hub.

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The UGC team spent an afternoon litter picking in nearby Marston Green Park in support of the Love Solihull initiative. Further social value activities are scheduled to take place throughout 2021 and beyond



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