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KEVIN LOCKWOOD

Manager of Shrewsbury Shopping Centres

I don't think anyone can say we have not had a summer this year - It's been record breaking with temperatures hitting 40.3 degrees in parts of the country and Shropshire topping 38 degrees.

Political turmoil, inflation, and cost of living spiralling, difficult and uncertain trading conditions continue to suppress business market. At Shrewsbury Business Chamber, we would really like to hear your views, both good and bad, along with anything you think we at the Chamber can do to support / lobby on your behalf - its good to talk and share experiences.

We have a number of networking events on the horizon, including 5 from 5 (meeting new members), Ghost Tour around Shrewsbury, an evening with Lezley Picton and Ed Potter from Shropshire Council, rounding of the year with our Christmas gathering and legendary Christmas shop window competition. Please see our website for further details on our upcoming events and we look forward to welcoming our members and non-members to these events.

I hope you enjoy the contents of our magazine and if you would like to contribute or enquire about joining and advertising with us, please visit our website

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LEGAL TEAM COMPLETES WELSH THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE



A team of adventurous lawyers from a Shropshire law firm have completed a gruelling challenge to climb the Welsh Three Peaks in less than 24 hours.

The hikers from Lanyon Bowdler conquered Pen y Fan, Cadair Idris and Snowdon - a total ascent of 2,334 metres and a distance of 27.4km - to raise more than £1,000 for two charities.

Paul Ellis, finance director at Lanyon Bowdler, said it had been a real team effort.

"Everyone did amazingly well," he said. "We all looked after each other in some pretty hot weather and reached all three summits as a team.

"The toughest part was coming down from Snowdon as it was getting quite late in the day, but the mountain leaders were brilliant, doing everything they could to ensure everyone's safe return.

"It was a great day, and we hope people will continue to recognise the effort everyone made by supporting our charities, ELY Memorial Fund in Herefordshire and Crest in North Wales."

He added: "We have offices across Shropshire, Herefordshire and North Wales, so we like to support charities in different areas.

"ELY Memorial Fund was set up in memory of Emma Louise Young who tragically lost her life in a road traffic collision, with the aim of helping to relieve the hardship for families within Herefordshire who have lost a son or daughter aged between 17 and 25 in this way.

"Crest is based in North Wales and was set up to establish a community co-operative, helping disabled and unemployed people increase their skills and gain employment - either within the co-operative or to move on to sustainable employment within the community."

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SUCCESSFUL RIVER SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS TO CONTINUE



A training session to help businesses in Shrewsbury know what to do if someone falls into the River Severn has been declared a success.

More than 20 people attended the session, organised by Shrewsbury BID and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, and another one was organised for the following week.

Businesses are being encouraged to send staff on the course to help keep everyone safe in Shrewsbury - especially in the evenings and late nights.

Stephanie Mansell-Jones, business liaison at Shrewsbury BID, said: "We were pleased with the turn-out at our first session, and everyone said it was really useful. "If somebody gets into difficulty in water, these trained hospitality staff, security staff and waterside community members can now provide help in an emergency. "With the River Severn running through the centre of Shrewsbury we all effectively work near water, so it's vital that as many people as possible have this basic knowledge which could save a life.

"The sessions provide the knowledge and skills required to recognise hazards in and around water, provide safety advice to people using waterside areas, and if necessary, rescue someone from the water."

Inspector Ben Tanfield, of Shrewsbury Police, said it was

important for representatives from every premises serving alcohol in Shrewsbury to undertake the training. He said: "Shrewsbury is geographically small, so even if your business is not located directly adjacent to the river it will still be nearby and customers are likely to encounter the river soon after leaving your premises. "Taking part in this training will allow premises to get ahead of these recommendations, will add another layer of safety to the town centre, and help businesses comply with the four licensing objectives."

The river safety sessions will be organised based on demand. So if you would be interested in attending please contact Stephanie to register your interest -

stephanie@shrewsburybid.co.uk



SARAH JOINS THE HENSHALLS TEAM

A Shropshire insurance broker has welcomed a new commercial account handler to the team who has wide-ranging industry experience.

Sarah Trott has joined the Henshalls Group and she'll be based at the company's head office in Newport.

She was previously employed by another local insurance broker for 16 years as an account handler and then as an account manager.

At Henshalls, Sarah will join the Business Insurance team and work with commercial clients across a whole range of industry sectors.

"After working in insurance for so long, I have supported clients who run all kinds of businesses and I'm really looking forward to starting a new challenge in my role with Henshalls and learning more about their ever-growing client base," said Sarah.

"The best part of the job is getting to know the clients so I can meet their individual business needs and also building relationships with insurers to source the very best cover available.

"Everyone at Henshalls has been so welcoming, and it feels great to be part of such a friendly and professional team."

Henshalls Managing Director Mark Freeman said Sarah was the latest addition to the Group which was constantly growing to keep up with the increase in demand for its services.

"We're delighted to welcome Sarah to Henshalls and she's already made an enthusiastic start on learning more about the clients she'll be working with and getting to know her new colleagues.

"As a Group, we're always looking to recruit ambitious and dedicated people who want to take their first steps in the insurance industry, or people who are looking to build on the skills they already have in order to take their career to the next level.

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Electric vehicles have come a long way over the last few years, in terms of performance, price point and battery range.

However, when looking to replace your company car, the tax breaks associated with offering electric vehicles to employees and directors can be electrifying!

Francesca Hutcheson, Tax Partner from Azets' Shrewsbury office, looks at an example of how going electric can supercharge your company's tax efficiency.

Electric vehicles are eligible for 100% tax relief in the year of purchase, meaning that the company will benefit from an upfront corporation tax saving on the cost of purchase. Full tax relief is also available for the cost of providing electric vehicle charging points. From the employee's perspective, the normal benefit in kind rules apply, depending on the level of CO2 emissions. For a fully electric car, the applicable rate is just 2%, a rate which has been fixed until April 2025.

What does this mean in practice?

For a fully electric company car with a list price of £50,000, an employee would be taxed on a benefit of £1,000 (2%). The employing company could also cover the cost of fitting an electric charging point at the employee's home and insuring the vehicle and the employee could enjoy unlimited private mileage and use of the car in the evenings and at weekends, for no additional tax cash cost to the employee.

For a higher-rate taxpayer, these benefits would all be wrapped up within an annual tax charge of just £400!

Rising fuel costs and substantial tax breaks mean that going electric makes sound financial sense, as well as the wider environmental benefits. However, from a practical perspective, the main short-term challenge may prove

to be availability of electric vehicles; many dealerships are reporting lead times of up to 9-12 months for electric cars, which could be a circuit breaker for some.



Written by Francesca Hutcheson
Azets Tax Partner.

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PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE SHREWSBURY- BIRMINGHAM RAIL LINKS



Charles Howell reports that the proposals to improve the rail links from Shrewsbury into the West Midlands conurbation are taking a further step forward with the formal submission by MidlandsConnect of a business case to the Department of Transport. This is for £14.6 million of works to include track re-alignment, better signalling, and other improvements to allow trains to run at speeds of up to 90 mph on Shropshire's busiest railway line.

Shrewsbury Business Chamber as consultees to Midlands Connect welcome this proposal which comes after the Government's 'Union Connectivity Review' which identifies Shrewsbury's importance as a centre for

connecting the Border Counties to the West Midlands. The longer term objective for the line is electrification, with hourly direct trains from London. Apparently, this would create £500 million of economic benefit to the Shropshire and Mid Wales region, but with both Telford & Wrekin and the Shropshire Council areas' populations set to increase by at least 10% by 2031 such larger scale infrastructure investment will be vital.

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DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR LANYON BOWDLER IN PRESTIGIOUS LEGAL GUIDE

Award-winning Shropshire law firm Lanyon Bowdler is featured strongly in an national guide which recognises the firm's expertise in assisting with private wealth clients.

Award-winning Shropshire law firm Lanyon Bowdler is featured strongly in an national guide which recognises the firm's expertise in assisting with private wealth clients. The firm's private client team has been ranked in the top tier of the Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Guide 2022 for the Shrewsbury area, while Edward Rees, head of the team, has retained his place in the top tier of the individual section - a position he has held since 2019.

Chambers High Net Worth Guide ranks leading lawyers and law firms for international private wealth. Those ranked in the guide are recognised for their understanding of the complex needs of High Net Worth individuals in providing specialist advice and legal services.

The guide is aimed at helping people find the leading lawyers in their field and is compiled through independent research involving submissions from legal peers and clients.

Lanyon Bowdler's private client team in Shrewsbury is described in the guide as having a broad client offering, advising clients on trusts, estate planning and administration, tax planning, contentious probate and powers of attorney.

The guide says the team's "friendly and courteous service, relevant advice and guidance is excellent", and "they are able to quickly identify the key issues in each case and develop a clear strategy to deal with each of those issues". Another interviewee said: "Lanyon Bowdler provides an extremely high-quality service." Edward Rees is described in the guide as "extremely knowledgeable, he has the knack of making complicated matters appear straightforward", while another interviewee describes him as "fantastic".

Edward has a wealth of experience, advising clients on trusts, estate administration, powers of attorney and tax planning.

He said: "Attaining a ranking in tier one of the High Net Worth Guide is a great achievement and highlights the high regard in which Lanyon Bowdler is held among our clients and others in our profession.



"I am pleased to have maintained my individual ranking and am absolutely delighted that our excellent team has been recognised in the top tier of the departments category. It is a tribute to all the hard work everyone continues to put in on behalf of the firm and our clients."

Managing partner of Lanyon Bowdler, Brian Evans, added: "The rankings reinforce our position as a leading law firm people know they can trust. The guide is extremely competitive and highly-respected so we are very proud to be represented.

"It means our lawyers have successfully negotiated an independent assessment and received an outstanding rating based on what our peers and clients say about us, so we are extremely grateful for all the positive feedback which has allowed us to maintain such a prominent position."

For more information about Lanyon Bowdler, visit the website at www.lblaw.co.uk

FIRST GRANTS AWARDED TO TOWN PROJECTS UNDER NEW SCHEME



The first grants have been awarded under a new scheme launched in Shrewsbury aimed at helping projects and events which support and promote the town centre.

Original Shrewsbury grants range between £500 and £5,000 and the awards have been considered by a panel following an application process which closed at the end of March.

The five events to benefit from grants are a photo marathon, The Hive Jubilee Street Festival, Loop Fest, with Albert's Shed, a charity sale of original art and a Shrewsbury Makers Pop-Up.

Emma Molyneux, of Shrewsbury BID, said: "There are a wide range of activities and events organised by innovative, creative and enthusiastic people which make a valuable contribution to our town.

"It's a new scheme and is something which recognises and supports hard-working people, often volunteers, who give their time and expertise to put on activities and events for everyone to enjoy."

Applications were made through an online form which provided information about the project which the panel used when considering the request. This included a projected budget, expected outcomes such as anticipated footfall, promotion and the number of businesses involved.

An interview process was then held before decisions were made. The panel included Shrewsbury BID board directors and successful applicants are being asked to provide feedback through a grant evaluation form at the end of the activity which will provide valuable information on the best way of continuing the scheme in the future.

Stacey Hill, owner of Oberon in Wyle Cop and member of Shrewsbury BID board, added: "I'm honoured to be part of the grant programme panel, and we were amazed by the talent of the applicants. "Anything that gives our town another unique selling point can only be a plus, and we wish all of the projects every success."

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TOWN CENTRE PLANNING - TRANSPORT WORKSHOP



Working with Shrewsbury BID, the Business Chamber recently attended a 'transport planning workshop' to discuss travel and transport arrangements around Shrewsbury and provide input into some of the ideas to improve facilities for residents, visitors and businesses.

Hosted by Transport Planning Consultants PJA Associates of Birmingham at Theatre Severn, Charles Howell attended to represent Shrewsbury Business Chamber.

Some of the topics discussed included 'the old chestnuts' such as relocation of the bus station, a parkway railway station at Emstrey, and Park & Ride effectiveness and facilities.

More recent areas for debate included the effect/benefits of the North West Relief Road, and whether there was a 'Plan B' to reduce town centre congestion if this was cancelled. Also, better use of the railway station and the need for greater co-ordination between the bus and rail companies; 'low traffic neighbourhoods'; and the latest thinking about car park pricing and bus access into town centres.

National topics such as Local Authority control over buses, rail operator reorganisation, electric vehicle charging, etc were also discussed.

Business Chamber members views on these issues will be welcomed, to provide further opinion at similar forthcoming discussions.

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SHROPSHIRE LAW FIRM APPOINTS NEW ASSOCIATE SOLICITORS

Two lawyers at a Shropshire law firm have been promoted to associate solicitors in recognition of their knowledge, experience and service to their clients.

Clinical negligence specialist Adam Hodson is based in Lanyon Bowdler's Shrewsbury office and deals with claims involving delayed or missed diagnosis, surgical errors, cancer cases, deaths and inquests, as well as acting as an assistant coroner for the Birmingham and Solihull jurisdiction.

He said: "I joined Lanyon Bowdler in May 2021 in the depths of the pandemic, and I recall a sense of trepidation joining such a nationally-recognised team during what was a stressful time nationally.

"However, I was instantly made to feel at home by everyone, and it was clear that the move was the right one for me.

"As well as getting to grips with a challenging case load since joining, I have now taken a leading role in supervising and mentoring trainee solicitors during their seats in clinical negligence, and it is a fantastic privilege to watch them grow and develop as fledgling lawyers.

"I am thrilled to have had my efforts recognised by the partners, to whom I wish to sincerely thank for my promotion to associate.

"I am extremely grateful for the support that has been given to me by everyone at Lanyon Bowdler, and I look forward to continuing to support and advise clients and their families - both locally and nationally."

Joining Adam as a new associate solicitor is Staci Robinson, a specialist in family law who is based in Lanyon Bowdler's Hereford and Bromyard offices. She said being made an associate solicitor was a landmark moment in her career.

Staci said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as an associate by the partners, which is a title that recognises my expertise and my loyalty and dedication to Lanyon Bowdler.

"I am proud to be an associate at Lanyon Bowdler, and always ensure I work to the values of the firm delivering high-quality advice with excellent client care."

Staci has been with Lanyon Bowdler since 2016 and specialises in matters that concern the arrangements for children, together with any applications made under the Children Act 1989, and financial cases arising from divorce or the breakdown of a relationship.

As a member of 'Resolution', she follows their code of practice which promotes a constructive approach to family issues, taking the needs of the whole family into

account. Staci is recognised in the national lawyers' guide, The Legal 500, and regularly represents clients in court, conducting her own advocacy.

For more information, contact Lanyon Bowdler on 0800 652 3371 or visit www.lblaw.co.uk



Adam Hodson



Staci Robinson

SHREWSBURY BUSINESS PARK- NEW OFFICE DEVELOPMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION



[Photo shows Clockwork Directors Jane Marsden and Roderick Marsden with selling agent Charles Howell of Cooper Green Pooks and Anthony Scanlan from Alaska Property.]

Cooper Green Pooks, of Shrewsbury selling agents for Alaska Property Group the lead developers of Shrewsbury Business Park report that construction of the latest new office buildings is in progress, for completion from October of this year.

Arranged as 3 units and totalling about 998 sq m/10,740 sq ft the development offers freehold self-contained office buildings with plentiful car parking and designed to incorporate the latest specification for energy efficiency, and 'smart technology'. This will give occupiers the maximum flexibility to address workspace requirements changed by the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Unit 3 within the scheme has been sold to Clockwork Organisation Limited, the expanding Shrewsbury - based employment agency group.

Unit 4 is also reserved and unit 2 is available to let. When completed this latest development will provide workspace for about 50 people.

Jane Marsden, director of Clockwork Organisation said " We have moved to Shrewsbury Business Park mainly because it remains the premier office location for Shropshire. As such it is very well placed for serving

the County and complements our other offices in mid and north Wales. Moreover, our colleagues deserve the high-quality workspace and amenities that the Park offers."

Anthony Scanlan of Alaska Property added: "For these brand-new buildings we are able to incorporate occupier's requirements for their own internal specification to reflect the latest working trends "".

Shrewsbury Business Park [SY2 6FG] is a 30-acre offices scheme with support retail and leisure facilities. Occupiers include Shropshire Council, NHS, NFU Mutual, Handlesbanken , Specsavers/New Medica and a range of professional firms including solicitors, surveyors, accountants, and financial advisers. Alaska Property - who are based on the park- are working with Shropshire Council as original landowners in the promotion and development of the scheme. Main contractors for Alaska are Matrix Construction who are also based at Shrewsbury Business Park.

UNLIMITED HOLIDAYS FOR STAFF?



Are you considering introducing unlimited holidays to your staff?

Netflix, LinkedIn and JustPark are three companies with UK offices which offer unlimited paid holiday. At face value, it is a bold, simple and head-turning policy. It will horrify some employers and intrigue others... and there may be unintended consequences.

Níamh Kelly from The HR Dept Shropshire digs a little deeper.

“Unlimited paid holidays: In practice, it’s not as simple as it sounds, and sometimes the advantages may actually favour the business more than the staff.

“The term ‘unlimited’ is a little misleading as of course there are limits. It is just they are not measured in days, but rather in productivity. As long as employees hit the targets expected of them, they can take as much paid leave as they want.

“But there’s a problem with this: the kind of high-performers who deliver enough productivity to the company to justify extended spells of holiday, may not be inclined to take them.

“Others may feel awkward about judging how much time they should take off.. which may lead to either taking too few days to sufficiently recharge, or suffering anxiety for taking time off at the very time they are meant to be relaxing!

“Of course, it could go the way some will expect, and lead to slackers abusing the policy.

“As with so much in HR, a large part of the answer to successfully introducing unlimited paid holidays is to have a clearly communicated policy underpinning it.

This should provide guidance on expected minimum levels of holiday to be taken, as well as how performance is measured to justify a higher number of days off.”

For enquiries on this topic, please contact Níamh Kelly from The HR Dept Shropshire at shropshire@hrdept.co.uk or on 01743 290474.



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TECHNOLOGY BOOST - PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS WITH FLOOD FLASH COVER.



Businesses in Shrewsbury will now receive specialist advice after Henshalls joined forces with Floodflash who are working to support the mitigation of the flood risk in the town.

The combined approach comes after flooding in the town over the last 3 years has caused havoc for business and homeowners.

We are backing the project by offering advice on insurance cover that could speed up claims and pay-outs with businesses receiving compensation in as little as 48 hours.

Jenny Osborne said, "we are working with Shrewsbury Business Chamber, as part of a town-wide approach to help businesses cope with any future flash flooding."

"We have carried out detailed research into specialised flood insurance policies available across the industry to find the very latest cover and we're very pleased to have joined forces with FloodFlash."

"They offer rapid pay-out insurance policies and aim to pay the majority of claims within 48 hours which can make all the difference to a business that's hit by flash flood water."

Jenny said the company was able to process claims so

quickly as they used a data and smart sensor system rather than the more traditional paperwork and assessment approach.

"Each policy comes with a FloodFlash sensor that's fitted at your business premises. It measures flood depth in a property so that they can start working on your claim as soon as the sensor is triggered."

"It uses mobile connectivity to send updated flood data to the FloodFlash headquarters, and each sensor is equipped with highly accurate ultrasonic depth measurement technology."

"This is a very new approach to flood insurance which was initially created to help the authorities in New York monitor the level of water in the bay around the city, and we believe it could transform the way businesses deal with floods."

Jenny said, "the Henshalls team would be offering bespoke advice to any business in the town that felt the cover might be appropriate for their situation."

"Our role in this partnership approach is to raise the profile of this incredible technology that is a refreshing and welcome development in the industry as we believe it could give businesses real peace of mind no matter what the weather brings."

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CHRISTMAS 2022 SHREWSBURY SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas is always an exciting time in Shrewsbury with increased footfall enjoying the delights of our stunning town. To celebrate this, we hold an annual Christmas Shop Window competition to add to the sparkle that makes Shrewsbury the place to visit at Christmas time.

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Funded by the Shropshire Council Economic Recovery Fund, this free resource will be available for 2 years through the Invest in Shropshire website

Our sincere thanks to all our presenters and also to Shrewsbury-based video, marketing and design company Yarrington for building the online platform and managing all the recordings.

To access the webinar programme - <https://yesdeck.co.uk/business-boost/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

"5 FOR 5"

Wednesday 21st Sept 6 - 8pm

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Join us for an evening of networking where you will have the opportunity to introduce yourself and your business and we will be hearing more from our new members

This is our first "5 from 5" Meet the Members event, where 5 members get 5 minutes to showcase their business and make connections with other members.

Our 5 members this month include:

Matt Beaumont-Perry from Energise Chiropractic

Carl Stacey - Financial Consultant Quilter Financial

Glyn Eggerton - Kings Security

Donna Lucas - Vice Principal HR & Professional Development Shrewsbury Colleges

Akasha Roth - International Account Lead at DeskFrnd

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