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# Editor's Comment



**WHILE it would be easy to focus on the negatives I would rather focus on the positives taking place in our town at the moment, especially as we hurtle towards the festive season.**

That's not to say some of the negative things going on aren't important, and as always we endeavour to cover the issues facing our town on our online daily news service, which is continuing to grow in popularity, not just in Warrington but around the world.

Our social media channels are also extremely busy and while free speech is vitally important, hateful and hurtful comments are totally uncalled for and after adopting a zero-tolerance policy on our Lymm Life page, we will be doing the same on our other pages - and we will not hesitate to handover the details of those we believe to be guilty of hate crimes to the police.

Anyway back to positivity - of which there is plenty to be positive about in Warrington.

The recent Warrington Business Conference at Times Square was a huge success and this area of the town continues to go from strength to strength - especially at the town's market which has become the heartbeat of our town centre.

**Deadline for the  
January 2022 issue of  
Warrington Worldwide  
is December 14**

Meanwhile our Legacy Projects are also highlighting the great work going on in the town and it was a humbling experience handing over the latest grant to Lisa Billing, the mother of Private Daniel Wade who tragically died on active service in Afghanistan, for the Marshall Gardens project.

This will go towards helping create a remembrance garden near the town's cenotaph, where people can spend time reflecting on lost loved ones. Our £500 donation will go towards a flower bed. I look forward to watching this project develop, just a short walk from our offices on Bridgefoot.

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# Town centre transformed by arrival of new businesses

**AN influx of new businesses in Warrington town centre over the past year has transform helped the face of the high street despite the challenges presented by the pandemic and lockdown restrictions.**

With around a dozen new businesses now operating in the town centre Warrington has again been bucking the national trend as the town centre re-invents itself alongside a thriving new market.

Warrington BID Project Manager Amy Dawber said of the new businesses: "it is truly inspiring to see so many great businesses thrive during a difficult time for the high street. We are proud to see such a strong assortment of independently owned businesses prosper and this is all down to the support of the local community.

"Warrington has a proud heritage of supporting independent business and is fast becoming one of the most desirable locations to

set up shop in the North-West. With all of the challenges facing the high street we are inspired to not only see ours surviving but coming out of the other side stronger than ever."

Among the new businesses that have opened in Warrington are The Coffee House, Mamars Bread & Cheese, Gourmand!, Trilogy Bar, The Grand, New Cod On The Block, Liquor Library, Terry's Traditional Fish & Chips, Wok's Cooking, Mojos and Cocktail Limited as well as a new PCR testing centre.

The influx of new independent businesses is helping to buck the trend of high street closures, with more than 3,600 shops reported to have closed on the high street in the first half of 2021.



With many chain stores facing the threat of closure due to the pandemic and the shift towards online shopping, many local residents are welcoming a new era of independently owned businesses breathing new life into the high street.

To discover what new businesses are opening in Warrington, you can follow We Are Warrington on their Facebook and Instagram pages or sign up to their newsletter at [www.WeAreWarringtonBID.co.uk](http://www.WeAreWarringtonBID.co.uk)



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You will answer questions about your symptoms on the website, or by speaking with a fully trained advisor on the phone. Depending on the situation, you receive health information and advice and will find out what local service is right for you.

NHS 111 can also provide appointment slots for patients at local Urgent Treatment Centres, where appropriate.

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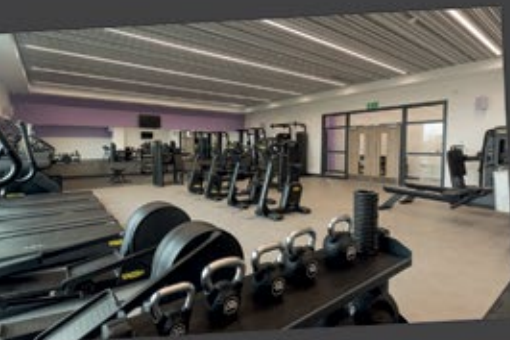
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# Local logistics company on lookout for more owner-drivers

**WARRINGTON-based logistics company Today Team has announced record revenue in the wake of the pandemic, and is now on the lookout for more owner-drivers in the area.**

The company based at Taylor Business Park has now announced two new senior appointments following an unprecedented 35% growth in turnover during the pandemic.

Jamie Boyd, 40, Founder & Managing Director of Today Team, has also taken on a new full-time apprentice and Logistics Co-ordinator. They are now looking to recruit more owner-drivers to add to their growing team.

The recruitment drive coincides with the firm turning 'Sweet 16' earlier this year.

Today Team's latest appointments are Logistics Team Manager Mark Hurd and Marketing Manager Sian Page.

Adam Aspinall, 22, has been employed as Apprentice Logistics Controller through logistics specialists Mantra Learning and Leah Wegener has been appointed as the new Logistics Co-ordinator.

Having worked remotely to start with, the new recruits are now getting to know each other in person at Today Team's headquarters, which is located at Taylor Business Park, Risley.

"I am delighted to welcome our new team members and I look forward to working with them to shape the future of the business," smiled Jamie. "I would also like to thank our existing staff for their continued support and hard work, alongside helping their new colleagues to settle into their roles."

"Just like in every other business, the pandemic took its toll initially; however, we have been able to turn things around and go from strength to strength – smashing all our monthly targets."

"I am proud that, compared to 2019, we are now in a position to report a healthy increase in turnover – giving us a strong foundation to build upon as we head into our busiest time of the year."

Jamie is now looking to further strengthen his frontline workforce with opportunities for owner-drivers. Are you an owner-driver who goes the extra mile? Would you like to work flexible hours/days? If this sounds like you, get in touch today at [info@todayteam.co.uk](mailto:info@todayteam.co.uk) For more information on Today Team, visit [www.todayteam.co.uk](http://www.todayteam.co.uk)



## No Brainer growth bolstered by two new senior hires

WARRINGTON-based PR, SEO and content marketing agency No Brainer has made two new senior hires – Digital PR specialist, Victoria Attwood and former North West Business Editor at Business Live, Tom Houghton.

Ella Howatson also joins as the agency's first digital apprentice.

Digital PR and content specialist, Victoria Attwood, joins the No Brainer from digital marketing agency Cedarwood Digital as Account Director. Victoria brings over eight years' experience to the role and will help drive the agency's Digital PR offering.

Tom Houghton, former North West Business Editor at Business Live – which encompasses the Manchester Evening News and Liverpool Echo – joins the agency as Senior News and Content Manager.



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# Working towards a greener future in Warrington

by John Laverick - Warrington & Co

**So, COP 26 came and went but what was the impact? Despite the agreements and last minute amendments and I am sure lots of burning of midnight oil, I think the real impact was one of publicity.**

I am sure that the policies and legislation will eventually come down the line, but the fact that it took place and caused as much interest as it did, has I think jump started a more serious approach to de-carbonisation and, content aside, it reminded me of the importance of strategic leadership in enabling a huge number of people to work together to achieve what, on the face of it could be seen as an insurmountable problem.

For those of you who may have

missed it, the Warrington Business Conference took place a couple of weeks ago and was both well attended and well received. It was interesting to see that without prior co-ordination several key themes that I touched on last month emerged as priorities from a number of different perspectives. Top of the pile was unsurprisingly carbon impact of both transport and housing. As we touched on last month, the Industrial Revolution was a massive

turning point in the development of this country and of vast benefit to humanity, but it came at the cost of a global explosion in emissions of greenhouse gases. The UK was the first country into the Industrial Revolution and one of the first countries heading out, with annual CO2 emissions per capita back below the levels of the 1860s. I think we are now on the cusp of a new revolution or evolution that mitigates our carbon impact as the industrial revolution did on our wealth.

And as always happens with major shifts in social focus, there were a number of people who have already started businesses or adapted businesses to take advantage of the emerging situation both to make money from it, but also most importantly to enable the transition to a low or zero carbon economy. These were evident in abundance at the Business Conference. It is perhaps timely then to note that at we have been successful in our bid to electrify the Warrington Own Buses fleet and house them all in a new depot which should be complete late next year and this will generate jobs and investment all of its own.



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It was also a great showcase for Cineworld, freshly re-opened (well a couple of months ago). The quality of the theatres and the experience of entering the cinema really is first class and provided a great experience for those people who are not familiar with Time Square and what it offers. Humility prevents me from saying which was the best part of the conference and it may not have been as entertaining as James Bond, but I hope more informative.

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# College construction centre granted Cabinet approval for £3.66m funding

**WARRINGTON Borough Council's Cabinet has approved the business case to support the delivery of an Advanced Construction & Civil Engineering (ACCE) Centre as part of the Warrington Town Deal.**

The business case, which will now be submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), will unlock £3.66m funding for the development.

The ACCE centre, which will be developed by Warrington & Vale Royal (WVR) College, will help to drive collaboration between the college, employers and the council

to develop, commercialise and promote digital technologies for the construction and civil engineering sectors. The ACCE centre will also support construction and engineering partners to build high-quality, smart, efficient homes and building infrastructure more quickly, cost-effectively and sustainably than ever before.

The ACCE centre will help to raise awareness of, and access into, careers in the construction and civil engineering sectors, supporting unemployed residents to progress into employment in local construction and civil engineering businesses.

Nichola Newton, Principal and CEO at WVR college, said: "We are delighted that Cabinet approval has been secured for the ACCE centre, a ground-breaking project that will establish a centre of excellence for the construction and civil engineering sectors at our Warrington campus.

"The onward development of the ACCE Centre provides a fantastic opportunity for the college to work with employers and key stakeholders to co-create an education and skills training offer that will enhance the sectors use of digital technologies for improved productivity and

sustainability."

Cllr Tom Jennings, cabinet member for economic development and innovation, said: "Cabinet approval for the ACCE centre is the next vital step to bringing this game-changing scheme to Warrington.

"It will support the next generation of construction and civil engineering professionals and will play a key role in the region as a facility that will support future infrastructure delivery in Warrington and beyond. The council has worked very closely with partners, not least WVR college, in helping to draw together proposals for the ACCE centre and I am pleased to see that our close working continues to pay off."

To find out more about the Warrington Town Deal, visit [warrington.gov.uk/my-town](http://warrington.gov.uk/my-town)

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Rob Groom  
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# Council provides clarity following complaints over non-collection of blue bins



**AFTER numerous complaints about non-collection of blue bins in the Appleton and Stockton Heath areas of Warrington, the borough council has moved to provide clarity on what the bins can be used for.**

Local residents and Lib Dem councillors called on the Council to be clearer about what cannot be recycled in a blue bin after dozens of bins were left uncollected in recent weeks.

Stickers placed on 'contaminated' bins say what can be recycled but are not explicit about what is forbidden.

Cllr Ian Marks (Lib Dem) said: "From talking to the blue bin man who emptied my bin, I understand that they are under strict instructions to refuse to empty contaminated bins. They open the top and if they see material like crisp packets and polythene bags, they slap a sticker on the bin. I have had complaints from residents asking why their bins have not been emptied. I have been walking round looking inside bins with stickers and I can see what the problem is. I understand why this policy is being put into effect because anything that improves the Council's recycling rate is welcome."

"However, I strongly believe there needs to be much more clarity about the policy otherwise there will be big problems. We need another sticker that explicitly states what common items that are not acceptable in blue bins. As well

as crisp packets, confectionary wrappers, polythene bags, gloves worn by carers and polystyrene there will be other items which the bin-men will know about. There is also confusion about whether black plastic food containers should go in a blue bin or not.

"I have written to the Council asking them to produce another sticker as a matter of urgency to give clarity to the public."

A Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said: "Blue bins that contain items that we do not accept are left unemptied and stickered."

"Unfortunately, the amount of incorrect items in blue bins in Warrington has increased over the last 18 months. We are working with our contractor to make sure that we reduce contamination rates, which has resulted in some bins not being collected recently. We want to remind residents that items we can accept in blue bins are:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Food and drinks cans
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic food tubs eg margarine tubs, yogurt pots
- Drink cartons
- Paper and cardboard

"Other items containing plastic and other materials may be recycled elsewhere. For example, plastic bags, wrappers and crisp packets can't go into blue bins, but they can be recycled in-store at most supermarkets."

Our crews only sticker blue bins that contain items that we do not accept, so if a blue bin has not been emptied and it has a red sticker on, please remove any items that are not listed on the sticker."

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# Welcoming winter openings in December

## at RAF Burtonwood Heritage Centre

By Heritage Centre manager John Cotterill



**As 2021 comes to a close we reflect on the last year as one which has been difficult for everybody. Having to adjust to life with COVID 19 has been a challenge for everyone, not least the Heritage Centre.**

With a lot of hard work and determination from our volunteers we have managed to reopen and regain the momentum we had pre COVID. It has been rewarding and humbling to see people visiting us as the Country eased out of lockdown.

We would like to give a special thanks to everyone who has visited us since we reopened at the end of June.

Especially pleasing has been the number of school visits we have had in the last 6 months with more scheduled to pay us a visit throughout December.

This year, for the first time, we will be opening up the Heritage Centre to the general public, in December.

The dates of our winter opening will be as follows:

- 27th and 28th November
- 3rd, 4th and 5th December
- 10th, 11th and 12th December
- 17th, 18th and 19th December

The opening hours will be 2:30 until 5:00pm.

We will then be closed for our usual winter maintenance work, from 20th December 2021 to 19th February 2022. This will allow us to carry out essential tasks, as well as introduce a new building with another fantastic display, as we seek to improve and expand upon what the Heritage Centre has to offer.

We will reopen on the 19th February 2022, recommencing with our normal opening hours of 2:30-5:00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and most importantly a happy and healthy 2022, when we look forward to welcoming many more new and returning visitors.



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### North Pole Visitor Discovers Why Santa Has Ninth Reindeer

Just the other day Junior turned to me and with all the innocence of youth asked, "Daddy, why does Santa have nine reindeer?" And I, with all the wisdom of the years, was stumped.

Not being one to let the hero-worship in the eyes of my heir, nor yet to accept second-hand information, I determined to solve the problem. So last night I drove to the North Pole and got the answer straight from the courser's mouth... or nearly so, anyway.

Actually, it was the kindly old Saint himself who greeted me. When he opened the door the warmth of his spirit engulfed me. He's just what you've always imagined him to be. A round, jolly chap with a rosy face and twinkling eyes that makes you think that here is one old soul who will always be at least one jump ahead of you.

I shook the snow off and followed him into his living room. There seated in a huge overstuffed chair in front of a crackling wood fire, I exchanged pleasantries with him until we got around to reindeer—why he had nine.

"You're a family man and you drive a car, don't you?" Santa asked. I nodded my head and wondered what he was getting at. "Then maybe you'll understand," he said. His face grew serious, his penetrating eyes fixed on me, and this is what he told me:—

### Commanders' Message

Whatever our race our creed, at Christmastime our thoughts turn to home, our families and friends. Reminiscence brings many happy memories to us all especially during the Yuletide season.

I extend most hearty season's greetings to all military and civilian, British and American, members of the NAMA team and their families, and I wish them a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

To those of you who are far from home, I hope this Yuletide season will bring you nearer your loved ones in thought and spirit.

To everyone, may your homes be bright and cheerful with the vivacity and meaning of Christmas and may the coming year bring success, joy and health.

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### Santa's Mail Weighs Four Million Pounds



The Christmas pack that Santa trundles in and out of Burtonwood weighs over 4,000,000 pounds according to Capt. Charles T. Niblett, OIC of the Air Post Office on this station. The 33 assigned personnel plus 15 squadron duty men, specially employed for the big Christmas rush from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1, find it difficult to maintain the proper Christmas spirit when literally "snowed under" by thousands of tons of outgoing and incoming mail from all over the world.

Due to good publicity and far-sightedness, NAMA's mailed packages and letters early, assuring that friends will this year receive presents and messages on time. Last year, the total incoming and outgoing mails in poundage was 1,231,113, and already in the year 1955, a total of 2,843,073 pounds of mail have passed this way.

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By Anthony Josephson



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# £21.5m zero emission funding secures all-electric bus fleet!



**HOT on the heels of a new bus depot Warrington is now set to benefit from an all-electric bus fleet thanks to more than £20m in Government funding to transform travel in the borough.**

The Department for Transport has announced Warrington Borough Council has been successful in its application for £21.5m in Zero Emission Bus Regional Area (ZEBRA) funding, first announced by the Prime Minister in 2020, to support the introduction of up to 4,000 zero-emission buses across the country.

It paves the way to the replacement of Warrington's Own Buses' entire fleet of diesel buses with 120 new electric buses and has been welcomed by politicians across the town, including council leader Russ Bowden and Warrington South MP Andy Carter.

Warrington's Own Buses – a municipal bus operator, wholly owned by the Council – covers 85% of the bus mileage in the borough, so the conversion of its fleet to all-electric will bring a huge boost to the council's ambitions to introduce greener and cleaner transport options throughout the borough.

Independently of ZEBRA, the council is committed, as part of the Warrington Town Deal to delivering a new bus depot – relocating the Warrington's Own Buses depot from its current site to a purpose-built new depot on Dallam Lane. Work on the site will begin in December, and the successful ZEBRA bid means the council can forge ahead with plans to equip the new depot with electric vehicle charging infrastructure, ready to house the new fleet of zero-emission buses.

The council's commitment to green energy will also see the new buses charged by green electricity, including from the council's solar farm in Cirencester. Solar canopy/panels will be installed at the new depot, funded by the council, to further enhance the green credentials of the scheme.

The ZEBRA scheme supports a wide range of council policies aimed at transforming travel, reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality, including the Climate Emergency declaration, the Local Transport Plan (LTP4), the draft Electric Vehicle Strategy, the Air Quality Action Plan, and the Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan.

Cllr Bowden, said: "Securing this funding is absolutely fantastic news for Warrington. It will enable us to make huge strides in decarbonising our transport system as we work towards a zero-carbon future.

"The introduction of an all-electric bus fleet, charged by renewable

energy, will bring massive benefits to our town. It will improve air quality, supporting our work to tackle the climate emergency. It will also provide more environmentally friendly, modern and attractive bus services, encouraging more local people to choose this mode of transport.

"At the same time, this project will put our town at the forefront of delivering sustainable, zero emissions public transport, further enhancing our reputation as forward-thinking location to live, work, and do business."

Along with the significant reduction in pollution, the all-electric bus fleet will bring further modernisation benefits to make them a more attractive proposition for passengers – including audible and visible route and next stop announcements and a second priority space for wheelchairs, giving better access for all.

Chair of Warrington's Own Buses, Cllr Cathy Mitchell, said: "We welcome this funding, which will bring transformational improvements to bus services in Warrington.

"The investment in an all-electric bus fleet has the potential to be a real game-changer, improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions while providing a modern bus service we can all be proud of. It will help transform perceptions of public transport in our town, supporting our work to drive growth in bus usage."

Mr Carter, said: "Local people have consistently told me that they want to see frequent, reliable bus services across Warrington South. This is a fantastic announcement for the town. On the back of this commitment we'll see a big investment into modern, clean and efficient public transport in our town – which will allow the money saved from operating an older diesel fleet can go into providing better services where they are most needed."

This investment follows £5million secured from HM Government to create a new electric bus depot for the town last year, freeing up brownfield land for affordable homes to be built.

Mr Carter added: "I've worked closely with Department of Transport Ministers, Warrington's Own Buses & Council Officers who submitted a plan which I was happy to endorse to secure around £25million investment for our town.



# Campaigners left “devastated and stunned” as Peel Hall given green light

**AFTER more than 30 years of campaigning Save Peel Hall campaigners have been left “devastated and stunned” after losing a public inquiry over a proposed 1,200 housing development in the area.**

Following a lengthy public inquiry, the appeal inspector has ruled that Satnam Developments can have outline permission for the development, with her decision upheld by the secretary for state, Michael Gove.

Local residents Wendy Johnson-Taylor, a leading light in the Save Peel Hall Campaign Group said: “We are utterly devastated and stunned. There are no words in the Thesaurus that can adequately describe how we feel right now. We are just numb.

“This decision will have a devastating impact on North Warrington, and the rest of our town, in a truly disastrous way. The stability of where we live will be shattered. Our lives will never be the same again and we lose an important, vital green space that has given us cleaner air, wonderful wildlife and peace for decades. We also lose another valued green amenity in Ballater playing fields – to make way for more houses and an access that

is woefully inadequate to serve this Frankenstein monster of a scheme.

“Our residents’ health will see no protection from noise and air pollution that will be generated by this nightmare development. I fear more people will suffer from the effects of this and unfortunately, we know, that unacceptable levels add to unnecessary premature deaths, and as for the future highway network’s stability, well that has well and truly been stamped on. The future will witness sheer chaos on our road’s day in, day out”.

“All I can say is we did our best. We’ve fought for over 30 years. It’s been hard slog. I can only thank our key members and Rule 6 stalwarts Jim Sullivan, Margaret Steen, Jon Parr, Geoff Settle, Dave Sawyer, planning consultant Peter Black and campaigner Ste Dodd. They have all been selfless pillars of our community for years.”

Landowner Satnam was seeking outline planning permission

for a 1,200 home multi-use neighbourhood. The appeal inquiry came after the developer was successful in obtaining a High Court ruling.

Council Leader Cllr Russ Bowden, said: “At all stages, and for many years, the council has robustly rejected a series of planning applications at Peel Hall.

“In February 2017, an application for 1,200 homes was refused, leading to a public inquiry in mid-2018. The council again defended its position and we were very

disappointed when Satnam legally challenged the decision to not build on the site.

“Regarding why Peel Hall had to be included in the latest draft Local Plan, this was done on legal advice, as not to include it would be a possible threat to a further legal challenge by Satnam. We are very concerned and angry that, despite our continued rebuttal, the decision to allow development has now been made by the Secretary of State, and we share the frustrations of our local campaign groups.”



**Charlotte Nichols MP**  
Warrington North

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## Nice 'n' Naughty bouncing back

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Online Business development Manager Trish Murray said: "Our doors were due to open just as Covid 19 hit the UK and although we did manage to trade for a few short days prior to going into lockdown it was not the grand launch we had planned for.

"Forced closure before you have opened your doors properly was a huge blow to us, as it was to so many local businesses, but we knew that we needed to ensure that we protected our staff who are all Warrington born and bred with families to care for and this was our priority.

"We were lucky enough, via our website, which is also based in Warrington, to remain accessible online during the pandemic offering



home delivery across the country and we tried to brighten the mood and keep a positive outlook for our followers across our Social Media platforms.

"At the same time, we took this as an opportunity to take the website through its own transition, by productively focusing our energies on redeveloping and relaunching it, with the help of another local business ensuring that we supported those around us.

Trish added: "When we were able to open our doors back in June 2020, it was great to see customers old and new in the store and although many people we saw were understandably wary of the new rules that Covid 19 had brought with it, they also were happy to be able to exercise their re-established freedom to interact and communicate in person.

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# Return of Santa's Grotto and Santa Dash at Walton Hall & Gardens



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Tickets costing £8 per child, include free admission for two adults, a wrapped present and a chat with Santa. Autism hour and schools are welcome by appointment.

Funds raised will support the local charity and the opportunity to visit Santa and his elves in his Grotto at Walton Hall and Gardens in the run-up to Christmas.

Book online today and secure your time and date at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santas-grotto-2021-tickets-209211817177](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santas-grotto-2021-tickets-209211817177)

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[disabilitypartnership.org.uk](http://disabilitypartnership.org.uk) Meanwhile, have some festive fun and help to raise funds for Warrington Disability Partnership by booking to take part in Santa Dash on Sunday 12th December at Walton Hall Gardens.

You can walk, push, jog, run or even cycle the 3km route, all at your own pace. The entry fee is £10 which includes a five-piece Santa suit, donated by sponsors Birchwood Shopping Mall, to wear whilst you take part in the challenge.

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By David Watkinson

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All businesses that newly register for VAT will be automatically signed up for MTD. Existing businesses must sign up for it, although your agent can do this on your behalf. With regard to the form that records can take, spreadsheets remain acceptable provided that bridging software is used to link the totals on the spreadsheet to those declared on the electronic VAT Return. There must be no typing or retyping of the figures. The electronic VAT Return prepared must be "API" enabled, meaning that it can communicate with HM Revenue and Customs using their digital interface. Of course, MTD enabled accounting software can

be used instead, and this will automatically be "API" enabled. **WatkinsonBlack are experienced in dealing with MTD and will provide initial and continuing assistance as required to all existing and new clients.**

Fortunately, **the minimum record keeping requirements** are not too stringent. In fact, they are no more than should be kept by all businesses.

As far as sales, or outputs, are concerned, retailers can continue to keep their manual till or cashbox, and individual sales do not need to be recorded. However, they must then digitally record their daily gross takings, and they can do this on a spreadsheet or in a suitable accounting software package. Non-retailers must digitally record their sales invoices and these must be sequentially numbered. Details to be recorded are the tax point for the sale, the net amount excluding VAT, and the rate of VAT charged.

Record keeping requirements for purchases, or inputs, are equally straightforward. Each invoice must be recorded and must, as a minimum, include the tax point of the invoice, the net value of the purchase

or expense, and the amount of VAT being claimed.

Whilst there are a very small number of exemptions, mainly on the basis of age, disability or remoteness of location, the time and cost of compliance are not relevant factors in obtaining exemption. Therefore, **unless you are either old or decrepit you must expect to be caught by MTD.** If you are registered voluntarily, and your turnover is below the VAT deregistration limit of £83,000 per annum, then you may wish to consider deregistration. However, the VAT registration limit is going to remain at the current level of £85,000 per annum until at least April 2024. Therefore, if you expect your turnover to exceed that limit in the near future then you may decide that deregistration is not an option.

And that is enough serious talk this close to Christmas. **And so now for something completely different!...**

Once upon a time, deep in the middle of the forest, there was a remote monastery where the monks followed a rigid vow of silence. Each year, on Christmas Day, the monks allowed one member of their order, by rotation, to



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

speak but only one sentence. Then silence ensued again for another year.

One Christmas, it was the turn of Brother Thomas to speak. "I love the delightful mashed potatoes we have every year with the Christmas roast!", he said and then he sat down.

Silence ensued for the next 365 days.

The following Christmas, it was the turn of Brother Michael to speak. "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I truly despise them!", he said before once again sitting down.

Silence ensued for another 365 days.

The following Christmas, Brother Paul had his turn to speak. He stood up and said, "I am totally fed up with all this constant bickering!"

**The directors and staff at WatkinsonBlack would like to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and hope that you all have a prosperous and healthy 2022.**

*WatkinsonBlack have considerable experience in all areas of taxation and business services, including providing a very cost-effective payroll bureau service. If you want to arrange a no-obligation initial meeting on any taxation or accounting matter then please contact us. Our office is now open during all normal office hours. Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.*

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# Manager Carden leaves Yellow for AFC Telford United



**WARRINGTON Town have confirmed that manager Paul Carden has left the club to join National League North side AFC Telford United.**

The Yellow had announced after their 2-2 draw with Mickleover that they had received an approach from a club in a higher division for their highly rated manager.

He has now agreed terms and his five-year tenure at Cantilever Park is over.

A club statement said: "It is with a heavy heart that the club parts company with Paul, and we did everything we could to persuade him to stay."

"He has led the club to its highest ever league position, third in the Northern Premier League, in his two full seasons in charge. No one connected with Warrington Town will ever forget the NPL play-off final win away at South Shields, which in any other season would have earned both Paul and the club a deserved promotion.

"Unfortunately, the pandemic robbed Paul of the chance of following that up in the past two seasons, and finishes with a win percentage of just over 50% in 221 games in charge.

"His focus on doing his best for the club and his players throughout his time meant that it was only right for the club to do the same for him when receiving the approach.

"Paul had a great relationship with everyone at the club and will be sorely missed. He and his family will always be welcome at Cantilever Park."

Carden's assistant Mark Beesley will take interim charge of Warrington Town's next games.

Meanwhile, the club has also requested that no approaches are made to its players by Carden until the end of the season.

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**LICENSING ACT 2003: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE:** LiveWire (Warrington) CIC has given to Warrington Borough Council an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub, Longshaw Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 0DY. The licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on at the premises are:

Fitness Suite Classes, Group Fitness/Exercise Classes, Swimming Classes and Public, Swimming, Plays, Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance/Dance Classes.

The Licensing Register of Warrington Borough Council is held at East Annexe, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH and, where applicable, at [www.warrington.gov.uk](http://www.warrington.gov.uk). The record of the application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Council's above address and, where applicable, at any time on the above website.

Representations which shall be made in writing may be made by a responsible authority or any other person to Warrington Borough Council to be received at their above address by no later than 10/12/2021.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application; the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction being £5,000. (18/12/21)

**LICENSING ACT 2003: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE:** Corks Out has given to Warrington Borough Council an application for the variation of a Premises Licence for Corks Out, 96 London Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, WA4 6LE.

The licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on at the premises are: Amend the hours for outside Licensable activities to: Garden area 22:00 Sunday to Saturday Terrace area to 22:00 Sunday to Wednesday, & 23:00 on Thursday and 00:00 Friday to Saturday.

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