



YATELEY INDUSTRIES NEWSLETTER



UPDATE FROM OUR CEO, SHELDON MCMULLAN

Welcome to a new chapter of connection and community at Yateley Industries. As we embark on the journey of reviving our newsletter, we find ourselves reflecting on the transformative milestones of the past year and we invite you to join us in acknowledging the positive changes that have reshaped our community. Your support, whether as a dedicated community member, a valued partner, or someone new to our story, has been instrumental in our growth. Now, we look forward with excitement to the journey that lies ahead. We invite you to be a part of our story, to contribute your ideas, passion and expertise to the ongoing evolution of Yateley Industries. Together, we can continue to create an environment where authenticity, inclusivity and positive change thrive. We have so many exciting things coming up this year and it is my privilege to lead this incredible team who are making it happen.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Emma Boast and Charlotte Wooldridge *Community*

Programme Managers
Two part-time Community Programme Managers have been recruited and are now in post. Their roles are to establish the Community Hub Spaces and to organise activities and events for our staff and residents. You can contact Emma and Charlotte on **hub** [@yateleyindustries.net](mailto:hub@yateleyindustries.net)

Cheryl Littlefield *Yateley Industries* *Job Coach*

We are proud to have launched an innovative Job Coach Service, a dedicated in-work support system funded through the DWPs Access to Work scheme for Hart, Rushmoor and surrounding areas.

For more information email **jobcoach** [@yateleyindustries.net](mailto:jobcoach@yateleyindustries.net) or call 01252 872337.

Maria Mannan *Community & Events* *Fundraiser*

Since starting mid August this year Maria has been looking at generating income from fundraising activities, events and supporter sponsorship. Her role also involves establishing connections with the local community, co-ordinating corporate volunteer days and new volunteers for our events. Contact Maria at **mariam** [@yateleyindustries.net](mailto:mariam@yateleyindustries.net)

Poppy Bastin *Trusts & Grants Fundraiser*

Poppy is our newest team member, having joined us at the end of November. Her role involves researching and securing grants from trusts, foundations, and grant-giving organisations as well as identifying new potential funding streams to support our programmes. You can contact Poppy by emailing **poppyb** [@yateleyindustries.net](mailto:poppyb@yateleyindustries.net)

To enquire about or book any of our spaces please email hub@yateleyindustries.net



COMMUNITY HUB & EVENTS

Over the summer months building work has been taking place to update and modernise the three community spaces and our Community Hub is now up and running!

We want to encourage a wide range of charities, hobby groups and companies to use the space, and are particularly excited to be hosting the free Community Christmas Lunch for those who will be on their own at Xmas in the Great Hall. **Contact Julie Aylen on 01252 875946 for more info.**

We are already holding activities for our staff and residents which have been a huge success so far. These include: Board and Games night, Willow Weaving, Yoga, Ukulele & percussion, Movie night as well as a regular Monday evening Craft Club. **To enquire or book any of our spaces please email hub@yateleyindustries.net**

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Almost £200 has been raised for us through Easyfundraising!



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easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/yateley-industries-for-the-disabled-limited/



COMMUNITY & FUNDRAISING

Summer Social: our Summer Social took place on 9th Sept, in partnership with The Yateley Society. It was a huge success raising £1688 which was split equally between the two charities. **£844**

Twilight Runway Challenge: a team made up of 11 staff, residents and supporters took part in this Challenge at Blackbushe Airport on 16th Sept. Participants wheeled, walked, ran or cycled between 5 & 10k and raised over £2200 in sponsorship. **£2200+**

Volunteer Days: we were pleased to have two teams come in recently to tidy up our outdoor space. Community Matters Partnership Project with Alphabet GB, and then Hart District Council Countryside Rangers. Each spent a day cutting back trees and clearing undergrowth around the site to improve the outdoor space for our staff and residents.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Community Pantry is open 10am - 2pm on Tues, Wed and Fri each week and now supports 670 families. We had a total of 412 visits in October, with twice as many new sign ups in October than during the summer.



Last year our Pantry Garden was chosen as the Co-op Local Community Funding Partner. An amazing £2,890.84 has been raised which will go towards making the green space wheelchair accessible. Thank you to Co-op members that chose our Pantry Garden as their local cause!

FACTORY UPDATE

The factory is doing well with an increase in work as well as new staff members. We are planning to bring in additional, more diverse and challenging work which would mean increasing our operating hours. We will be looking at increasing storage space and repairing existing outbuildings and will be fundraising for this in 2024.

We are always looking for volunteers for our events. If you are interested please email info@yateleyindustries.net