



YATELEY INDUSTRIES NEWSLETTER



UPDATE FROM OUR CEO, SHELDON MCMULLAN

Reflecting on the past quarter, I am thrilled to report significant progress and positive developments at Yateley Industries. Despite the challenges, our community has persevered and achieved more remarkable milestones. Community engagement remains at the forefront of the revitalisation of our Charity and the bustling activity at our Community Hub is a testament to that. Notable achievements include securing several major funding grants, hosting diverse events, a high performing factory and a growing membership at the Pantry.

Financial management continues to be sound, with prudent budgeting and successful fundraising efforts. Despite external challenges, our dedicated and growing team remains focused on delivering our mission of inclusivity and positive change.

Looking to the future, we are optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead and remain committed to fostering an environment where authenticity, inclusivity and community thrive. Thank you for your continued support and hope to see you in our Community Cafe soon!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Finance Manager

We sadly say goodbye to **Janet Higginbotham** who will be retiring after 23 years with Yateley Industries. New Finance Manager **Jane Monk** started in January and has been working alongside Janet to get up to speed in her new role.

You can contact Jane by email at janem@yateleyindustries.net or call 01252 872337.

Jean Poolton

Community Pantry Manager

In December, we bid farewell to Alex who was responsible for running our Community Pantry.

New Manager, Jean has been busy getting to know our volunteers and ensuring the pantry continues to run smoothly to support our members which have now reached over 700.

Contact Jean at jeanp@yateleyindustries.net

Kevin Holmes

Community Cafe Chef

Kevin joined the team in January and has been busy overseeing purchasing and installation of the new kitchen equipment as well as creating our menu.

Our cafe is now open and our Warm Space is available to all Pantry Members during Pantry opening hours where they will be able to get a hot drink and a toastie for £1 once a week.

Diane Cole

Office Manager

Diane started this month as Office Manager at Yateley Industries. In addition to supporting our CEO, she will be reorganising our current working spaces to accommodate all our new starters!

You can contact Diane by email at dianec@yateleyindustries.net or call 01252 872337.

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



COMMUNITY HUB & EVENTS

Our Christmas party was attended by 40 individuals. This was a great way to meet face to face some of the residents who have not yet attended activities.

The activities and events that have been delivered have continued to be popular. The choice of activities are decided by the residents and staff who share their ideas. Due to its history, we have been keen to reintroduce an element of block printing back into Yateley Industries which was strongly supported by the YI staff and residents. We were lucky to have found a supporter of ours who was keen to run block printing workshops. Prior to Christmas we ran sessions on Christmas Card printing, block printing wrapping paper and are now looking at printing on material.



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



COMMUNITY & FUNDRAISING

Warm Space Project: our crowdfunding project was a huge success, with donations reaching £1000 which was match funded by Vivid Homes making a total of £2173 with Gift Aid.

£2173

Bikeathon & Battle Rope Day: on 7th Feb our factory staff took part in a sponsored Bikeathon and Battle Rope event which ran all day. Participants took turns to keep the activity going from 9-4 and raised £378.50 in sponsorship. Money raised will go towards activities for our staff and residents. Thank you to Anytime Fitness Fleet for loan of equipment.

£378.50



Community Cafe

Our new Community Café is now open - come along and check out our breakfast and lunch menus!

Opening hours:
8.30am to 3pm
Monday - Friday



COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Community Pantry is open 10am - 2pm on Tues, Wed and Fri each week and now supports over 700 families. We had a total of 341 visits in December, and were pleased to be able to offer our members additional items the week prior to Christmas.



Thank you to Yateley Lights, The Chequers Pub, Hardwicke Quality Fruit & Veg, Yateley Women's Social Group and Share Wokingham for their donations to the pantry.

FACTORY UPDATE

Our factory continues to keep everyone busy and we have had two new starters since the beginning of the year.

Community Lunch

We will be hosting a free Community Easter Lunch for those who will be on their own on 1st April in our hall.

Contact Julie Aylen on 01252 875946 or email yateleyeasterlunch@gmail.com for more info.

