



Welcome to the new BE Group Newsletter which aims to bring you up to date with some of the things happening at BE Group.

Our business is growing which has lead us to recruit two new members of staff, and also the refurbishment of our Headquarters at Birchwood One, opening up opportunities for both new business and new clients.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and look forward to doing business with you.

# **Agency News**

It's been a busy quarter for BE Group's Commercial Agency Team......

Orbit Developments has bought two office buildings at Daten Park in Birchwood, Warrington, from Praxis Asset Management for an undisclosed sum.

The purchase included Progress House, which is a 10,923 sq ft office building recently let by BE Group in its entirety to Eriks Industrial Services Ltd on a new 15 year lease, and also Innovation House, a 8,587 sq ft refurbished office building which is on the market for lease.

BE Group, on behalf of Fred Done of Betfred, has secured the first five lettings at Birchwood Boulevard Business Park in Warrington within the first six months of Betfred's ownership and following the first phase of a speculative £500k refurbishment at the site.

Totalling over 12,500 sq ft, the space has been let to Angel Advance, TVS, HE Simm, Legal for Landlords, and Ethigen.







#### **New Agency Instructions**

The BE Group Commercial Agency team has just been instructed by St Modwen Developments to market Trident Business Park in Birchwood. The park extends 20 acres incorporating 239,720 sq ft of office and industrial accommodation.

### **Economic Development News**

Over the next few months BE Group's Economic Development Team will undertake a Commercial Property Market Study Blackburn with Darwen Council. Amongst other work this will provide a detailed appraisal of Blackburn with Darwen's current stock of employment premises and employment land.

Elsewhere BE Group is completing employment land and employment premises studies for places as far apart as St Helens in Merseyside and North Norfolk.

Following on from the earlier Wrexham and Flintshire Employment Land Review, BE Group has also been recommissioned to provide some further Employment Growth Scenarios for Flintshire, which reflect the County Council's aspirations for growth in an improving economy.



# **Economic Development News**

The Economic Development Team has had a busy and productive first half to 2015. Recently completed work includes an Employment Land and Property Study for Melton Borough in Leicestershire, this looked at supply and demand for land and property in a rural local authority famous for its food production.

Further south the team undertook a Commercial Workspace Study for Uttlesford, a District in Essex which includes Stansted Airport.

On the smaller scale, BE Group considered viable mixed use redevelopment and reuse options for an area of Wrexham Town Centre referred to as the Bodhyfryd site. In addition to a market appraisal, the Economic Development Team provided financial appraisals of the redesign options and a delivery strategy as to how those options could be realistically brought forward.

### Welcome to our new Team Members

Anthony Meulman - Regeneration Consultant

#### Anthony joins us from Oz.....

Anthony commented, "I am enjoying the challenge of researching the property market in the UK and I have found several differences and similarities between the Australian and UK markets".



#### Greg O'Hara - Property Research Assistant

Greg will support both the Agency and Economic Development Teams....

Greg exclaims, "I'm excited to have been given the opportunity to work with both our great agency and economic teams—looking forward to the challenges ahead!"

# **Sports and Social**

On the 19th June, Charlotte Kelly took part in the annual Starlight Walk in aid of St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington. At midnight, along with 1300 other woman, Charlotte walked 13.3 miles around Warrington to raise much needed funds for the hospice. The walk took her 3hrs 37 mins, beating her previous 5 years times. Thanks to the generosity of her colleagues and friends, she raised £215. The sponsorship generated in total from the walk was £129,000.





Agency colleagues Simon Roddam and Sam Birtwistle will be running the English Half Marathon on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September to raise money for local children's charity Brainwave. The guys are now in training and pushing for sponsorship, so please do visit their Virgin Money Giving page and make a donation today in support of a great cause: <u>http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Begroup</u>

