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# Manor Royal News



THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE MANOR ROYAL BUSINESS DISTRICT



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# Inside Track with Steve Sawyer



**Faster. Faster. Faster. Is it me or are things speeding up?** Real or imagined, I think we can definitely say it's true of Manor Royal.

In the past few weeks, we welcomed the Eevezy ultra-fast EV charging centre on Gatwick Road. A development that also plays host to Sainsbury's Local and Greggs. Perfect for fast charging and grabbing something on the go.

We are also delighted with the investment in new broadband infrastructure offering reliable gigabit speed connectivity throughout the business district. A cause the Manor Royal BID has been championing and lobbying for ever since the initial investment in superfast technology - and now it's here.

You can read about both these high-speed investments in this issue of Manor Royal News.

Things also feel like they are speeding up for the BID itself. April marks the



start of the fourth year of the current five-year term, a very important one for the BID and The Manor, as we oversee delivery of significant improvements that will deliver new facilities, park areas, entranceway upgrades, transport infrastructure improvements alongside new services, events and projects.

By now those businesses that contribute in the form of the BID Levy would have received your BID Levy Leaflet, explaining how the previous year's BID Levy was invested and how we intend to invest this year.

Of the 350 Business Improvement

Districts (BIDs) in the UK, the Manor Royal BID Levy is among the lowest and we are among the best at attracting additional funds from other sources - and every penny is reinvested directly in the area, without which we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

You can read our BID Levy Leaflet at [www.manorroyal.org/bid-levy-leaflet](http://www.manorroyal.org/bid-levy-leaflet)

Thank you for your continued support and here's to things NOT slowing down.

**Steve Sawyer**  
Executive Director, Manor Royal BID

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MANOR ROYAL BID...\*

Has one of the lowest levy rates in the UK.



Is among the best for attracting additional investment for the area.



Has low spend on central costs to maximise investment in projects.



\*According to the British BIDs "National BIDs Survey" of all BIDs operating in the UK, of which there are over 340.

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# Boost Your Business at Manor Royal's 'Know Your Neighbour'



The Manor Royal BID is delighted to announce the date of its flagship business showcase and networking event, 'Know Your Neighbour', as Wednesday 3rd June 2026, 9:30am - 2:30pm at The Hawth Crawley.

Following the success of last year's gathering, which was the largest to date with record-breaking attendance and over 100 exhibiting companies, this year's event promises to be another can't-miss opportunity to connect, collaborate and celebrate the vibrant business community that makes this one of the UK's largest and most dynamic Business Districts.

Designed to showcase the very best of what Manor Royal has to offer, 'Know Your Neighbour' is the premier platform to encourage local trade, make new contacts, and have fun discovering what the area has to offer. With both indoor and outdoor exhibition spaces available, including areas for vehicle displays, Manor Royal businesses are urged to book their free stand now on a first-come, first-served basis via the Manor Royal website.

Once again, the early part of the day is exclusively for Manor Royal people and businesses with visitors from outside the area being welcomed throughout the afternoon so that they can find out what makes the business district brilliant.

### Why Book a Stand?

- Showcase your business for FREE. Put your brand in front of fellow Manor Royal companies and visitors alike.
- Grow your network. Meet potential customers, partners and suppliers.
- Save time and money. Connect with many decision-makers in one place on one day.
- Gain visibility and raise your profile within the Manor Royal community.
- Participate in seminars, networking sessions and prize draws.

### Why Attend?

Even if you don't exhibit, Know Your Neighbour is a fantastic day out for business leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals. Attendees can:

- Discover the wide range of businesses operating on Manor Royal - from finance and fitness to catering and creative services.
- Explore new products, services and opportunities to support your business goals.
- Learn through optional seminars and catch up on the latest BID news and initiatives.
- Be part of a growing Business District, where collaboration and community matter.



Reflecting on the success and spirit of this event, Steve Sawyer, Executive Director of Manor Royal BID, said:

*"Know Your Neighbour remains the perfect showcase of what makes Manor Royal exceptional - it's about people coming together, unlocking new opportunities, and taking pride in the place we all work. The atmosphere and sense of community last year was fantastic. We're determined to make 2026 even more inspiring."*

### How to Register

Manor Royal companies wishing to exhibit are encouraged to book their free stand now as spaces are limited. Attendee tickets are also available now. For more information and to register, see [www.manorroyal.org/events](http://www.manorroyal.org/events)

## Manor Royal BID Jobs Fair Brings Together Local Opportunities and Local Talent



A wide range of employers from across the Manor Royal Business District met with local jobseekers at the Manor Royal Jobs Fair, held at Crawley Town Hall on Friday 6 March.

The event was organised by the Manor Royal Business Improvement District (BID) in partnership with Employ Crawley and supported by Love Local Jobs and the Department of Work & Pensions.

The fair brought together major employers and local businesses to showcase career opportunities within one of the South East's largest business districts.

Manor Royal companies large and small attended the event including Virgin Atlantic, Vent-Axia, London Gatwick Airport, Vivisol, and Newrest, all of whom were on hand to discuss current vacancies, training opportunities and career pathways for local job seekers.

The Jobs Fair provided an opportunity for local residents to engage directly with employers operating within the Manor Royal Business District, learn about the variety of roles available and gain insight into the skills and experience sought by local businesses.

Steve Sawyer, Executive Director of Manor Royal BID, said: "Manor Royal is home to a diverse range of businesses offering hundreds of career opportunities across many sectors. Events like the Jobs Fair play an important role in connecting local people with those opportunities and helping businesses find the talent they need to grow. It was fantastic to see such strong engagement from both employers and jobseekers on the day."

The event was also supported by Love Local Jobs, who manage the Manor Royal Job Board. The platform provides a free service for Manor Royal businesses to advertise job vacancies, helping to connect employers with local talent.

For more information about career opportunities within the Manor Royal Business District, visit:

📄 [www.manorroyal.org/jobs](http://www.manorroyal.org/jobs)

## Woolborough Lane Linear Park - a place of connections

Following recent improvements to Crawter's Brook People's Park, work has now started and is currently ongoing to create Woolborough Lane Linear Park.

Taking place along the off-road cycleway and footpath that forms part of the National Cycle Network (Route 21), the project is expected to be completed by the end of May and will consist of a series of "rooms" with new seating, planting and bespoke artwork, as well as improved surfacing.

The artwork is inspired by the heritage of the area and is being produced by renowned sculptor, Andrew McKeown, who uses the recurring themes of

growth, change and renewal within his work combined with site specific historical and industrial references that can be both literal and metaphorical.

His work has been produced around the UK and internationally. This commission, called "Connections", will feature snippets from Mike Lewis' "New Town Pioneers" poem that was contributed as part of the Arts Council funded project to uncover the history and stories of Manor Royal.

Having worked with landscape architects Allen Scott and environmental consultants Adonis Blue, this project will also enhance local wildlife, nature and biodiversity in



accordance with the BID's objectives to make Manor Royal more sustainable.

This project is supported by Crawley Town Deal funding, contributed by Crawley Borough Council, and delivered by the Manor Royal BID as part of its Projects Pack vision to improve facilities throughout the Business District.

📄 [www.manorroyal.org/woolborough](http://www.manorroyal.org/woolborough)

## New full fibre network built for business goes live

A brand new next-generation full fibre network is now live across Crawley, giving more than 1,500 organisations, including over 700 in the Manor Royal Business District, access to gigabit-capable connectivity services.

Announced last September, the project was awarded by Crawley Borough Council to full fibre provider ITS through a competitive tender. Funded through the Towns Fund alongside private investment from ITS, the 32km network extends digital connectivity to more business locations across the town, with a revenue share model enabling income to be reinvested for the benefit of the wider Crawley community.

The availability of full fibre provides Crawley with the digital capacity needed at a time when reliable, high-speed connectivity is increasingly central to productivity, resilience and competitiveness. Offering high-speed services that scale with demand, the network supports cloud adoption, data-intensive operations and the increasing use of AI-led technologies across a wide range of business applications.

Councillor Michael Jones, Leader of Crawley Borough Council, said: "The completion of this project is a significant milestone for our town. It has strengthened the infrastructure that supports local employers and helps make Crawley an attractive place for new businesses to locate."

"As part of the Towns Fund programme, this project shows how targeted public funding, alongside private investment, can deliver long-term benefits that help to futureproof our local economy."

Steve Sawyer, Executive Director, Manor Royal BID, said: "Connectivity underpins how businesses at Manor Royal operate on a day-to-day basis. It affects productivity and the ability to adopt new, bandwidth-hungry technologies, all of which are essential to growth."

"With this full fibre network now live, organisations have access to the capacity and reliability they need to operate with confidence and plan for the future."

Dave Ferry, CSO, ITS, said: "This project



responds directly to what businesses in Crawley have been asking for - access to dependable, high-quality, full fibre connectivity that can support their digital growth.

"As an open-access network, it enables them to choose from a range of services delivered by our service provider partners, offering flexibility and ensuring that their connectivity can evolve as their business demands change over time."

Businesses can now order services ranging from full fibre broadband to dedicated leased lines through ITS's community of service provider partners, including resellers, managed- and internet service providers. In addition to connectivity, partners offer a broader portfolio of IT services such as voice, storage, backup and security. To check availability, visit

📄 [www.fasterbritain.com](http://www.fasterbritain.com)

## THE 21ST MANOR ROYAL BID TRAINING PROGRAMME



A partnership that has run for over 10 years, now celebrates having delivered 21 individual programmes of bespoke and discounted training, exclusively for Manor Royal companies.

This enduring collaboration between the Manor Royal BID and Crawley College has, quite literally, paid dividends for 100s of Manor Royal companies who have collectively saved hundreds of thousands of pounds while training almost 2,500 people.

This programme offers the usual broad mix of courses covering aspects of leadership, management, IT, business, first aid and fire warden training.

As well as getting trained for less, learners get to visit fellow Manor Royal companies and learn alongside other Manor Royal people.

As ever, if there is a course you want to see included in a future phase of training, get in touch and let us know.

The 21st programme includes: Delivering Excellence in Customer Service, Effective Time Management, Train the Trainer, Emergency First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Fire Warden and Awareness, Excel and Powerpoint courses, OneDrive Essentials, Coaching Skills for Managers and more.

Book and find out more at [www.manorroyal.org/training](http://www.manorroyal.org/training)

## WHERE THERE'S A WILL

Huge congratulations to Will Lovegrove, Partner at Treetop Design and Print, who ran the London Marathon on 26 April for First Touch, a charity that supports families on the neonatal unit at St George's Hospital.

Will says, "Yes, I know it's that time of year when everyone and probably their dog is asking for London Marathon sponsorship, but stick with me. I ran for First Touch, a charity that supported us when our twin girls were born at just 25 weeks, weighing 920g and 800g.

"We spent four long months in the neonatal unit, navigating a world of worry, exhaustion, and more medical procedures than I can count. First Touch funds vital equipment, training, and support for families like ours during the hardest of times.

"So, this is me, 26.2 miles completed, to give something back. If you're able to donate, I'd be so grateful. Every contribution helps give premature and sick babies the best possible start."

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/will-lovegrove>



treetop design & print

## Dazzling Chloe

Since the doors first opened at Mamas & Papas on County Oak Retail Park in 2022, Chloe Pritchard has been a familiar and reassuring face for new and expectant parents. Through her 1:1 consulting appointments, she guides families as they take their first steps into parenthood, offering calm expertise, practical advice, and a genuine passion for helping others feel prepared and confident.

But outside of work, Chloe's heart belongs to one of Crawley's most cherished community groups: the Crawley Bobby Dazzlers.

Originally founded in 1982 by Vi and Bob Leake, the Bobby Dazzlers became a well-known majorette corps throughout the 1980s, performing at competitions, public events, and Crawley Carnivals. Their success spanned countless team and individual awards, and although the group disbanded in 1992, the family's love for baton twirling never faded.

"As a growing, award-winning community group, we are now seeking a sponsor to help support costs such as uniforms, equipment, competition fees, and travel," Chloe explains.



"In return, we would be delighted to promote our sponsor through social media, event appearances, and printed materials."

To support Chloe and the Crawley Bobby Dazzlers, contact Jenny Johnson on 07709 665807.

## MATCH FIT

Out of shape? Used to play football?

Looking to boost your fitness and enjoy the game you love? Match Fit is bringing a fresh, energising way for men working in Manor Royal Business District to get active, social, and strong together.

Match Fit is more than just football, it's a growing men's community focused on wellbeing, strength, and connection through the beautiful game. Whether you're a regular player



or haven't kicked a ball in years, Match Fit offers a welcoming environment where all abilities can get involved. Games are played Friday nights at the Holbrook Club in Horsham. For anyone working on Manor Royal, the first session is FREE.

Sean from Trade Counter Mate on Manor Royal said:

"Joining Match Fit has been a game-changer for me. Great lads, great sessions, and I feel fitter every week. If you're working around Manor Royal, come and give it a go, you won't regret it."

So, if you're ready to improve your fitness, meet new people, and enjoy football again, now's the time to get involved. Join Match Fit and become part of something bigger.

[www.matchfit.club](http://www.matchfit.club)

## ROAMING RANGER JustGiving®

On 09 May Matt the Business Ranger will be swapping Manor Royal for London as he treks 26 miles in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

A familiar face on The Manor, most businesses will be used to seeing Matt around the business district helping to clock up thousands of steps everyday patrolling the area, hot-footing it to recover stolen goods or merely checking in on businesses as part of his role to keep Manor Royal safe and working.

Good preparation for taking on Trek26 in London to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society and in memory of his dad, Peter.

Support Matt at via his Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/page/matt-patching-6](http://www.justgiving.com/page/matt-patching-6)



## Manor Royal Diamonds



It was a truly rewarding night for Manor Royal businesses at the recent Gatwick Diamond Business Awards held at The Grand Hotel in Brighton.

Launched in 2009 and now in their 18th year, these prestigious awards celebrate the very best in business excellence across the Gatwick Diamond region, including Manor Royal. Our congratulations to:

**Gary Tomlinson**, Solutions Director at SOS Systems: Gatwick Diamond Business Person of the Year

**Kellyann McGovern**, Office Manager at Aircraft Leasing and Management: Gatwick Diamond Employee of the year **Stribe** who won Gatwick Diamond Business of the Year (up to £1m) and

**Carnegie Group** winners of Gatwick Diamond Business of the Year (over £1m)

[www.gatwickdiamondbusinessawards.com](http://www.gatwickdiamondbusinessawards.com)



Carnegie Group



Gary Tomlinson



Kellyann McGovern



Stribe

# Transvalair at 50



For 50 years, Transvalair has delivered the one thing global supply chains value most: certainty. From its base in Crawley's Manor Royal Business District, the company has grown into an internationally respected operator trusted with high-stakes logistics—most recently, at the Paris 2024 Olympics with further big projects secured in the pipeline.

**ROOTS IN A DISTRICT BUILT FOR MOVEMENT** Centrally located at Gatwick Airport Crawley Manor Royal, there are few locations in the UK that offer a more logistics-ready environment, and Transvalair has been embedded in this environment for many years. Its location enables rapid air and road operations through both Gatwick and the Southeast Pallet Network.

**BUILDING A MULTI-MODAL POWERHOUSE** Transvalair's early expansion was deliberate and methodical. Instead of specialising in a single mode, the company built complementary divisions: Transvalair (Gatwick), Transvalroad (National), and Transvalocean (Felixstowe), enabling

seamless movement across air, sea and road.

**REPUTATION: EARNED THE HARD WAY** International reputation in freight forwarding is built through consistency under pressure. Transvalair's history of transporting specialised cargo - from sports cars to armoured vehicles and artwork - demonstrates its multi-faceted capability.

**WHEN THE WORLD IS WATCHING: PARIS 2024** The Paris 2024 Olympics marked a major milestone. Transvalair delivered and positioned all security scanning equipment across 43 Olympic venues, moving 96 TEUs from Malaysia, 68 full trailer loads from the UK, and deploying 345 X-ray scanners and 1,254 metal detectors.

**FIVE DECADES OF CHANGE** Since 1976, logistics has evolved dramatically - tightened security regimes, digitisation, and globalised supply chains. Transvalair has adapted at every stage, expanding hubs in Gatwick, Felixstowe, Dubai, and Johor Bahru.

## WHAT THE NEXT DECADE HOLDS

With demand rising for high-complexity logistics, Transvalair is positioned for further growth in major event logistics, technological integration and resilient multi-regional network expansion.

Supply chains are now board-level concerns. Companies like Transvalair - quiet, consistent, and operationally disciplined - are becoming strategic assets. Its 50-year legacy in resilience and performance show a company ready for the global challenges ahead.

[www.transvalair.com](http://www.transvalair.com)



# AFML secures lucrative new contract

AFML is a highly-respected provider of maintenance services, operating both on and off-airport in an area that encompasses Greater London and the South, with a support network to the North.

Based in Satellite business village (Unit 2) on Manor Royal, AFML is pleased to announce they have recently secured a lucrative contract with a well-known national hospitality (food and beverage) provider, delivering services across a diverse portfolio that includes major UK airports as well as high-profile national high street locations.

Under this agreement, AFML will support with reactive maintenance, planned preventative works & new facility installations, sadly no cake testing, ensuring operational continuity, compliance, and consistently high standards across all sites. This contract represents a significant milestone for the business and reinforces AFML's capability to support both local & national suppliers with both complex, multi-site national operations within demanding

environments and local reactive maintenance (including out of hours) if required. We will also be utilising our extensive vehicle fleet for new stores supporting deliveries and collections.

Should you have any potential opportunity that you wish to discuss or simply want to know a little more then please do contact via [enquiries@afml.uk](mailto:enquiries@afml.uk)

[www.afml.uk](http://www.afml.uk)



# E-Veezy Celebrates Successful Launch in Manor Royal



E-Veezy has marked the successful opening of its flagship ultra-rapid EV charging hub at Northwood Park on Gatwick Road, Manor Royal, following a well-attended, successful launch event on Thursday, 26th February 2026.

Local businesses, partners and community representatives gathered to see the new facility, which delivers 27 ultra-rapid charging bays capable of speeds up to 400kW. Free charging was offered on the 26th and 27th of February to commemorate the launch, giving

drivers the opportunity to experience the new infrastructure first-hand.

The Mayor of Crawley, Councillor Sharmila Sivarajah, attended the opening and said a few words to mark the occasion. Representatives from the local business community were also present, including Richard Place Dobson, Gatwick Diamond Business, Manor Royal BID and Creative Pod. Automotive partners Gatwick Kia and Volvo Car UK, Harwoods Group, showcased their latest electric vehicle models during the event.

Speaking to Creative Pod at the launch, E-Veezy Director, David Bowcock, stated:

"To see it all come together with the logos, the lights, our other partners, Sainsbury's and Greggs, all operating, it's amazing to see... and really it's about safe, reliable, everyday charging."

Located at Northwood Park, the site is open 24 hours a day and includes 8 bays designed specifically for commercial vehicles. Greggs and Sainsbury's Local are now open on site, providing food and essentials for drivers while they charge.

E-Veezy was established with a clear aim: to deliver reliable, ultra-rapid EV charging that drivers can depend on. The Manor Royal hub has been designed with strong lighting, CCTV coverage, wide accessible bays and clear signage to ensure a safe and straightforward experience at any time of day.

Backed by long-term investors with strong regional experience, E-Veezy plans to use Manor Royal as a blueprint for future expansion.

Drivers can visit the site at Northwood Park, Gatwick Road, Manor Royal. For more information, visit [www.e-veezy.com](http://www.e-veezy.com)

## A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE GATWICK DIAMOND BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Gatwick Diamond Business (gdb) and the Gatwick Diamond Initiative (GDi) have come together as one organisation, marking a significant milestone for the South East's business community. With GDi incorporated into gdb, the move represents a natural next step in a long-standing partnership built on collaboration, trust and shared ambition.

For members, the coming together does not change who gdb is or how it operates. Instead, it strengthens what has always defined the organisation: a business-led, locally grounded network owned by its members and focused solely on regional priorities. By consolidating their strengths, gdb is creating a clearer, more confident

and more influential voice for business across the Gatwick Diamond and wider South East.

gdb continues to support its members through a rich programme of activity, including more than 80 networking and business support events each year. These range from sector forums and leadership discussions to practical, skills-focused sessions. Members benefit from a trusted and welcoming community where relationships are built, ideas are shared, and there is direct access to regional partners, influencers and decision-makers who understand the local economy.

Sally Brown, Managing Director of Gatwick Diamond Business, says the organisation has always been about community. "By working together, we strengthen the value of our network and empower our members with a renewed focus on the future. It's about collaboration, innovation and creating opportunities that help our member businesses not just survive, but thrive in a changing world."

The strengthened organisation is also ensuring the region has a clear and consistent voice at a national level. The establishment of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the South East and Gatwick Diamond Growth Gateway provides a structured route into Westminster, keeping regional priorities such as transport connectivity, skills, investment and sustainable growth firmly on the agenda.

As a not-for-profit organisation owned by its members, gdb remains committed to putting members at the heart of everything it does. By coming together, the organisation is protecting what members value most: independence, regional focus and a genuine sense of belonging.

This new chapter is about more than structure. It is about one region, one voice, and a shared future for the Gatwick Diamond business community.

[www.gatwickdiamondbusiness.com](http://www.gatwickdiamondbusiness.com)

## A Global Aviation Business Anchored on Manor Royal

Volanteus operates across borders, time zones and continents, but our story is firmly rooted at Astral Towers on Manor Royal.

From our Head Office in Manor Royal, we coordinate private jet charter, helicopter flights, group and team travel, and cargo aircraft charter for clients worldwide. Alongside our UK base, we have offices in the US, France and Dubai. This global presence allows our teams to support flights around the clock and respond quickly wherever our clients are travelling.

Having teams based in different regions means local knowledge is always close at hand. Whether it is understanding regional aviation regulations, airport access or on-the-ground logistics, our international offices work closely with the UK team to deliver seamless travel and transport solutions.

Manor Royal works well for a business like ours. The connectivity, infrastructure and concentration of professional services make it an ideal base for a company that operates at pace. While our teams speak to colleagues overseas throughout the day, they also benefit from being part of a strong local business community.

We are proud to employ a growing team across our global offices, with Astral Towers acting as the hub that brings

everything together. Over time, we have also worked with a number of Manor Royal based businesses, whether through shared suppliers or professional partnerships. That balance of global reach and local connection continues to support the way we work.

From private jets and helicopters to group movements and cargo charter, Volanteus connects people and goods worldwide, with Manor Royal at the heart of the business.

[www.volanteus.com](http://www.volanteus.com)



## DPD OPENS NEW PURPOSE-BUILT DISTRIBUTION CENTRE



The UK's leading premium parcel delivery company DPD has opened a new 60,000 sq ft regional distribution centre in Manor Royal.

Part of a multimillion-pound announcement in March last year, the purpose-built state-of-the-art distribution centre will significantly increase DPD's capacity in the South East to meet the demand for firm's services.

DPD's existing teams locally, will move to the much larger facilities and

ongoing recruitment will result in over 80 new jobs for the region by October, as both centres increase parcel volumes.

Nationally, the investment in the seven 60,000 sq ft facilities will see the firm deliver the 50th new build distribution centre as part of an unprecedented and ongoing programme to strengthen its nationwide network of over 80 regional parcel centres.

The giant new fully automated sortation facilities will each be capable of processing up to 80,000 parcels a day, with capacity to accommodate over 100 new delivery driver routes to ensure the operation can handle the demand for DPD's services in each area with space to carry on growing for a number of years.

DPD Crawley on Hydehurst Lane is located just to the north of Manor Royal, the new distribution centre will

replace the current DPD depot nearby on Fleming Way, with the team there moving to the new site.

Justin Pegg, DPD UK CEO commented, "I'm delighted to confirm the opening of the first of seven new DCs in 2026/27 as we continue to modify and expand our nationwide network of over 80 regional sorting centres. The majority of our regional network comprises modern, purpose-built and fully automated facilities, giving us the speed and the capacity needed to run a premium national seven day a week, next day delivery service. This is an ongoing programme as we continue to invest in our infrastructure to ensure we will always meet the demand for our services and exceed our customers' expectations."

Details on all of DPD's sustainability initiatives can be found on its dedicated website -

[www.sustainability.dpd.co.uk](http://www.sustainability.dpd.co.uk)

## SMARTER OFFICE MAIL FOR MANOR ROYAL BUSINESSES

With costs under scrutiny, Latcham's IntelliDoc hybrid mail service is going from strength to strength.

If your business sends invoices, statements, notices or any customer correspondence by post, there's a good chance you're spending more than you need to - and getting less visibility than you deserve.

Latcham's IntelliDoc is a simple to use, 'desktop' hybrid mail solution, built for organisations that want more than just a cost effective printing and posting service. Simply click, file, print and IntelliDoc does the rest.

IntelliDoc combines enterprise-level document intelligence with the personal service that established and growing businesses need. If you are currently mailing 300+ items a month let us know.

What makes our hybrid mail solution different?

Most hybrid mail services simply take your documents and send



them by choosing a safely installed print driver you choose yourself. IntelliDoc goes further. It intelligently analyses incoming files, matches documents by address, groups related communications together, and detects document types automatically - so your customers receive a clear, well-structured pack rather than a scatter of disconnected letters.

For Manor Royal businesses producing essential communications, this means:

- Reduced postage and materials costs through intelligent document consolidation
- Safe storage of all sent communications for you to access when needed

- Choose your delivery of mail, email or SMS through your traceable secure online portal
- Full audit trails and proof-of-sending reports for compliance and governance
- Metadata capture that feeds directly into your finance systems, reporting platforms and data lakes

Control, visibility and confidence

IntelliDoc transforms mail from a back-office task into a controlled, auditable workflow. Every mail piece is tracked - what was included, when it was produced, how it was grouped. PDF outputs with 90-day retention support compliance and evidence requirements, while optional long-term archiving keeps everything in one place.

Find out how IntelliDoc could work for your business at [www.latcham.co.uk/hybrid-mail-manor-royal](http://www.latcham.co.uk/hybrid-mail-manor-royal) or call 0117 311 8200.

## BALFE'S BIKES EXPANDS GATWICK FLAGSHIP STORE

Balfe's Bikes has expanded its flagship Gatwick location on James Watt Way, creating a larger space designed to better serve cyclists across the South East. The store has grown by more than 1,000 square feet, allowing for a wider range of bikes, accessories, and services for riders of all levels.

What makes the Gatwick store unique is its direct connection to Balfe's main warehouse. With thousands of bikes available on-site, customers can browse in-store and collect their new bike the same day. If you're looking for accessories or components that aren't immediately on the shop floor, the team can call them down from the warehouse, with items typically

arriving within 15 minutes.

Alongside the retail expansion, the workshop has also grown, giving the expert service team more capacity to keep riders on the road or trail. The workshop services both electric and non-electric bikes and is fully accredited by all major e-bike motor manufacturers, ensuring customers receive specialist care for the latest electric bike systems.

The Gatwick store caters to every type of rider, whether you're buying your first bike, commuting to work, exploring local trails, or training for your next big event. Their knowledgeable team are on hand to provide friendly advice, professional



bike fitting, and ongoing servicing to keep your bike performing at its best.

Balfe's Bikes also accepts most major Cycle to Work scheme certificates, helping more people make cycling an accessible and affordable way to travel, exercise, and explore.

With its expanded showroom, enhanced workshop, and unparalleled access to warehouse stock, the Gatwick store continues to strengthen its position as a destination for cyclists across the region.

Find Balfe's Bikes at Unit 2 Camino Park, James Watt Way, Crawley, RH10 9TZ or online at

[www.balfesbikes.co.uk](http://www.balfesbikes.co.uk)

## GATWICK GROUP KIA LAUNCHES NEW PBV CENTRE IN MANOR ROYAL



Helping local businesses switch to zero-emissions fleets with the award-winning PV5 and expert Commercial Department support

As businesses across Manor Royal continue to explore more sustainable and cost-effective fleet solutions, Gatwick Group Kia has officially opened its new PBV (Purpose-Built Vehicle) Centre, strengthening its commitment to local companies and the transition to zero-emissions transport.

The new PBV Centre introduces a

dedicated Commercial Department and specialist Platform Beyond Vehicle (PBV) expertise, giving Manor Royal businesses direct access to tailored electric fleet solutions and hands-on professional support. Designed specifically around real-world commercial needs, the facility enables companies to explore practical options for electrification, from vehicle selection and configuration through to long-term fleet planning.

At the heart of the PBV offering is the award-winning Kia PV5, now available in both Cargo and 5-Seater Passenger variants. Built to integrate seamlessly into everyday operations, the PV5 combines versatility, reliability, and advanced electric performance. With prices starting from £27,645, an electric range of up to 258 miles, and the reassurance of Kia's industry-leading 7-year warranty, the PV5 presents a compelling option for businesses seeking to reduce

running costs and emissions without compromising usability.

The new PBV Centre also provides a space for businesses to receive expert guidance from Kia's Commercial specialists, ensuring each fleet solution is aligned with operational demands, payload requirements, and sustainability goals. Whether supporting sole traders, SMEs, or larger fleets, Gatwick Group Kia's team is on hand to deliver informed, practical advice.

Later this year, the PV5 line-up will expand further to include Chassis Cab, Crew, 7-Seater, and Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) models, offering even greater flexibility for businesses across multiple sectors.

To learn more or to book a test drive, contact the Gatwick Group Kia team and discover how the PV5 could support your business.

[www.gatwick-group.co.uk/kia](http://www.gatwick-group.co.uk/kia)

## Refurbished Warehouse Opportunity at Gatwick Distribution Centre

Gatwick Distribution Centre continues to be one of Manor Royal's standout industrial success stories, having secured occupiers for four of its five available units over the past two years.

With Units 6, 7 and 9 and 10 now fully let to leading businesses including Komfort Partitioning, ILECSYS Electrical, BP Installations and Rexel, the final remaining space, Unit 8, has now been comprehensively refurbished and is immediately available.

Unit 8 offers 8,931 sq ft of high-quality industrial accommodation, featuring a large clear-span warehouse, minimal office space (88 sq ft), and a surface-level loading door ideal for efficient goods movement. The unit benefits from 7m minimum

eaves height, LED lighting, three-phase power, and eight dedicated parking spaces to the front. Recent upgrades include a new roof, refreshed external cladding, and modern internal finishes, ensuring the space is ready for immediate occupation.

Situated on Whittle Way, the estate provides excellent connectivity within the Manor Royal Business District, just one mile from Gatwick Airport and moments from the M23.

Its strategic location has made Gatwick Distribution Centre a magnet for national and international logistics, engineering, and distribution companies.

For businesses seeking modern, flexible warehouse space in the South East's premier commercial hubs, Unit 8



represents a rare final opportunity.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, please contact:

Harry Deacon-Jackson - [hdj@ftdjohns.co.uk](mailto:hdj@ftdjohns.co.uk)

James Clement - [jclement@shw.co.uk](mailto:jclement@shw.co.uk)

[www.gatwickdistributioncentre.co.uk](http://www.gatwickdistributioncentre.co.uk)

## Smart Aviation's integral role for travel for the Six Nations competition

Smart Aviation's sports charter team returned from a successful weekend overseeing flights for the opening round of the mighty Six Nations 2026 rugby tournament.

Using B737-800, A319 and A320 aircraft from their trusted airline operators, they transported just under 4,000 passengers on behalf of their sports tour operator clients - the biggest movement of rugby fans in the first weekend of the Six Nations.

Each year, Smart Aviation play an integral role in supporter travel for the Six Nations competition, ensuring rugby fans can travel on dedicated charter flights to support their nation in each round.

Irish fans flew to Paris to watch Ireland take on France at the Stade de France, while Scottish fans flew to Rome to watch Scotland face Italy at the Stadio Olimpico. The aircraft for these flights were provided by longstanding airline partners;

Jet2.com, Transavia, Ascend Airways and Volotea.

Charlotte, who oversaw flights from Dublin and Paris, said "I've been involved in charter flights for the Six Nations for over 18 years and each year brings something different. The Irish flights are particularly enjoyable to work on, and whilst the result for Ireland this weekend was disappointing, the atmosphere on the return flights was still upbeat, with fans looking forward to the next round at home."

Mark Hawkins, Managing Director, said "We're now into our 21st year of providing charter flights for sports tour operations and, even after all this time, our involvement in the Six Nations tournament remains a genuinely rewarding experience for me."

"There's lots more to look forward to in 2026; the remaining rounds of the Six Nations, the later stages of the



Champions Cup and Challenge Cup, as well as football's UEFA European competitions and the FIFA World Cup. Being involved in these large-scale sporting operations is a responsibility and a privilege and the team do not take for granted. Crucially, their experience means that they understand the logistics, the timings, and the pressure that come with tournaments of this size."

[www.smart-aviation.co.uk](http://www.smart-aviation.co.uk)

## ACRON AVIATION ANNOUNCES CONTRACT WITH JET2.COM



Acron Aviation announces A321neo multi-device Full Flight Simulator contract with Jet2.com

The contract includes the delivery of three new Airbus A321neo Full Flight Simulators, as well as significant upgrades to two existing Acron Aviation FFS devices, already in service with the airline.

The new training devices and upgrades ensure that Jet2.com has the training capacity required to support its long-term fleet and network expansion, following the recent launch of London Gatwick as the company's

14th UK airport base from summer 2026, as well as its firm order for 155 Airbus A321neo aircraft, positioning the airline to meet its future growth targets and meet demand well into the next decade.

Ben Swann, SVP & GM Training Systems, Acron Aviation said: "Jet2.com continues to set the standard for airline training excellence, and we are proud that they have once again selected Acron Aviation's FFS technology to support their next phase of growth."

"This contract reflects both the strength of our relationship and the confidence Jet2.com places in Acron Aviation to deliver advanced, reliable, and scalable training solutions. We look forward to supporting Jet2.com's expanding operations for many years to come."

The latest contract strengthens the existing relationship between the two companies. Jet2 currently operates four Acron Aviation FFS devices and its pilots train at Acron Aviation's London Training Center and provides the foundation to a long-term training partnership.

The three new A321neo FFS devices will expand the training capability at Jet2.com's Cheadle and Bradford training centers and will be rolled out as the company continues to grow.

[www.acronaviation.com](http://www.acronaviation.com)





### GYM SCOOPS TOP FITNESS INDUSTRY AWARD

Stribe has been named a winner at a prestigious fitness industry awards ceremony. The club beat off strong competition to be crowned Gym Team Of The Year at the National Fitness Awards. The awards, organised by Script Events and leading industry publication Workout, with support from headline sponsor ServiceSport, are now in their 15th year and recognise excellence and achievement in all corners of the industry. [www.strike.fit](http://www.strike.fit)



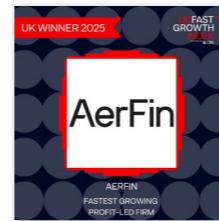
### METROBUS SUCCESSFUL AT UK BUS AWARDS

Huge congratulations go to Metrobus for their incredible team result for the team at the UK Bus Awards. Two Gold awards - Recruitment and retention with their Level up campaign and the ongoing work to attract a new generation of drivers into the industry. Marketing for Growth with their 1X route. Introduced to speed up journey times, generating phenomenal customer growth and encouraging us to launch an entirely new express route the 3X. Two silver awards - Top City Operator - Brighton & Hove buses, Top Shire operator - Metrobus [www.metrobus.co.uk](http://www.metrobus.co.uk)



### AERFIN NAMED AT THE UK FAST GROWTH INDEX AWARDS

AerFin has been named the Fastest Growing Profit-led Firm at the UK Fast Growth Index Awards, a recognition that highlights the sustained growth the business is building across the global aviation aftermarket. The award reflects the commitment of AerFin's employees and the trust placed in the company by more than 600 customers worldwide. It marks another milestone in a year when AerFin has strengthened its position as a reliable partner for airlines, lessors and MROs as the business celebrates its 15th anniversary year. [www.aerfin.com](http://www.aerfin.com)



### FASTSIGNS CRAWLEY WINS FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

FASTSIGNS Crawley wins Franchisee of the Year award. FASTSIGNS Crawley has proudly claimed the coveted 'Franchisee of the Year' accolade, of the entire UK network. Since opening its doors in 1995, some 30 years ago this year, the centre has been a pioneer in providing top-tier signage, graphics and visual communications, across the South East of England. Led by Melanie Martinez, Jose Martinez and Alan White, the team has been recognised not only for their leadership, but also for their commitment to continuous improvement and innovation. [www.fastsigns.co.uk/crawley](http://www.fastsigns.co.uk/crawley)



### ALLAERO PRESENTED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Allaero has been presented with the Kings Award for Enterprise. Allaero welcomed Lady Emma Barnard (the Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex) to officially present the Kings Award for Enterprise. Joining staff were key suppliers including Wessex IT, Caldwell Penn, Neverstop IT and the Manor Royal BID, all of which have been instrumental in the growth of Allaero over the past 37 years. [www.allaero.com](http://www.allaero.com)



### VENT-AXIA CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY AT H&V NEWS AWARDS

Leading British ventilation manufacturer Vent-Axia has scooped the 'Domestic Ventilation Product of the Year' award at the prestigious H&V News Awards. The Manor Royal-based company secured the accolade for its Lo-Carbon Sentinel Econiq range of Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery (MVHR). The win demonstrates Vent-Axia's design leadership, providing a range of effective whole-house ventilation solutions to help overcome the challenges the New-Build Residential sector faces. [www.vent-axia.com](http://www.vent-axia.com)



### AWARD WINNING MATT TURNER

Matt Turner of Creative Pod in Manor Royal has taken home the award for Businessperson of the Year at the Sussex Business Awards, hosted by Platinum Media Group. Congratulations, Matt. This has been a remarkable 12 months, winning Sussex Entrepreneur of the Year at the Sussex Business Conference & Awards, to then receiving your MBE from His Majesty The King at Windsor Castle, and now being recognised as Businessperson of the Year - a thoroughly deserved achievement. [www.creativepod.uk.com](http://www.creativepod.uk.com)



# Introducing the Collective Action Network (CAN)



After months of development and collaboration, RPD Foundation is proud to officially announce the name of their CSR Brokerage Programme: Collective Action Network (CAN).

Daran Bennett, RPD Foundation Chief Executive said, "This initiative has been a long time in the making and represents making the biggest

difference, bringing businesses and community organisations together to create meaningful change and strengthen the local community. The team are incredibly excited about what the future holds for CAN and the partnerships that will grow from it."

The launch event, sponsored by E-Veezy, took place at the new Community Hub hosted by Freedom Works at Astral Towers and was a fantastic moment for everyone involved. It brought together charities, businesses, supporters and partners from across the Crawley and Manor Royal community to celebrate the start of this next exciting chapter following a successful pilot involving Manor Royal companies.

As part of Manor Royal BID's ongoing support of this initiative, all companies of Manor Royal can freely register with the Collective Action Network (CAN) and access "Partner Level" services in support of their volunteering, CSR and charitable giving needs.

Find out more or become part of the Collective Action Network.

[www.collectiveactionnetwork.co.uk](http://www.collectiveactionnetwork.co.uk)



## FROM MANOR ROYAL TO COTE D'IVOIRE

Rainbo Supplies & Services continues to grow its portfolio of African clients with backing by UK Export Finance and London Forfaiting Company.

A partnership with UK Export Finance (UKEF) - the government's export credit agency - has enabled Rainbo to secure a £4 million contract with EKDMC, a Cote d'Ivoire firm specialising in transportation and logistics.

With over three decades of experience, Rainbo is a leading British firm in procurement and supply chain services.

EKDMC is purchasing goods and services from Rainbo, enabled by a loan guarantee issued by UKEF to London Forfaiting Company (LFC). This has created an opportunity for UK suppliers in one of Africa's largest economies.

As part of Rainbo's contract, 20 heavy-duty trailers designed for

construction, mining and agriculture will be provided by a UK manufacturer.

The new contract marks Rainbo's second partnership with UKEF and LFC in less than six months, following a successful deal with a Ugandan construction firm.

Rainbo's expanding portfolio of exports is at the heart of the company's growth plans. The firm is now projecting a recruitment drive for 2026.

This deal demonstrates how the government's Plan for Change is delivering for British businesses. By providing flexible finance solutions, UKEF helps UK exporters win export contracts, fulfil more orders, and secure reliable payment terms.

Steve Quigley, Managing Director at Rainbo, said:

"Securing yet another UKEF-backed deal in less than a year is a

tremendous achievement for our team and a testament to the strong, long-term relationships we have built with our clients, suppliers, and partners.

Through close collaboration and a shared commitment to excellence, we continue to deliver best-in-class support and services across Africa. This contract with EKDMC opens up exciting new opportunities in the region and reinforces our confidence in continued sustainable growth."

[www.rainbosupplies.com](http://www.rainbosupplies.com)



## Getting to Work on Manor Royal: What You Told Us



The Manor Royal Travel Survey 2025 gives a clear picture of how people are getting to work on Manor Royal, what's frustrating them most, and what could make every day journeys easier.

The survey, carried out as part of the "Move It" programme, follows up on a similar survey from 2024 and helps compare whether travel habits, and attitudes, are starting to change.

Most people still drive, mainly because it's easier. The survey shows that almost two-thirds of employees (63%) still drive to work on their own, about the same as last year. This is mostly because driving is seen as the most convenient and reliable option, especially if public transport doesn't line up well with working hours or locations. That's despite the fact that one in three people live within 5km of Manor Royal, a distance that could work for cycling, walking or public transport if the right conditions were in place.

The busiest travel times remain 8am-9am and 5pm-6pm, and congestion during these hours is one of the biggest frustrations. People talked about long queues at junctions, short traffic light phases, and roads feeling unsafe at peak times. Hybrid working hasn't changed much either, with most people still coming on site three or more days a week.

**More people know about travel initiatives and support, but barriers remain. There are some positive signs. More employees now know about travel support schemes:**

- Awareness of easit has increased to 51%
- Awareness of the "Move It" programme has risen to 42%, up from 24% last year

Nearly a quarter of respondents said they would consider cycling, but many are put off by poor routes, safety concerns and a lack of clear, continuous cycleways.

Public transport remains a challenge, especially getting to and from local train stations. People cited extra costs, long journey times and unreliable connections as reasons they still choose to drive.

Parking problems depend on where you work. On the surface, parking didn't rank as highly as congestion, but the detail tells a different story. Many survey responses came from people who work for larger employers with on-site parking. For employees without that option, parking is a much bigger issue.

This is especially true in Zone 5, closest to Gatwick Airport,

where 80% of drivers don't have access to on-site parking. In these areas, people reported problems with long-stay parking, informal parking, and congestion linked to school drop-off and pick-up times. While some employees support better parking enforcement, very few want to pay for it.

Only 13% said they would support paying for parking management, showing how sensitive this issue is.

**What employees want to see improved. When asked what would make Manor Royal better to travel around, the message was consistent and clear:**

- Better pavements and cycleways came out top again
- Safer pedestrian crossings
- Improved lighting and personal safety
- Clearer signage and road markings to reduce unsafe or inconsiderate parking

**What happens next? The survey sets out several next steps, including:**

- A Healthy Streets Audit to look at how safe, welcoming and practical the Business District is for walking and cycling
- A closer look at on-street parking, especially where problems are most severe
- Continued promotion of travel options through "Move It", including information, incentives and workplace engagement

Everyone who took part in the survey were added into a draw to win one of five £50 shopping vouchers.

A special congratulations to our prize draw winners: Ian (Boeing), Hayley (Bridgeham), Emma (Nestlé), Katie (Elekta), Alex (Virgin)



Get more information about the 'Move it' initiative and see the full Travel Survey analysis.

[www.manorroyal.org/move](http://www.manorroyal.org/move)

## Dynamic Beauty - Celebrating 10 Years



Dynamic Beauty, the award-winning skin and laser clinic located in Crawley's Manor Royal area, is proudly marking a major milestone:

its 10th anniversary. For a decade, this independent clinic at 65 Gatwick Road has been dedicated to delivering advanced, safe, ethical, and affordable aesthetic treatments to clients across Crawley and beyond.

Dynamic Beauty has been celebrating 10 years by giving back, fundraising for St Catherine's Hospice, the local charity supporting families across Sussex and East Surrey when they need it most, to

make sure no one faces death alone.

Throughout March, money was raised from a charity raffle and donations from every taster treatment booked, raising almost £1,000 so far.

Every donation has made a real difference. Dynamic Beauty would like to thank all those who donated to support the incredible cause and for celebrating 10 years.

[www.dynamicbeauty.co.uk](http://www.dynamicbeauty.co.uk)

## Crawley Innovation Centre launches free business events to support local entrepreneurs



Crawley Innovation Centre helps businesses at start-up stage, scale-ups or long-established innovative companies thrive and excel by providing a flexible and community environment through its modern offices and workshop spaces and provision of vital one-to-one business mentoring support.

From now, businesses can attend various free events and workshops,

hearing from experts on topics such as setting up a podcast, securing your intellectual property, AI for marketing and sourcing funding opportunities. In addition, there will also be joint events running throughout the year with London Gatwick, thanks to a new collaborative alliance.

Shelley Furey, Centre Manager, comments: "We know how challenging it can be to run a business, especially in today's economic climate, so we wanted to provide an extra boost of support in addition to what we already provide by launching these free events. We hope these talks will spark lots of ideas and insights and provide useful networking opportunities so that all types and sizes of businesses can grow and

enjoy the success they deserve."

In addition to these new series of events, the centre has also recently launched Work From Here Wednesday, enabling business owners, freelancers and entrepreneurs to work from Crawley Innovation Centre completely free for the day. Occurring on the last Wednesday of every month, it has been designed to give people the chance to step away from working from their spare bedroom or kitchen table and experience the benefits of working in a professional, collaborative environment, connect with other business owners, boost productivity and join free interactive lunch and learn sessions.

[www.crawley-ic.co.uk/community-events](http://www.crawley-ic.co.uk/community-events)

## CRAWLEY WELLBEING-FREE SUPPORT FOR MANOR ROYAL COMPANIES

Investing in your team's health isn't just the right thing to do, it can make a real difference to retention, productivity, and reducing sickness absence.

- 1.9 million workers reported new or longstanding illness caused or made worse by work injuries.
- A huge 40.1 million working days were lost—35.7 million to illness
- Workrelated health issues cost businesses £22.9 billion every year.

- Sickness absence is now at its highest rate in 15 years, and 50% higher than in 2019.
- Presenteeism—working while unwell—results in 4-9 lost productive days per person every year. (2024/25 HSE Workplace Health Statistics)

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01293 585317

[www.wellbeing@crawley.gov.uk](mailto:www.wellbeing@crawley.gov.uk)

# Fynlo AI - success with grant from Greentech fund

Fynlo AI Ltd has successfully secured GBP 45,000.00 in grant funding from Crawley Borough Council's Greentech fund.

Matthew Leek, Co-Founder of Fynlo AI said; "The timing couldn't be any better and the funds are going to be instrumental in propelling us to the next stage, so we're all very excited to get cracking with further development/improvements of the software, a website refresh and an awakening of our LinkedIn page which has been very much neglected.

A huge thank you to Crawley Borough Council for seeing and believing in our journey. We are looking forward to continued growth and development within the thriving Manor Royal Business District.

An even bigger thank you to Shelley Furey from Crawley Innovation Centre. Without Shelley and the team we wouldn't have even known of the grants existence, so, not only do we have a great location for our offices, with space to grow with our



headcount, the value add from the business support cannot be rivalled by your typical co-working spaces. If you're a start-up and you're looking for a new home in and around the Gatwick/Crawley area, I cannot recommend the Innovation Centre enough."

[www.fynlo.ai](http://www.fynlo.ai)

# Manor Royal Businesses Invited to Take Part in Corporate Wild Work Day

Companies and employees from across the Manor Royal Business District are being invited to roll up their sleeves and help nature thrive as part of a special Corporate Wild Work Day at Crawter's Brook People's Park.

The initiative is exclusively for businesses based within Manor Royal and forms part of a partnership between Sussex Wildlife Trust and Manor Royal BID to support biodiversity and encourage corporate volunteering within the business district.

Taking place within one of Manor Royal's key green spaces, selected days across the year will bring together employees from local companies for a day of practical conservation work. Volunteers will take part in hands-on activities such as habitat management, vegetation clearance and site maintenance to help improve the park for wildlife and visitors alike.

Crawter's Brook People's Park has become an important natural space

within the busy commercial district, providing a place for workers to relax, exercise and connect with nature. The Corporate Wild Work Day aims to support the ongoing care of the site while giving businesses the opportunity to play a direct role in protecting the local environment.

The days also offers a valuable team-building opportunity for participating companies. Spending time outdoors working towards a shared goal can strengthen teamwork, boost employee wellbeing and foster stronger connections between businesses within the Manor Royal community.

By taking part, companies will not only help enhance biodiversity in the area but also demonstrate their commitment to sustainability and community engagement.

Businesses based in the Manor Royal area that would like to take part can find further details and available dates via the event listing on Eventbrite.

Manor Royal BID and Sussex Wildlife Trust hope the initiative will encourage more local businesses to get involved in protecting and enhancing the green spaces that support both wildlife and the wellbeing of the thousands of people who work across Manor Royal.

[www.manorroyal.org/volunteering](http://www.manorroyal.org/volunteering)



The Manor Royal BID has digital advertising screens at key locations around the Business District to help businesses promote and to convey important messages to companies, visitors and employees, supported by the Crawley Growth Programme.

Usually the preserve of big brands with big budgets, the Manor Royal Digital Screens make getting noticed affordable.

Approximately 2 million vehicles pass through the area each month - that's 24 million vehicle movements every year, plus thousands of bus passengers, cyclists and those on foot.

Find out more at [www.manorroyal.org/digitalsigns](http://www.manorroyal.org/digitalsigns)

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# EVENTS 2026



**MANOR ROYAL**  
**BUSINESS DISTRICT**  
CRAWLEY & GATWICK

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**Wed 3 June** **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

930am-230pm

The Hawth,  
Crawley

Bringing together businesses from across the Business District, providing a powerful platform for networking, collaboration, and showcasing the remarkable diversity of businesses that call Manor Royal home.

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**Tue 9 June** **CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

5pm - 9pm

K2 Crawley

Fifteen teams from across Manor Royal come together for this annual event in support of local charities

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**Thu 16 July** **MANOR ROYAL TRAIL LAUNCH**

Time TBC

Gatwick  
Production Studios

A creative celebration of how Manor Royal has changed, the people that have helped change it and the launch of the new Wellbeing Walking Trail called The Link.

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**Thu 24 Sep** **MANOR ROYAL PEOPLE CONFERENCE**

915am-12noon

Crawley Town  
Football Club

Bringing together business owners, company managers, and HR professionals for a dynamic event focused on building motivated, successful teams.

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**Tue 10 Nov** **MANOR ROYAL MATTERS**

930am-130pm

Crowne Plaza  
Hotel

Half day conference to review the progress made in the past year and assess how the area is changing. Includes a series of short break-out seminars with expert speakers.

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**Dec**

Time TBC

Venue TBC

**MANOR ROYAL CHRISTMAS EVENING**

This is the highlight of the BID's social calendar. Meet fellow Manor Royal business owners and directors, and talk with BID Members, in a fun and informal way.

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[www.manorroyal.org/events](http://www.manorroyal.org/events)