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Welcome to our second newsletter of 2020 which, given the current climate, we have decided to issue electronically only.

The phrase 'necessity is the mother of invention' comes to mind a lot at the moment – the sudden change in work arrangements, everyone embracing Zoom and Microsoft Teams to help keep in touch with colleagues and customers in a meaningful way, and being at home which I think is changing our perspective on life and what's important.

I personally was troubled, initially, by not knowing how I could do 'my bit' to help with the COVID-19 situation, so I was really pleased to be able to help some companies on site, and within the Silverstone Technology Cluster, to answer the call for much needed PPE.

I think that it is important for the country to establish its own supply chain and production of PPE. Based on the work that I've done so far, working with STC (see below) it's clear that many companies in our area have the specialist skills and equipment needed to make these essential items.

Thanks go to the STC team, Cristiana Pace, TD Group's Julie Stewart and KWSP's Kieron Salter and his staff for rising to the challenge and giving their time and expertise in helping to put a plan together.

Amidst all this, there has been on-going success at Silverstone Park with new businesses locating on site and the construction of new buildings has continued; please see stories below. We have also heard from lots of local companies, working independently, to answer the call for PPE.

The fact that we have a strong community, and good relationships with all the companies, at Silverstone Park means that it has been easy to quickly communicate with everyone about lockdown measures and social distancing and all the other concerns arising during this time. It is great to meet with many of you on the regular Zoom catch up calls each Wednesday morning at 10.30am.

I think we all realise that human contact, sharing experiences and continuing to remind ourselves that we are all in this together is very important at this time.

Roz Bird, Commercial Director, Silverstone Park

IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT SILVERSTONE PARK



Raw materials arrive at Silverstone Park as part of major PPE response from Technology Cluster

Businesses from the Silverstone Technology Cluster (STC) are pulling together to source and manufacture crucial supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line healthcare workers across Northamptonshire.

In a co-ordinated effort by the STC, its Chair (and Silverstone Park Commercial Director) Roz Bird contacted 3,000 businesses across the Cluster region (the one-hour drive time radius from Silverstone) to ask if they could assist with PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more...](#)

INNOVATION, SKILLS & NETWORKING



3D printing prototype could boost local PPE supplies

Silverstone Park occupier Performance Projects is encouraging home 3D printing of personal protective equipment for community GPs and nurses after producing PPE prototypes at low cost on its own machine. [Read more...](#)



Government praise for Tech Cluster's "excellent tech & start-up companies"

Silverstone Park and occupier room44 were name-checked in the House of Commons as new Buckingham MP Greg Smith called on the government to promote firms from his constituency in forthcoming UK-USA trade talks. [Read more...](#)



F1 levels of precision measurement inside Metrology Facility

Silverstone Park's Metrology Facility now boasts three cutting edge precision measurement machines similar to those used by the Red Bull team in the design and build of its Formula 1 racing cars. [Read more...](#)



Code of Conduct launched to promote gender equality & diversity in construction industry

Silverstone Park developer MEPC has welcomed a code of conduct launched by Barnwood Construction to help attract and retain more young people – particularly women – into the industry. [Read more...](#)



Praise from Kingsthorpe & Sponne schools for careers pathway programme

Silverstone Park's Inspiration for Innovation programme reached a further 480 Year 8 and 9 students at Northampton's Kingsthorpe College and, for the first time, Sponne School in Towcester prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more...](#)

New November date for STC's Annual Conference

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Silverstone Technology Cluster has re-scheduled its flagship Annual Conference event for Thursday 26 November at the same location, Horwood House Hotel, near Milton Keynes. [Read more...](#)



Silverstone Technology Cluster confirms new Gender, Equality & Diversity Committee

Supported by STC founding member Silverstone Park, the Committee will encourage both latest practices in business and an overhaul of outdated data – the so-called **#DataGap** – that it believes is having a negative effect on society. [Read more...](#)

New occupier FLS providing logistics support for NHS

Award winning supply chain management company Freight Logistics Solutions has chosen Silverstone Park to open its first office in central England – and immediately staff have got involved in helping the COVID-19 situation in the East Midlands. [Read more...](#)

AMBITION & SUCCESS: LATEST DEVELOPMENT, OCCUPIER NEWS & MORE



Spine road established in Enterprise Zone at Silverstone Park – visible sign of MEPC's progress

The asphaltting of a new spine road through the Enterprise Zone, opening up 100 acres of development land and linking all of MEPC's latest industrial schemes at Silverstone Park, is a visible demonstration of MEPC's investment in, and commitment to, the progress of the park.

Main contractor Barnwood Construction Ltd has enforced strict hygiene and social distancing rules on site, enabling its workforce to press ahead with the project. [Read more...](#)



New e-bikes venture adds to Park's electric vehicle activity

Leading innovation consultancy room44 has announced a new venture, with London's premier e-bike specialist Fully Charged, at Silverstone Park. "It's time to step up and be involved in the development of new mobility models," said founder Tristan Allen. [Read more...](#)



Significant Ducati UK contract for occupier Spyder Motorcycles

Ducati UK has appointed Silverstone Park 'neighbour' Spyder Motorcycles as its official 'UK Ducati Rental and Travel Partner'. Spyder has also offered discounted rates on motorcycle and van hire for essential workers during the COVID-19 situation. [Read more...](#)



'In demand' refurbished double height industrial unit available to let

A "highly sought after", fully refurbished industrial unit has become available to let at Silverstone Park. This mid-terrace unit with 2,395 sq ft on the ground floor and 540 sq ft on the first floor has undergone extensive refurbishment. [Read more...](#)



More software development businesses locate to Innovation Centre's offices

Healthcode (private healthcare software), Kratzer (automotive test systems and automation) and Motorsport Games (international eSports events) are between them now occupying more than 1,000 sq ft of serviced office space. [Read more...](#)



Park environment also attracts digital media tech recruiter SS-A

Silverstone Park's credentials as a place to be for tech careers has been strengthened further as Stafford-Sharp Associates (S-SA) has become the third industry recruiter to locate to the business estate. [Read more...](#)



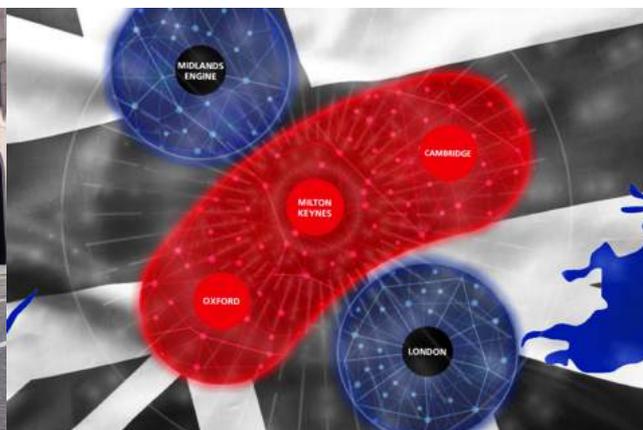
Fibre optic upgrade boosts connectivity for Park's growing business community

MEPC has increased Silverstone Park's fibre-optic network, with appointed partner Bridge carrying out a £40,000 upgrade to extend it right across the latest Enterprise Zone development. [Read more...](#)



Delta technologies built into vehicle that "could transform future mobility"

Technology developed at Silverstone Park by Delta Motorsport has played a significant role in the design of a new autonomous vehicle platform unveiled at one of the world's largest mobility shows. [Read more...](#)



Work with business to maximise high-tech Supercluster opportunity, government told

The call comes from 15 of the region's leading science and tech organisations in a document presented to government representatives by Silverstone Park Commercial Director Roz Bird. [Read more...](#)



Profits from motorsport product donated to fund PPE supply



BBC cameras focus on Silverstone Park for Brexit feature

Silverstone Park occupier Fyshe Limited is donating profits from sales of its acclaimed RSK sim and kart racing glove towards supplies of personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 situation. [Read more...](#)

Ahead of the UK's departure from Europe, BBC Look East visited to hear Commercial Director Roz Bird's and occupier Lunaz's take on what Brexit might mean for the region's business community. [Read more...](#)

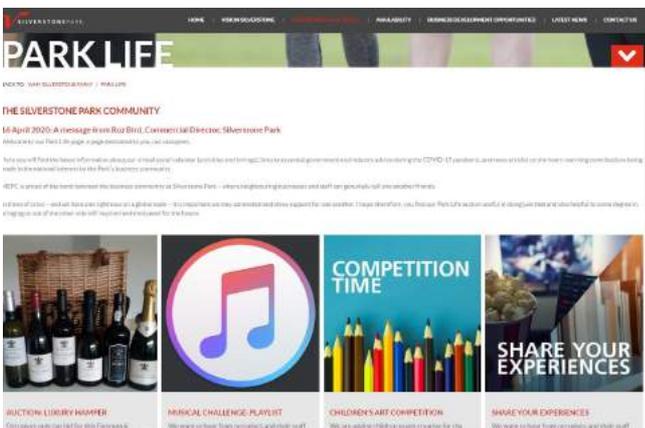
COMMUNITY: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER



Occupiers' week long celebration of International Women's Day

Silverstone Park developer MEPC arranged a week of activities for occupiers in honour of the March event that highlights the past, present and future endeavours of women globally in industry and society.

Portraits of five business women based at the Park were unveiled in the Innovation Centre's WRaP agile work space, while the week attracted considerable live coverage from BBC Radio Northampton as well. Also included was a celebratory cake, plus a 'name the faces' quiz. [Click here for our image gallery from the week...](#)



New Park Life page keeping occupiers up to speed



Virtual Wednesday catch-ups for Silverstone Park community

Silverstone Park's website has sprouted a new Park Life section aimed at helping occupiers and their staff to feel less isolated during the COVID-19 'lockdown' period.

[Click here](#) or request a password by emailing rwilliams@mepc.com

Fun on-line activities ranging from virtual coffee mornings on Zoom to a children's art competition are being offered to occupiers to help them stay in touch with the Park's management team and one another during the COVID-19 situation. [Read more...](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

On-going in Park Life for occupiers

- Virtual Coffee Morning, 10:30 every Wednesday on Zoom
- Auction: bid for a luxury hamper – proceeds to Katherine House Hospice
- Musical Challenge: 'Top 10' playlist nominations
- Kids' Art Competition
- Share Your Experiences

For Park Life log-in details for the above activity please email Ruth Williams, Junior Asset Manager: rwilliams@mepc.com

Thursdays 11:00

Silverstone Technology Cluster webinars ([CLICK HERE](#) for details/to register)

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