



New business centre at Ringstead

A new business centre, Ringstead Business Centre (RBC), has opened its doors to local businesses. Positioned on the corner of Spencer Street and Denford Road, Ringstead it offers a range of serviced offices from 80 – 600 sq.ft. Competitive leasing rates are offered that include electricity, rates, heating and car parking making it affordable to work closer to home. Since its opening in December the former Dodson and Horrell offices now have six businesses occupying high quality space conveniently positioned near the A45 and A14.

The first tenants, vision control specialists F.S Systems, previously working out of home offices, now occupy part of the ground floor from which they are better positioned to entertain both old and new clients. Since F.S. Systems moved in, RBC has become the home to Summit Environmental Ltd (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration); Adams & Co. (business selling specialists); Follywell Ltd. (Rubber Compounds); Ward Industries Ltd. (Control Equipment) and lastly the 'creators' of RBC, Mobius Services Ltd (Business Improvement Consultants). These six are soon to be followed by a company that produces

fine hand made foods. For those businesses considering new office space, Ringstead Business Centre offers a fantastic opportunity. Ringstead village offers a range of services, with a Post Office, village store, the Axe and Compass and New Inn pubs, plus the Dodson and Horrell Country

Store selling a large range of pet feeds, fishing and riding equipment.

Interested businesses should call Chris Benham or Paul Wilson for more information on 01933 625237 or email chris@mobiusservicesltd.co.uk or paul@mobiusservicesltd.co.uk ■



The group of current tenants, Chris Benham, Iain Smith, Sue Dabbs, Bob Fisher, Tony Dabbs and Steven Ward

Help your business to prosper

Are you interested in grants and funding available for your business? Are you aware of the business support currently available to you? Do you want to network with other businesses in the district?

If the answer to these questions is yes, come to the East Northamptonshire Business Partnership event at 6pm on Thursday 2 March at the Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough and see how your business can benefit.

The East Northamptonshire Business Partnership is directed, managed and controlled by the local business community plus East Northamptonshire Council. It brings together organisations, businesses and individuals to share information and expertise as well as to work together on specific issues and opportunities for the benefit of businesses and the local economy. The partnership is

also a key group within ENable, the local strategic partnership.

An opportunity also awaits you to meet business support agencies which include Invest Northamptonshire, Business Link, Northamptonshire Chamber, Explore Northamptonshire, Tresham Institute and many more, where you can get help and advice to support your business. A buffet and light refreshments will be provided.

The event will also provide networking opportunities with other local businesses to find out what you can offer them and how you could work together for your mutual benefit.

Numbers are limited – to join us, book your place by calling 01832 742137 at East Northamptonshire Council or e-mail econdev@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk by Monday 20 February at the latest. ■



GREENSCENE

From gravel pit to glory



Nene Valley gravel pits in Thrapston have been declared a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by English Nature.

An extensive study of birds and other wildlife in the Nene Valley has led to the former gravel pits being designated an official home to rare birds. Skylarks, red shanks and golden plovers are just some of the species that visit the area. With the protection of English Nature and the Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, these birds and other

wildlife can rest safely around the lakes.

With over 4,000 SSSI's in England, Nene Valley gravel pits are delighted to play host to these interesting and beautiful creatures. As thousands of new homes are to be built in Northamptonshire, these wildlife havens become even more important to conservation. The area of Nene Valley is home to thousands of species of wildlife and their habitats. This designated site will add to the richness and variety of wildlife in the area. ■

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