

WHITE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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Hope you are keeping safe and well and welcome back to those of you who have returned to White Cross. It is great to see you back on site again.

Please let me know if you would like a copy of the Landlord Covid Operational Guidance for the estate and I look forward to receiving your company's Covid 19 Risk Assessment. As a reminder, could I please ask that staff wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas and follow the guidance at all times.

It would also be appreciated if you could let me know if you are continuing to work from home, thank you.

For your information, Please see the recent link below on Government loan schemes for businesses

COVID-19 loan schemes: privacy notice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

With regards car parking, can you please remember to provide updates/amendments for the permanent database and also inform the estate office of daily visitors. This can be done by emailing the car parking email inbox – wxcarparking@lancashire.gov.uk

A big thank you for your patience whilst the roof works are being undertaken. This is much appreciated.

Thanks also to the companies who have supported the newsletter with their articles and helped to make it the success it is. Please continue to send your good news stories through to us.

Best wishes from the Estate team, regards
Janet Nielsen, Business Park Manager

LANDLORD INFORMATION

FRASER HOUSE DIGITAL HUB

The community hub is now open. Please visit Digital Office Hub | Community Hub | Digital Office Space - Fraser House (fraserhousehub.co.uk) to book a tour of the newly refurbished co-working space.

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Please contact www.boostbusinesslancashire.co.uk for information on available support.

FACEBOOK

White Cross Business Park has a facebook page now so please check it out, follow us and request to join the group. We will post information, events and news on our page. So please let us know if you want anything posting or mention us in your own posts. Please send us your news, promotions, events or express interest in your company being in the "spotlight" by contacting us at whitecross@lancashire.gov.uk

SECURITY CONTRACT

FGH security are now the provider for manned guarding on site. The out of hours contact numbers are as follows:
01524 585360 Mobile: **07557 684123**.

MAIL ROOM

Please can you ensure parcels are collected from the mail room/ reception area as soon as possible.

WASTE FACILITY

General office waste skips and collective recycling skips for cardboard, paper and plastic are provided on the estate.

Can you please ask staff to flatten cardboard boxes in order for more space to be available. Please note the recycling skips are now easily identifiable.

VACANT AVAILABILITY

Please contact the estate office on **01524 585360** or email whitecross@lancashire.gov.uk.

LINA ENERGY



LiNa Energy is commercialising a cobalt and lithium free solid-state sodium battery for the rapidly growing electric vehicle and grid storage markets. In under two years, LiNa Energy has taken an idea and developed it into an operational prototype that can produce energy density at levels comparable with existing commercial lithium batteries. LiNa moved into its new home at White Cross in September 2020 and now has a team of 20 developing its high performance, low-cost and safe battery technology.

In February 2021, LiNa successfully concluded its first field trial working with its UK grid installation partner, Ion Ventures. This trial was the final milestone of a prestigious

UK BEIS Award. The aim of the trial with Ion Ventures was to demonstrate the ability to charge and discharge a module that contained several cells using LiNa's patented system design, which included optimised thermal and electrical management and control systems. The trial was a complete success.

Battery storage is a key component in the global transition to renewable energy sources. At present, lithium-ion technology is the dominant chemistry for battery storage systems, however the LiNa platform has the potential to significantly disrupt this. LiNa is super proud of its Lancaster heritage and will be a driving force in helping the UK meet its CO2 net zero targets. Watch this space!

Contact - glewis@lina.energy



ORIGIN

Back in March 2001, 20 years ago, Origin, specialist live-in care for people with spinal injuries, set up in business. It all started here at White Cross Business Park, Lancaster, with several expansions over the years within the business park.

The team at Origin is incredibly proud of this milestone and want to extend their thanks to everyone who has been a part of this amazing journey.

Both Peter Henry and Linda Adamsen have been instrumental in leading the business for the past 20 years. And despite the challenges of 2020, have managed to provide nearly 10,000 days of cover to 30 fully managed care clients, and 4,588 days of cover for their 39 respite clients. Enabling those with spinal injuries to lead a normal life as possible.

2021 is a year of celebration for Origin, and here's to another 20!

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a part of this incredible journey.

Peter and Linda





LANCASTER, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RSPB

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is Europe's largest conservation organisation and works to save nature on its 200+ reserves in the UK and on global projects. But it has a very local connection to Lancaster. Not only is our regional office at White Cross, our founder, Emily Williamson, was born in the city in 1855. She started the RSPB in 1889 to protest against the slaughter of wild birds to provide plumes for Victorian ladies' hats. The trade in feathers led to several species almost becoming extinct. After years of campaigning, this trade was banned by the Plumage Act in 1921, one of the first pieces of conservation legislation.

This year is the centenary of the act and we want to commemorate Emily Williamson for this and her work for women's rights and education. There are plans for a plaque near her birthplace, but we also want to have a living memorial to her by turning Lancaster into a Swift City. Swifts are amazing birds. They can fly at almost 70 mph. They migrate from here all the way to South Africa. After leaving the nest where they hatched, they keep flying non-stop for three years until they are ready to make their own nest. They even eat, mate and sleep in the air - they can 'snooze' with one side of their brain at once, and then switch to the other side. That's a trick we would all love to learn!

But these astonishing birds are in real trouble. The UK population has fallen by over 50% in 15 years. This is mostly due to the loss of their traditional nest sites. Swifts nest in buildings - they squeeze through small gaps to nest in cavities inside roofs and walls.



They are so quiet and tidy, often people don't even know they are there. Many of these sites are being lost as buildings are renovated and people seal off the eaves of their houses.

We want to make Lancaster swift-friendly by making people aware of these fabulous birds, surveying numbers, protecting their nest sites and creating new homes for them through nest boxes and special swift bricks that can go into new-builds. We already have some nest boxes on our building here at White Cross and we're working with the local Mens' Shed community project to build more boxes to go up around Lancaster. To learn more check tinyurl.com/SwiftsRSPB.

If you would like to support the project in any way then we would love to hear from you. Contact us at: Lancaster.Swifts@rspb.org.uk

WELCOME TO 978 BRIDGING

As the country starts to return to normality, thanks to the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccines, 978 Bridging Ltd is going from strength to strength. We have been fortunate to add Alastair Gordon as our new Business Manager, to our growing team here.

Alastair brings a wealth of experience to the company from having worked in finance for over 15 years. He has worked in both Investment Banking and Investment Management for large international firms both in the UK and abroad. He joins us at a perfect time and will be instrumental in helping the firm to expand our customer base and improve our operations.



PROPERTY FORECAST

MAINSTREAM CAPITAL VALUES FORECAST
Five-year forecast values

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 years to 2025
London	2.5%	4.5%	2.0%	2.0%	1.0%	12.6%
South East	5.0%	4.5%	2.5%	2.5%	1.5%	17.0%
East of England	5.0%	4.5%	2.5%	2.5%	1.5%	17.0%
South West	5.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	2.0%	18.7%
East Midlands	4.5%	5.5%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	24.0%
West Midlands	4.5%	5.5%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	24.0%
North East	3.5%	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%	3.5%	20.5%
North West	4.5%	6.0%	5.5%	5.5%	4.5%	28.8%
Yorkshire and The Humber	4.5%	6.0%	5.5%	5.0%	4.5%	28.2%
Wales	3.5%	5.5%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	22.8%
Scotland	3.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%	22.8%
UK	4.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	21.1%

Source: Savills Research
N.B. These forecasts apply to average prices in the second hand market. New Build values may not move at the same rate.

Now is a perfect time to invest in UK property, while the stock markets have reeled from the pandemic the value of property has continued to rise with the North West slated for a 28.8% rise in property prices over the next 5 years to 2025, according to research by Savills. The highest across the whole of the UK.

978 Bridging is in a prime position to help anyone looking to invest in property whether Buy-To-Let, or providing access to bridging or development loans. Our friendly team is available Monday to Friday at our offices in The Gatehouse or on the phone or email. If you are new to investing in secondary property, let our experts guide you through the process and tap the potential available.

We also work for clients that are looking to invest in a portfolio of properties in the local area and can provide off-market property sourcing services, refurbishment, finance support and eventual letting out and ongoing management of the properties. Whether you are interested in investing for yourself, or your company, we are here to help.

Finally, if you already have investment properties, our sister company Furness Bay, based in Morecambe is a full property management company and we would be more than happy to help in ongoing management of any properties you own or helping you find more tenants.

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