

WHITE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the White Cross newsletter.

Please could I remind you to keep ourselves updated with any changes/amendments to your vehicles and to inform us of your daily visitors by emailing the car parking email inbox: wxcarparking@lancashire.gov.uk

If you are continuing to work from home, I would be grateful if you could keep me informed.

A big thank you for your continued patience with the ongoing roof works around the estate, it is much appreciated.

Thank you for supporting the newsletter and for helping to make it the success it has become. Please keep your articles coming for the newsletters by emailing them to Lorraine at: lorraine.corlett@lancashire.gov.uk



LANDLORD INFORMATION

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY

PAT Testing: Please ensure any electrical equipment brought in from hoame to your unit is PAT tested.
Alterations to office/workshop of an electrical/mechanical or structural nature: Please advise the estate office in order for landlord consent to be given. Contractors must obtain a contractor permit to work from reception prior to any works on site.

NO SMOKING: Smoking is **ONLY** permitted away from buildings and entrances. Please remind staff to consider others, copies of our smoking policy are available from the estate office. This also applies to E-cigarettes.

MEETING ROOM – the ground floor meeting room is now available to hire, please book via Michael at Reception

978 FINANCE RESCUES £4 MILLION DEVELOPMENT AFTER CLIENT'S LENDER PULLS LOAN FACILITY DUE TO COVID-19.



Mr Gregg approached 978 Finance with his development facing financial collapse. His project had suffered initial delays discharging some basic pre-commencement conditions caused by general administration mix-ups in the local authority, and after investing nearly £8000 on a valuation, his lender suddenly decided to pull the plug on his development funding without prior warning, giving Covid-19 as the reason.

Mr Gregg had owned his development site for several years prior and the planning permission expiry clock was ticking loudly. Mr Gregg knew that he had no choice but to quickly find a new viable funding solution. 978 Finance were still operating during the pandemic and having met with 978's managing director Simon Das at several networking seminars, he thought it could be worth reaching out for help.

Simon Das had built a solid reputation for providing finance solutions for developments with conditions of high complexity. Indeed, Mr Gregg's development had a complex build criterion, involving retention of existing commercial units, a new build element, and with supply chains and funding lines faltering throughout, the odds were stacked against him. Simon's 978 Finance team set to work contacting their panel of 200+ specialist lenders. In record time, the team secured six sets of proceedable terms, and managed to find two lenders that were able to get surveyors out in a reasonable timeframe during the pandemic. Mr. Gregg and his team broke ground in January 2021, just 8 weeks before the expiry of the planning permission. His team are now well on their way to creating 26 new homes and the development should be complete by the end of the year.

Mr Gregg commented, 'I was thrilled with the solution that 978 Finance provided in such a challenging climate, without their expertise I would have lost everything'.

Simon Das added, '978 Finance successfully managed to fund his development project extending the loan term for additional comfort mid-pandemic, lowering his original rate, and practically matching his pre-covid development finance deal during the pandemic'.

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Simon Das,
978 Managing Director

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This was a great success story for both Mr Gregg and for 978 Finance, who continue to provide finance solutions for property developers, investors and professional landlords.

Summary of Mr Greg's loan terms provided by 978 Finance:

- GROSS LOAN £3.87M
- 18 MONTH TERM
- 2% ARRANGEMENT FEE
- 0.69% PCM
- 1% EXIT

HELP LINE 01524 889 978

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE A BABY UNDER 13 MONTHS?

SAY HELLO TO AUTUMN AT BABY SENSORY!

Baby Sensory provides ideas for creative play, massage, tummy time, movement, visual development, textures, scents and music in simple practical ways that can be easily repeated at home. We use a combination of original and traditional songs and rhymes to develop early speech and language skills, and sensory signing activities to help you and your baby communicate from birth.

What makes Baby Sensory unique is that every activity has been carefully designed to stimulate your baby's senses and move development and learning forwards.

We have musical instruments, baby signing, massage and exercise, sleep techniques, social playtime, action rhymes and songs. Each session is filled with wonderful sensory experiences for both babies and adults to enjoy! From fibre optic light shows to glowing bouncy balls, bubbles, bells, rainbows, feathers, puppets, silky scarves and water play; the possibilities for learning are endless!

Each activity we do aims to enhance learning and development in some way and you'll never see the same session twice even if you bring your baby for a whole year!!

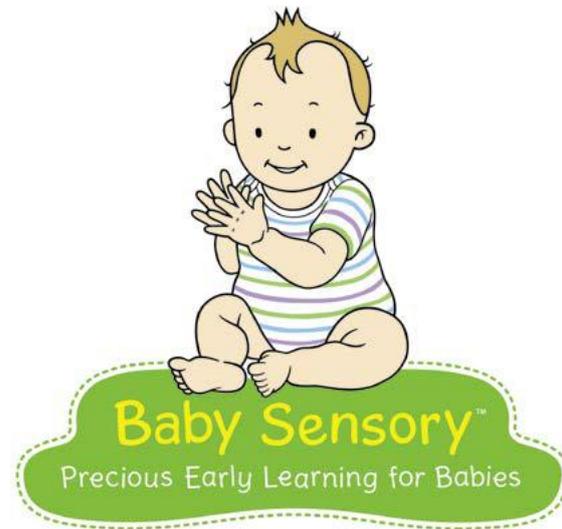
Classes are an hour long and feature our unique exploratory play area which allows for fun free-flow play for babies and a rest from more structured activities plus an opportunity for adults to socialise and share experiences!

If you would like to join us this Autumn, click the link to book!

<https://www.babysensory.com/lancaster/>

Exclusive offer to White Cross tenants employees family & friends – Book a block of classes and get one class for FREE! Simply add the discount code **WHITECROSSFREE at the checkout

We can be found at Unit 841, Harpers Mill, White Cross



We have 2 funded business support opportunities for women, as we all try to recover from the pandemic.

Firstly, we have a BEIS programme starting October 13th (and January 7th) which is 18 hours of action learning sets and 3.5 hours of one to one coaching . This is via Zoom and for women running organisations with at least £100k turnover and 5 staff Details and dates please contact rebecca@thegrowingclub.co.uk

Secondly, we have a face-to-face programme running in Lancaster starting October 12th and meeting monthly for a year. This is for women who have been running micro business for at least 13 months.

Skills for business and employment workshops at the Women & Enterprise Hub

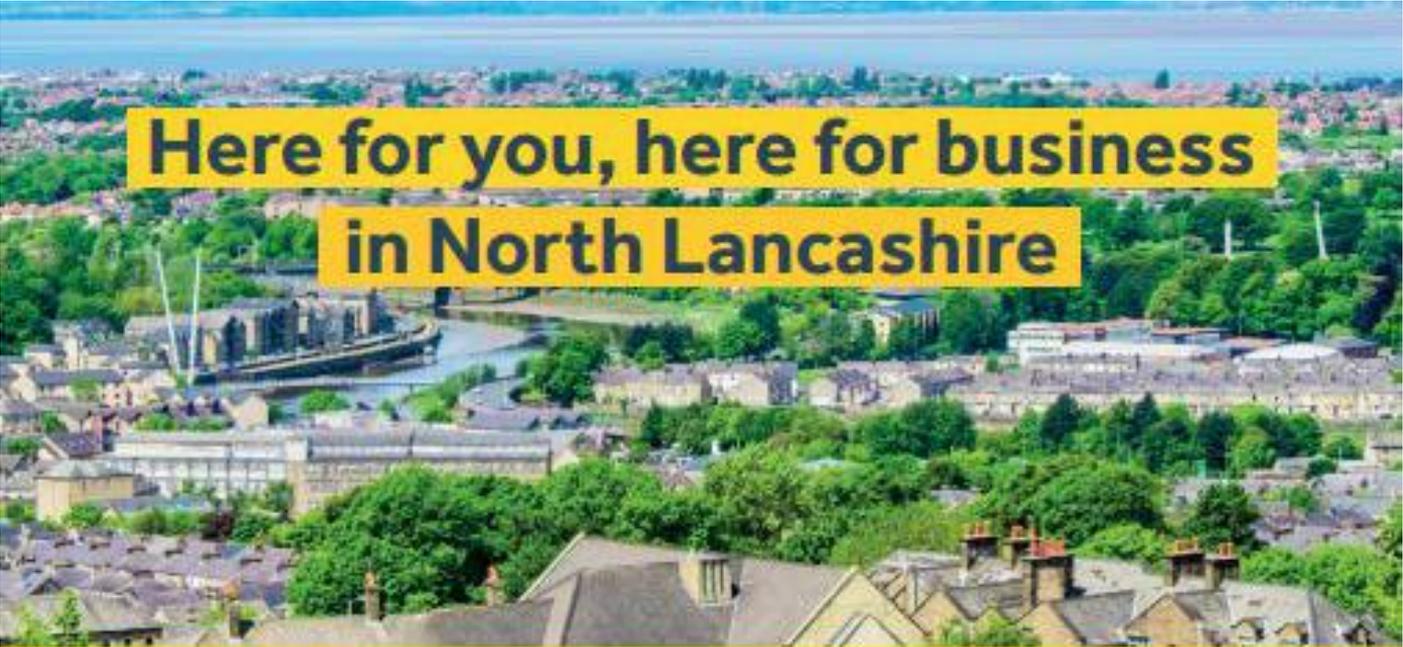
20.09.21 10am - 11.30am	MY HORMONES, MY BUSINESS with Nicola Garrett (Zoom)
21.09.21 10am - 12.30pm	USING FACEBOOK FOR BUSINESS with Alex Dickson (Zoom)
29.09.21 2pm - 4pm	CROWDFUNDING YOUR NEW IDEA with Jane Binnion and Elaine Remy (Zoom)
29.09.21 7pm - 8.30pm	MY HORMONES, MY BUSINESS with Nicola Garrett (Zoom)
12.10.21 12:30pm - 3pm	CREATIVITY FOR LEFT BRAIN, LOGICAL THINKERS with Julia Yates (Face to face)
19.10.21 10am - 12.30pm	USING INSTAGRAM FOR BUSINESS with Alex Dickson (Zoom)
05.11.21 10am - 12pm	CREATING IMPACTFUL IMAGES USING YOUR SMARTPHONE with Ginny Koppenhol (Zoom)
16.11.21 10am - 12.30pm	HOW TO USE GOOGLE MY BUSINESS with Alex Dickson (Zoom)
05.12.21 7pm - 8.30pm	MINDFULNESS FOR WOMEN TOO BUSY TO PEE! with Hazel Hardie (Zoom)
18.01.22 10am - 12.30pm	PROJECT MANAGEMENT SIMPLIFIED with Nicola Combe (Face to face)

Workshops are £10. There are free places for women in hardship,

For more information please call 01524 383846,
text 07892 712417 or email admin@thegrowingclub.co.uk



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- Reduce costs on consultancy fees
- Help with supply chain pressure.
- Access new customers requiring environmental credentials
- Prepare your business for certification to ISO 14001, ISO 14005, BS 8555 or EMAS
- Peer to peer learning and support network
- Even if you are not going for ISO 14001 at this stage completion of the course and implementation of the guidance and advice will earn your business a Green Rose Certificate of recognition.
- Demonstrate your commitment to achieving Net Zero.

What is Chamber Green Rose?

Chamber Low Carbon can help guide your business to implement a recognised environmental management system meeting the requirements of ISO 14001, ISO 14005 or BS 8555 or EMAS with our Green Rose Programme.

This six-month programme, delivered by the Chamber Low Carbon Team, will provide support and guidance in the development and implementation of each organisation's Environmental Management System.

How it works

Delivery of six half day workshop sessions as follows:

SESSION 1: The Environment and Why it Matters to Business

- General Environmental Awareness
- An introduction to Climate and Ecological Emergencies
- The Benefits of Improved Environmental Management
- Introduction to Environmental Management Standards
- Gaining Management Commitment

SESSION 2: The Environment and the Context in which the Business Operates

- Establishing the Context within which the business operates
- Identifying and Understanding Environmental Aspects
- Environmental Legislation and the Regulators

SESSION 3: The Need and Planning for Action

- Climate and Ecological Emergencies
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- How to assess organisational Carbon Footprint and Carbon Management
- How to assess an organisational Carbon Footprint and develop a carbon management plan

SESSION 4: Setting Objectives, Establishing Programmes and Achieving Them

- Evaluating Environmental Aspects
- Setting Objectives
- Introducing Environmental Management Programmes
- Responsibilities

SESSION 5: Implementation and Communication, Operational Control and Emergency Preparedness

- Implementation and Communication
- Operational Control
- Emergency Preparedness

SESSION 6: Internal Auditing, Nonconformance and Corrective Action, Management Review and Certification Process

- Environmental Auditing
- Non Conformance, Corrective and Preventative Action
- Management Review
- What is involved in Certification

On-site support (2.5 days)

DAY 1: Conducting baseline review | **DAY 2:** Documenting baseline review

HALF DAY: Pre-inspection audit Support and guidance provided throughout the 26-week period.

COST: Free Workshop Series for Lancashire based SME's.



Contact us for more information

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EMILY WILLIAMSON - THE LANCASTER WOMAN WHO SAVED A MILLION BIRDS



There are many green plaques in Lancaster commemorating famous men, local companies and notable buildings. But there are no plaques to remember the women who are part of the history of the city. Local campaigners have decided it's time to change that.

Emily Williamson, nee Bateson, was born at Highfield in Lancaster on 17th April 1855 and baptised in the Priory Church. Her mother's family were from Lancaster and her father's family came from Cockerham. In 1889, she became horrified by the mass slaughter of birds to provide feathers for fashionable ladies' hats. Millions of birds died each year, sometimes having their wings cut off while they were alive.

To stop this cruelty she formed the Society for the Protection of Birds. All of its members were women. By doing this she took on an industry that was worth, at its peak, some £20 million a year. She was fighting fashion and finance in a society in which women couldn't even vote. That took incredible courage.

The society she founded grew to become the RSPB, the largest conservation organisation in Europe – with its local office here in White Cross! In 1921, after over 30 years of campaigning, the Plumage Act was passed, ending the trade in exotic bird skins. Over 60 species were saved from extinction.

To mark that centenary, the first plaque to a woman in Lancaster will commemorate Emily's conservation achievements and her equally important work supporting education and training for women.

She founded the Gentlewomen's Employment Association in Manchester, which helped women to pursue careers of their own. She created the Princess Christian Training College for Nurses, the first place in Britain where nurses were trained by working with children. She also introduced the Loan Training Fund, which helped to subsidise the costs of further education for young women, the first such scheme in the country.

The plan is to commemorate Emily with a plaque in the city of her birth, and in November there will be a celebratory event and exhibition in the Priory Church, where she was baptised. This will include schools and community events to spread the word about her life, her work and the way her legacy of saving nature continues here in Lancashire - and the world.

The campaign is seeking community support for the plaque and hopes that the people of the city will help to remember a remarkable daughter of Lancaster who stood up for what she believed in the face of huge social and commercial opposition.

The project has created a crowdfunding page at:

[tinyurl.com/emily-plaque](https://www.tinyurl.com/emily-plaque)

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