

WHITE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Tenants,

As we move into autumn, I'd like to share a few updates from across the estate:

Expansion of On-Site Parking – Mill's Car Park

We're pleased to confirm that the Mills Car Park (located beside the Neighbourhood Centre/Mill 14 and adjacent to the White Cross pub) is now fully integrated into our ANPR system and managed as part of the wider White Cross Business Park estate. This has increased our overall on-site parking provision by 30 spaces. While modest, this addition helps ease congestion—especially as this car park has historically been used by non-tenants working in central Lancaster. We hope this change improves access and availability for our tenant network. Any existing tenant parking exemptions also apply to this parking area.

Emergency Hygiene Products Now Available

We've now introduced emergency hygiene products across all toilet facilities on site:

Female toilets: Feminine hygiene products available in the first cubicle.

Male toilets: Emergency male hygiene products available in the first cubicle.

Accessible toilets: A mix of both products available.

This initiative supports the wellbeing of tenants, staff, and visitors, and aligns with best practice around inclusive workplace facilities. It also reflects Lancashire County Council's commitment to dignity in hygiene provision, including recent discussions around prostate awareness and male incontinence support (e.g. Boys Need Bins campaign).

We kindly ask that these products are used only in emergency situations. If misuse is identified, we may pause replenishment in affected areas. This provision supports our obligations under the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 and complements the principles of the Equality Act 2010.

Website Refresh – Business Listings & Interactive Map

As part of our ongoing improvements, the White Cross Business Park website is currently being refreshed to better reflect the vibrant and diverse business community on site.

We're changing the way businesses are presented. Instead of a simple list, the new site will feature business logos, accompanied by a short description of your sector (e.g. accountancy, estate agency, wellbeing, etc.).

If you'd like your business to be included: Please send your logo to:

whitecross@lancashire.gov.uk

Let us know your business type (e.g. digital, creative, professional services, etc.)

Optionally, tell us if you'd like your unit number included. We're also developing an interactive guide map to help visitors and clients locate businesses more easily.

If you have a website, we'll link your logo directly to it. If you don't have one, the tenant undertaking our website renewal is happy to quote for website creation at a White Cross family discounted rate.

We understand that not all tenants may wish to display their unit number publicly, so this is entirely optional.

Thank you for helping us showcase the strength and diversity of the White Cross community.

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SOMA

Hello from SOMA - Your New Yoga & Pilates Studio in Harper's Mill!

Hi, we're Annie and Paul and we're so excited to welcome you to SOMA, our new family-run yoga, pilates and wellbeing studio at White Cross. We opened on Saturday 20th September and our open day was full of laughter, movement and smiles as visitors explored our bright, calming space and met our amazing team of teachers.

At SOMA, we offer classes to suit every schedule- 45-minute lunchtime sessions, early mornings and early evenings so it's easy to fit a little movement and calm into your day. Our teachers lead yoga, pilates and yogalates classes designed to leave you feeling energised, balanced and refreshed.

Memberships make it easy to attend regularly and build a practice that works for you.

To celebrate our opening, try your first 3 drop-in classes at 50% with the code SOMA25. The full timetable is on our website.

We'd love to meet our neighbours at White Cross - come say hello, join a class or just pop in to see the space!

Find out more at www.somawellbeing.org.uk
or follow us on Instagram [@soma_wellbeing_](https://www.instagram.com/soma_wellbeing_)

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the Olive Branch

faith in action



We've had a busy summer at The Olive Branch, ordering and putting together packs of new uniform for over 35 primary school children in families we support. Each uniform pack contained polo shirts, trousers/skirts, PE tops and shorts, swimwear, underwear, socks/tights and a water bottle. The project was generously funded by the Francis Scott Trust, making a huge difference to families referred to us for emergency food, in relieving this financial pressure and enabling the children to start back at school with everything they need.

We've recently launched our Harvest Appeal, for help to stock up our storerooms ahead of the winter months, which come with increased living costs that significantly impact individuals and families facing hardship in our city. Could you consider holding a collection in your workplace or business?

Your support with any food donations over the next few months would be hugely appreciated (please see poster below for a list of needed items!).

In other news, it was a pleasure to host breakfast in our centre on Wednesday 10th September, for our neighbours on White Cross Business Park! It was a great opportunity to meet together and get to know each other better over pastries and a brew. Special thanks to TPCS, for very kindly sponsoring the event. We hope we can host more events like this in future.

With thanks from The Olive Branch team
info@the-olivebranch.org.uk
 Unit 8-0-1, Harpers Mill, White Cross Business Park

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Q2Q have relocated to Fraser House!

The team at Q2Q IT Support are very excited to announce that we have moved into the first floor at Fraser house.

Q2Q celebrated it's 21st birthday earlier this year, the past 13 years of which have been based in City Lab in Dalton Square. This move follows significant growth in the past few years, to the point where we just can't squeeze any more techies in, so the space at Fraser House is perfect for our ever expanding team.

As some of you may not yet know who we are... We are a friendly team of IT specialists supporting clients throughout Lancashire and beyond. We may have advanced technical know-how and experience, but we believe in delivering a proactive, straight-talking approach, without the jargon!

Our vision is to make small businesses across the North-West so tech confident, they can focus on ruling their world, without crying at the prospect of a reboot!! 😊

Whilst we're a technical business, we're owned and managed by Lorna Stellakis, a total non-techie, so her focus is on delivering awesome customer service, as efficiently as possible, with a warm and friendly approach, always with the best interests of the client in mind.

Once we're settled in the new office, we'll have some gaps in the diary for anyone wanting an IT Audit, see our website for details -

<https://www.q2q-it.com/assessments/it-audit/>

We'll let you know as soon as we have a date for our office warming party, but until then, feel free to come up and say hello and meet the team, and hopefully we'll see you around in the Hub!

