

WHITE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Tenants,

Happy New Year, and welcome back to White Cross. I hope you all had a happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year. As always, thank you to the companies who continue to support the newsletter by sharing updates, articles and good news stories — it really does help maintain a strong sense of community across the estate.

We look forward to the 2026 editions.

If you have any ideas, concerns or feedback regarding any of the estate services we provide, please feel free to contact me at any time. And as always, please continue sending your news articles and good news stories to Lorraine at:

lorraine.corlett@lancashire.gov.uk.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School – Year 12 Work Experience (Request for Support)

White Cross has been approached by Lancaster Girls' Grammar School for support with Year 12 work experience placements. This is a great opportunity for our tenants to support the wider community, provide insight into local career pathways, and help young people gain valuable experience.

If you are able to offer a short placement — or simply wish to discuss what this might look like — please see the information and contact details for David at the end of the newsletter. Any support you can offer is hugely appreciated.

ESTATE MAINTENANCE Dale Street Steps Replacement

The external steps connecting Dale Street down onto the main White Cross site have now been replaced. These were identified as worn and in need of improvement, and the new installation is significantly safer underfoot. Thank you for your patience while the works took place.

Simpler Recycling – New Communal Kitchen Bins

You will have noticed the rollout of new recycling bins across the communal kitchens. This is part of our compliance with the Government's Simpler Recycling standard, which introduces clearer national rules for waste separation. To understand what must now be recycled separately, further details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/simpler-recycling-workplace-recycling-in-england>

Please ensure waste is correctly separated to help us maintain compliance and reduce overall site waste.

IMPORTANT: Contractor Waste & Misuse of External Bins

We are increasingly finding trade waste and non-tenant household items being placed into the external FEL bins around the site — particularly near Crosslands — including mattresses, pallets and items brought from outside the estate.

Please note the following:

- The external bins must not be used for contractor waste, trade waste or personal waste from home.
- If you are having works carried out on your unit, your contractor must arrange their own skip.
- Please speak to the Estates Team in advance so we can agree a suitable and safe location for any contractor skip.
- All external bins are monitored by CCTV. Where waste contamination is identified, we will look to charge the cost directly to the driver of the vehicle and remove that vehicle from the ANPR permit list.
- Excessive or non-permitted waste leads to additional charges to the estate, which ultimately impacts tenants, so your cooperation is essential.

Thank you for helping us keep the site tidy and avoid unnecessary waste costs.

General Reminders

- PAT Testing: Please ensure any equipment brought from home is PAT tested.
- Alterations: Any electrical, mechanical or structural alterations must be approved by the Estate Office beforehand.
- Meeting Room Hire: Available for up to 8 people — £10/hour or £50/day. Book via Gatehouse reception.
- Cycle Lockers: Please inform us if your locker is no longer required.
- Shower Facility: Available on site — codes available from reception.
- Recycling: Please segregate waste and use the correct external skips.

Annual Fire Risk Assessment Reminder: If you have recently undertaken your assessment, please submit a copy to the LCDL Estates Team at whitecross@lancashire.gov.uk.

Kind Regards,
Dean

Dean Barlow
Business Park Manager



Dave Pattinson of Tactical Security Options Ltd 704 Cameron House, is doing his annual sleep out to raise funds and awareness for the homeless locally and [Tactical Street Angels Tactically Supporting Our Homeless](#) he will attempt again to sleep out 24 hours with a pair of shorts and footwear, covered in cold water every one hour for 24 hours, and sleeping in a sleeping bag, with no food and water. Dave does this every year and Christmas day night and has done for the last 11 years to raise funds and awareness.

Stacey and Dave go out seven days a week five times a day, helping and feeding, clothing the less fortunate locally.

Our sponsors this year so far are [JE Embroidery](#), [Marsh Community Centre](#), plumbers [Easy-Travel](#) and the Mayor of Lancaster. If any local business small or big want to donate to his cause, we will advertise your business on feeds.

Also a big thank you for the donations so far, via our go fund page, and the personal transfers, we raised a fantastic:



for the homeless this year!

If people would rather do a bank transfer or cash direct to me instead, please PMM, or call us on **07787788811** or just share, every little bit of help makes a dint in the problem. And also you might make a person's life a bit better or comfortable, thank you.

Thanks Dave



Homelessness is not just for Christmas, it can happen to ANYONE at ANYTIME!

<https://gofund.me/1c767d300>

Be the Reason a Local Child Stays Closer to Home in Lancashire



Here in Lancashire, there are children that need safe, supportive homes. When there aren't enough local foster carers, they may have to move away from their school, their friends and everything familiar to them. By fostering, you could help a young person stay close to what they know, and make a real difference right here, in your own community.

You don't need to be any specific type of person to foster. If you can offer stability, care, and the time, you might be more ready than you think!

Fostering with Community Foster Care is a way to support local children and invest in the future of Lancashire.

To learn more, give us a call, send us an email, or scan the QR code to visit our website. We'd love to hear from you.



communityfostercare.co.uk
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01524 489388

White Cross

Houseclub of White Cross, Lancaster were big winners at the 2025 ESTAs National Estate Agency of the Year Awards. They scooped gold for best Estate Agency in Lancashire and the North West of England for the ninth year in succession and were also rated the 2nd best individual Estate Agency office in the whole of the UK.

The awards are significant as they are based solely on client feedback and over a ten year period Houseclub's client satisfaction rating (buyers and sellers) is well over 99%.

This win follows on from their recent success at the British Property Awards where they took best in Lancaster 2025 following on from their win of the same award in 2024.

If you are thinking of selling in Lancaster or surrounding, contact Houseclub on

01524 771888.



FRASER HOUSE

DIGITAL & TECH HUB IN LANCASTER A FLEXIBLE COWORKING SPACE TO GROW, INNOVATE & COLLABORATE

Fraser House is a diverse and inclusive co-working space for Tech and Digital businesses. Our community fosters collaboration and encourages innovation.

Fraser House is a community-driven workspace located in the heart of Lancaster. Our mission is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where Tech and Digital professionals from all backgrounds can come together to collaborate, innovate, and grow.

We believe that a diverse community is a stronger community, and we strive to create a space that is welcoming to everyone. Whether you are a solo entrepreneur, a small business owner, or a member of a larger team, Fraser House is the perfect place for you to thrive.

With a variety of membership plans from day passes to dedicated desks, our hub is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and resources, including full fibre internet, meeting rooms and more. We offer a range of networking and professional development events, including lunchtime talks, meetups, and socials, to help our members connect and grow.

White Cross Tenants Membership here at Fraser House
£60 for every 4 members of staff for access to the space tea/coffee and 2 hours of free meeting room space each month.

We encourage our members to engage with one another and share their knowledge and expertise. Whether you're looking to bounce ideas off of your peers, work on a project together, or simply connect with like-minded professionals, Fraser House is the perfect place to do it.

Fraser House Hub is financed by Lancashire County Developments Limited and delivered by Lancashire County Council.

If you would like a tour or more information, please contact: hello@fraserhousehub.co.uk



The Lancashire Skills Pledge provides businesses with one door through which they can discover more about Lancashire's key skills and employment initiatives.

We understand that the day-to-day running of a business is demanding, which is why we created the Lancashire Skills Pledge to offer impartial advice, support, and access to funded skills training. You can also gain recognition for inspiring, recruiting and upskilling local people.

Sign up to the pledge to join more than 450 businesses

all working with us to develop their teams,
recruit new talent and support local communities.

Do you want advice on?

- > Apprenticeships
- > Skills & training
- > Recruitment
- > Social Value

Or do you want to raise the profile of your business to the future workforce?

- > Help young people to get work ready
- > Become an Enterprise Adviser
- > Offer an industry or work placement to a young person
- > Offer an industry placement to a university student
- > Become an Apprentice Ambassador
- > Support Lancashire Care Leavers

Then sign up to the Lancashire Skills Pledge today:



www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk/lancashire-skills-pledge



LANCASHIRE SKILLS PLEDGE

Sign up and one of our expert Pledge Partners will get in touch with you to offer guidance on skills, training and employment initiatives. **Pledging will give your business recognition for the things it does to inspire, recruit and upskill the people of Lancashire.**

Recruit Lancashire People

We will link you to projects which can help you to fulfil your recruitment needs, by offering potential candidates tailored training programmes based on the needs of local employers through Skills Bootcamps, and introduce you to previously untapped talent pools.

Upskilling Your Workforce

Get access to funded, bespoke courses to upskill your teams including Multiply for all your numeracy needs, Skills Bootcamps, and sector specific courses at Level 3 and above designed by businesses for businesses.



Recruit an Apprentice or Become an Apprentice Ambassador

Impartial advice to help match you with a provider who can support you to recruit an Apprentice or upskill existing staff to become Apprentices and Apprentice Ambassadors.

Become linked with Schools, Colleges and Universities

Inspire young people by offering work placements, or get matched with a school or college, to create inspirational and meaningful encounters for young people within the world of work.
Or provide a placement or internship to a College or University student, with the opportunity to spend time in your organisation, contributing to your business while gaining vital experience and learning new skills.

White Cross tenant has written this 'amazing' autobiography

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

– Peter Henry

People I meet often ask what happened, and they express great interest in the different phases of my life before and after my accident. A friend once said to me that I should write a book, and those words planted a seed. Over the years, ideas came to me and made their way onto paper. My story seems to want to be told, if only because I've lived to tell the tale, and that the tale is not relentlessly mired in misery but is full of challenges and a lot of fun.

Everyone's life is unique and precious, full of the fun and games of living. Before, During and After charts some of mine.

For your copy of BEFORE, DURING and AFTER, please see – www.peterhenry.co.uk
– all donations to BACK-UP – a spinal injuries charity that has helped me greatly.





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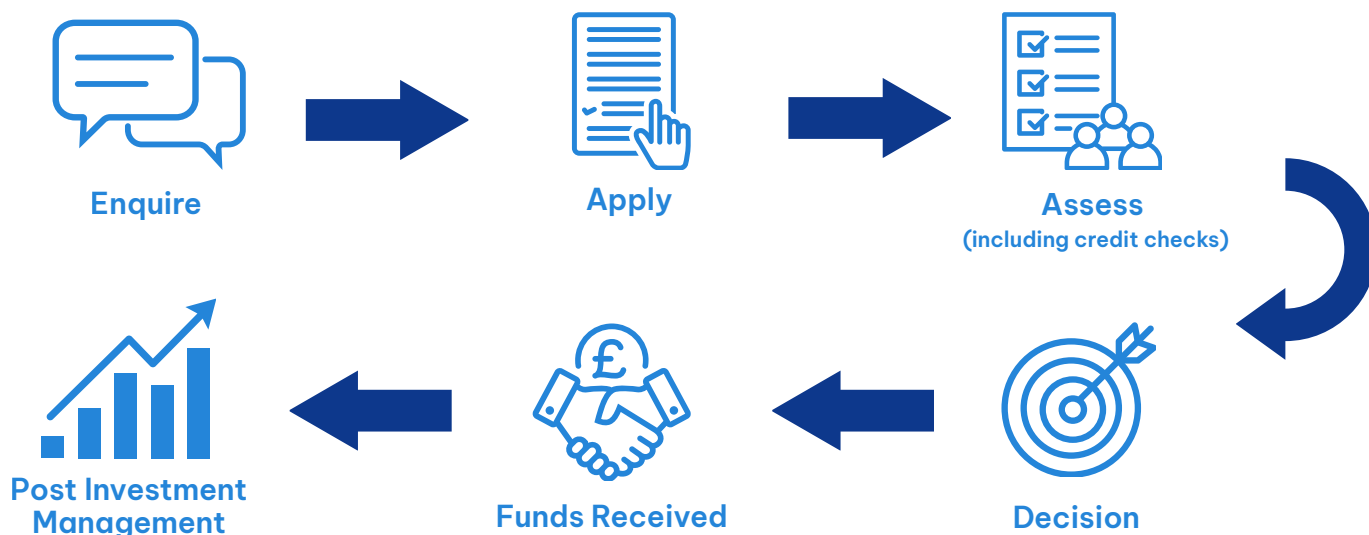
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White Cross

Borrow between **£25k and £100k**
and turn your business growth plans into reality

The process is simple



The numbers speak for themselves

£28m+
INVESTED

415+
BUSINESSES
SUPPORTED

1000+
JOBS CREATED

63%
RETURNING
CUSTOMERS



Looking for funding or support?

Get in touch

rosebud@lancashire.gov.uk

The Loan Fund's mission is to provide access to capital through commercial loan funding to support SME businesses located within the geographic boundary of Lancashire.

It is anticipated that Rosebud may provide loan funding which compliments and sits alongside other forms of private sector and public sector funding. It should act as an enabler for Lancashire businesses, supporting business growth and job creation.

Fund products
<p>Amount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £25,000 to £100,000 - <i>Potential for loans in excess of the maximum at senior management discretion</i> <p>Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 36 months. Maximum 60 months. <p>Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum rate 7% fixed. Maximum rate 14% fixed. <p>Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0% of loan amount Security Fees - £350 For further discretionary charges, early repayment fees etc. contact Rosebud. <p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically: Mortgage Debenture, Personal Guarantees – unsupported. Other types of security may be considered, including Legal Charges over Property or Fixed Assets.
Eligibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered, Limited Companies Trading within one of the 12 councils under Lancashire County Council. Businesses which are already trading and have a track record of profitability. Clear plan for growth. Must have a plan to create well paid, sustainable jobs for locally based residents
Acceptable uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Expansion Working Capital Asset Purchase with the exception of :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movable assets i.e. cars/trucks Commercial Property purchase/investment or renovation. <i>Owner occupier improvements may be considered. E.g Mezzaine Floors, Air Conditioning etc</i> Management Buy Out or Buy In where the core focus is continuation of an existing business and protecting existing jobs. Each case to be judged on its own merits
Ineligible Businesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-corporate businesses i.e. sole traders or partnerships Those trading outside of Lancashire (<i>Except those businesses proposing to relocate into Lancashire within 3 months of loan drawdown</i>) Those trading within the Unitary Authorities of Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Pre-start and start-up businesses Businesses in difficulty or looking to consolidate existing debt. Those operating within the following sectors/industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Development Agriculture Those which might represent reputational risk to LCDL/LCC: <i>Smoking/Vaping ; Adult entertainment industry ; Gambling etc</i>

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**7.30 pm start (doors open 7 pm)
on Saturday 28th February 2026
St Thomas' Church Centre, LA1 1XX**

**Tickets £20 each
2 course meal included!**

**Raffle tickets (exceptional prizes), alcoholic &
non-alcoholic drinks to be purchased on the night.**

**Teams of 6-8 people or contact us to join
a team before the night!**

Book tickets on our website: the-olivebranch.org.uk

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staff loyalty



Higher
morale



Reduced
hiring costs



Inclusive
culture

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Scan the QR code to find out more:



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We encourage open communication through regular check-ins. By fostering trust and transparency, you can spot challenges early and support employees before issues escalate.

Know the story

We'll support you to identify your employee's strengths and struggles. You'll gain insight into what helps your employee thrive – and where they need support.

Making simple adjustments

Small changes can have a big impact. Whether it's flexible hours, adapted tasks or assistive tech, we can help you enable your team to thrive.

Celebrate impact

We help you recognise the everyday contributions that build your team's success. By valuing achievements and showing appreciation, you create a culture where confidence grows and people feel seen.

Scan the QR code to find out more:

Visit lancashireskillshub.co.uk/connect-to-work





Lancaster Girls'
Grammar School

Y12 Work Experience Placements



Year 12 students (Aged 16/17) will be doing 1 week of work experience from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May.

We are trying to place students in work places linked to their career interests. As an employer there is a simple process to go through in order to host a student. If you are able to host a student for a week or part of week or want to discuss further, please contact David Green at Lancaster Girls' Grammar School on:
d.green@lggs.lancs.sch.uk

For more employers information watch this short video clip at:
Modern work experience. Let's make it work