

Business

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Director becomes vice chairman of regeneration partnership

ENTREPRENEUR Simon Woods has become vice chairman of enterprise agency Erewash Partnership, which helps to regenerate the borough.

Simon, managing director of Long Eaton-based TecEquipment, was confirmed as vice chair at a meeting of the board of directors, which he joined last year.

Simon joined TecEquipment in 1973 as an engineering student and, as the company grew and became TQ Education and Training with a head office at Lockington, Simon eventually became educational products director.

But last year, 50 years after the company was formed, the directors de-merged. Simon bought the manufacturing base in Bonsall Street along with the equipment and intellectual property rights, and the company reverted

to its original name and products operation.

Employing more than 50 people, TecEquipment manufactures more than 500 products, ranging from the type of equipment used by A-level physics students to that of engineering graduates. It exports to around 70 countries.

Partnership chief executive Ian Viles said he was pleased at Simon's appointment, referring to him as a very accomplished managing director.

"The board sees the manufacturing sector as a key wealth creator in Erewash and important to the future growth of the borough," he said. "Simon is very enthusiastic about manufacturing and engineering but also the wider economy and the regeneration of the area."

Simon said he was delighted at the confidence that his fellow directors had shown in him by electing

him as vice-chairman.

"I believe that the Erewash Partnership does a fantastic job in helping businesses in the area, particularly start-ups, and its regeneration.

"There is still a strong manufacturing base in the borough and I'm happy to represent and promote that section of the local economy through the Partnership."

The public and private sector Partnership, which also gives advice and training, is supported by more than 400 businesses.

Support the Wildlife Trust at Attenborough this Christmas

HELP support Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust – the county's largest environmental charity. The Wildlife Trust works to inspire people about the natural world and cares for nearly 70 wonderful nature reserves - including Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Established in 1966 and opened by Sir David Attenborough, the Attenborough reserve is best known for its birds. The area is an important site for winter wildfowl and often holds a high proportion of the county's shoveler and diving ducks, with larger numbers of mallard, teal, and occasionally wigeon.

In the spring and autumn, many migrant birds pass through, attracting a wide range of waders.

The reserve plays an important educational role and is a popular venue for guided walks and family activity sessions. Visitors can enjoy three bird hides, including a 'high-hide' which gives bird watchers a great chance of seeing wildlife at close quarters.

A new audio tour, complete with an introduction by

Sir David Attenborough, provides information about the reserve direct to your mobile phone.

Why not give a WILD Christmas gift this year with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Gift Membership? From as little as £15, this

is the perfect present for wildlife lovers of all ages. Choose from four beautiful gift box designs, including a card with your special message. Buy it online at www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org, or ring (0115) 958 8242.



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New solicitor for Ellis-Formor and Negus

LOCAL solicitors Ellis-Formor & Negus are pleased to announce the arrival of a new family solicitor, Hannah Bramley.

Hannah, Derby born and bred, joined the firm as a qualified solicitor in September, having previously worked at Robinsons in Derby. She graduated with a law degree from Sheffield Hallam University in 2006 before completing her Legal Practice Course at the University of Sheffield. She went on to train at Robinsons, qualifying in March 2009.

She has now joined the Family department at the Beeston office of Ellis-Formor & Negus, where she specialises in family law.

Sarah Slack, head of the Family department, said: "I am delighted to welcome Hannah to our Beeston office. Her arrival presents an exciting opportunity for us to further meet the needs of our clients in the area."

Outside of work, Hannah enjoys taking her rescued springer spaniel on long walks, particularly in the Peak District. She has a keen interest in music and attends concerts and travels to gigs whenever she can. She also enjoys cooking and tries out new recipes on friends and family.

Ellis-Formor & Negus have offices in Long Eaton, Beeston and Ripley. As well as offering legal services to businesses and charities, they also specialise in family law, conveyancing, wills and estate administration, criminal defence and accident claims.

Should you wish to contact Sarah Slack or Hannah Bramley, telephone the Beeston office on (0115) 922 1591.

Campaign against domestic abuse launched

A NEW campaign has been launched to make people more aware of domestic abuse in the run-up to Christmas.

Launched during Action Chilwell West week between 23 and 29 November, the poster campaign will cover all public areas in Broxtowe, including community centres, GP surgeries, leisure centres and town centre notice boards.

Two high-impact posters have been created: one shows a woman's face with a severely bruised eye that is headed, 'On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...'

The second reads 'Shattering Lives' above an image of broken Christmas

tree baubles.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime.

Campaign organiser Rebecca Thompson said: "Christmas can be a stressful time, and we tend to see more people affected by domestic abuse. It is often due to the financial stresses the festive period can bring for many people and, in these times of the credit crunch, this is even more of a factor. Excessive alcohol consumption makes the situation worse, and is a major issue at this time of year.

"The posters draw attention to domestic violence. We want

people to know what services are available locally, and where to go if they need help."

For confidential information and advice, contact:

Broxtowe Women's Project: (01773) 719 111

Midland Women's Aid (24 hour support line): (0115) 925 7647

Women's Aid Advice Centre (24 hour free helpline): 0808 800 0340

MALE (men's advice line): 0808 801 0327

If you suspect someone is suffering from domestic abuse, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 in confidence.