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## **NORTHERN TRUST WELCOME SHEPHERDS WALKS TO ROTHBURY**

Northern Trust Company Limited were pleased to welcome Shepherds Walks Ltd to Rothbury Industrial Estate, following the completion of the letting of the 2,250 sq ft, unit 1B on a 3-year lease agreement.

Shepherds Walks are on an online business that has been established for a number of years. The business comprises of 4 key areas; Shepherds Walks covering various day walks and events; Shepherds Walks Holidays providing guided and self-guided walking holidays; GPS Training, the largest independent UK retailer of outdoor GPS units; and Capricorn Mohair Socks which they manufacture in the UK and sell to both wholesale and retail.

Shepherds Walks was set up in 1999 by Jon Monks, who at that time was a full time Hill Shepherd in Northumberland. Jon commented about the move to the new premises "As an online business, having the chance to have a blank canvas to build the offices / warehouse to our own specifications was a massive step forward for us. The unit at Rothbury was ideal and just what we had been looking for. The moral of the staff has been lifted to have such a nice working environment. With our range of different revenue streams it has enabled us to continue to grow despite the current economic climate."

More information about Shepherds Walks, the walking events, holidays, GPS units and Capricorn Mohair Socks can be found by visiting their website at <https://www.shepherdswalks.co.uk/>

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Northern Trust completed a £400k refurbishment program on Block 1 at Rothbury Industrial Estate, which was in a dilapidated state. The works to the building included demolition of low level office space and ad hoc extensions, replacement of personnel doors, fire exit doors and electrically operated loading doors. The works to the building split the unit into two providing Unit 1B which is now occupied by Shepherds Walks Ltd and Unit 1A measuring 4,268 sq ft which is still available. The units form part Rothbury Industrial Estate, which offers 17,777 sq ft of workshop / warehouse accommodation over 11 units.

Louise Elliot, Senior Asset Manager at Northern Trust added "I am delighted to welcome Jon and the team at Shepherds Walks Ltd to Rothbury Industrial Estate. They have been a pleasure to deal with and I am glad we were able to facilitate their occupational needs by providing the space they needed to grow their business and to fit out to their own requirements. The improvement works carried out on the building highlights Northern Trust's commitment to providing high quality business space. The remaining unit offers a unique opportunity for those looking to expand or create a business in modern efficient premises in the heart of the Coquet Valley."

For more details on Rothbury Industrial Estate or to register your interest in the available space please contact Northern Trust's North East regional office on 0191 221 1999 or via email at [northeast@northerntrust.co.uk](mailto:northeast@northerntrust.co.uk)

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**Northern Trust** is a family owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land regeneration.

The existing property portfolio extends to over 8.5 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 5,000 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and new development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's regional teams with offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the [www.NTProperties.co.uk](http://www.NTProperties.co.uk) website.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with over 625,000 sq ft currently under construction or in the development pipeline.

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**Northern Trust** has also secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last two years, and with the current projects covering more than 50 sites where there is potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward strategic land regeneration opportunities

**Northern Trust** has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at [www.northerntrust.co.uk](http://www.northerntrust.co.uk)