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THE POSTMAN ALWAYS DELIVERS

Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust Company Ltd, are pleased to announce that one of their oldest occupiers at their Brook Street Business Centre in Tipton has welcomed one of the newest occupiers on the estate, by utilising their services to improve their facilities on offer to visitors.

Darren Barton, who runs the on-site café on the 33,000 sq ft estate, has been an occupier at the site for over 11 years. He joined forces with Rich The Postman, who moved into their 352 sq ft unit last year, to install some new fencing and picnic tables at the café, enhancing the facilities on offer at the Café.

Darren commented "Being one of the longest standing tenants on site, we have a large number of customers coming from all around the local area and have provided outside seating for a number of years to be used by our customers. With the emphasis of meeting outside following the lockdown, we decided to upgrade our seating area and turned to one of the sites newest tenants to help us create our vision. We look forward to seeing all of our customers, old and new, in the near future".

Commenting on the collaboration, Richard Barratt of Rich The Postman said "I design and manufacture unique, outdoor wooden garden products. My best sellers are my NO DIG Wooden Post and Rope Kits and my Picnic Benches made from sleepers. Darren at the Café has purchased both of these products from me to enhance the café's outdoor seating area. My previous workshop was very small indeed which meant that I didn't have much storage for my materials or machinery. My unit here at Brook Street suits my needs perfectly as I now have space for everything! This extra space has helped me to expand my product range, which has helped to increase my turnover." You can search for richthepostman on Google, Facebook, Ebay and Amazon.

Brook Street Business Centre is a popular estate located in Tipton, approximately 10 miles North West of Birmingham, 5 miles south of Wolverhampton and 30 miles north of Worcester. The estate comprises an office building and 7 separate terraces

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of industrial units, the Centre is home to over 70 different businesses supporting circa 300 jobs.

Caroline Jones, Lettings Manager at Whittle Jones Midlands added “Brook Street Business Centre is one of our most popular estates due to the range of smaller office suites and workshop units on offer. It is pleasing to see that our occupiers on the estate support each other through their various business needs.”

For more information on Brook Street Business Centre and the available space please contact the Whittle Jones Midlands team on 0121 523 2929 or via email to midlands@whittlejones.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 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 in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones**, which has regional offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the [Whittle Jones 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.

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

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