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North East Derbyshire's Manufacturing Cluster visited bloc digital in February, a specialist media company based in Derby. Businesses were inspired by bloc digital's offer, some of which they've never seen before and was truly mind blowing. As well as impressive marketing material to support with website, brochures, and exhibition content, bloc digital offer AI and VR solutions that elevate a huge variety of products, a great example being a calendar! Businesses were also shown bloc digital's data visualisation and twin capabilities that were used to make JCB's first 'factory of the future' in the UK.



The Manufacturing Cluster meets every three months and the next meeting's theme is 'Solution Finding' and is being hosted and facilitated by Worcester Bosch based in Danesmoor, near Clay Cross. We'd love to grow our Manufacturing Cluster and support additional businesses in the district. To get involved please contact economicdevelopment@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

'If you're an Engineering/Manufacturing firm and you're not attending North East Derbyshire's Manufacturing Cluster events/meetings, like the outstanding presentation at bloc digital (Derby), you're missing out on great ideas and solutions for your business.' James Hawkins CEO - West Special Fasteners.



Spotlight on: Clay Cross



Catch up on the latest news on the £24.1 m town deal project that is taking place in Clay Cross

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Decarbonisation

A Decarbonisation Plan can support your business boost reputation, cut costs through energy efficiency, access new business opportunities, attract and retain talent, and stay compliant with changing regulations. Our expert advisers can help you develop a tailored Decarbonisation Plan

to reduce energy usage. This includes assessing your carbon footprint and implementing strategies such as:



Reducing energy consumption



Switching to renewable energy sources



Optimising production processes



Improving supply chains



Minimising waste

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Showcasing: West Special Fasteners

West Special Fasteners, based in Dronfield, are a renowned and respected manufacturer of high integrity fasteners and work on a wide range of impressive projects for industries worldwide.

James Hawkins, CEO and Sonja Skelton, Managing Director, West Special Fasteners at the Spinnaker Tower.

Read here about one of their high profile projects working on Spinnaker Tower, an iconic architectural landmark located in Portsmouth. The Tower soars to a height of 170 meters and weighs over 30,000 tonnes, and was designed to withstand the challenging coastal environment while offering panoramic views of the city and the Solent.

[Spinnaker Tower Case Study](#)



Business networks



Clay Cross business network

If you are a local business owner or professional in Clay Cross and the surrounding areas, don't miss this fantastic opportunity to network, stay updated, and grow your connections! The network is taking place on Thursday 6th March from 9 am to 10.30 am at Coney Green Business Centre. Tea and coffees are included.

To book your place please email economicdevelopment@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Dronfield business network

Taking place on Thursday 20th March from 9 am to 10.30 am at 21-23 Church Street, Dronfield, S18 1QB. All businesses are welcome to attend.

Tourism and Food Network

Come and join a fun and informative networking meeting to discuss all things tourism and view the new tourism promotional video. [Tourism and Food Networking Meeting Tickets, Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

East Midlands Derbyshire Manufacturing Network

The East Midlands Manufacturing Networks are led by East Midlands Chamber to unite local manufacturers to harness the necessary cross-industry, business, engineering and manufacturing knowledge to evolve and expand.

[The next Derbyshire event is taking place on 14th March and is free to local manufacturers.](#)

Funded training



Accessibility Champions

A series of webinars have been organised to support businesses in the visitor economy sector ensure that all visitors have a memorable experience.

[Please visit the D2N2 website for more information.](#)

Artificial Intelligence

This workshop, taking place on the 20th March, helps to take out some of the mystery of how AI can help you streamline your operations and improve your marketing. Come along to learn how ChatGPT works and how you can use it to give your business a competitive edge. [Visit the D2N2 website for more information.](#)

GPSR Regulations

If you are a UK exporter of consumer products to the EU you will need to comply with the EU General Product Safety Regulations that are coming into force later on this year. This webinar on the 4th March will help you understand your obligations under the regulations, how to prepare and ensure you comply with the regulations.

[For more information please visit the EMC website.](#)

Leadership and Management

Do you have employees who are new to management? A series of webinars are taking place to introduce the essential leadership and management skills to facilitate the growth of your team and your business. [Find out more.](#)

Marketing Tourism businesses

Learn how to market your business to full effect. These workshops have been developed to help you understand how to tell your story, identify your customer and select the right marketing channels that will match your target customer. [Find out more on the D2N2 website.](#)

Showcase your business



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