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## North East Derbyshire Manufacturing Cluster

Worcester Bosch showcased their Projects Room at an event that took place on 6th May. Businesses learned how Worcester Bosch reduce waste and impact on cost savings using a real life project that they have worked on this year. Worcester Bosch offered their expertise, free of charge, to the other manufacturers and offered support to set up the model within their businesses.



Steve Doughty, Operations and Project Manager, Worcester Bosch, showcasing their Solutions Board

This collaborative working and cross learning are just two of the benefits of joining the Cluster. See below to learn about others from manufacturers themselves. If you are a manufacturing business in North East Derbyshire and want more information, including how to get involved, email [economic.development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk).



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# North East Derbyshire Manufacturing Cluster

## Who are we?

- Manufacturers in north east Derbyshire
- RTC North, supply chain specialists
- University of Derby
- NEDDC economic development team
- East Midlands Chamber.

## What do we do?

- Discuss topical issues
- Share best practice

- Provide peer to peer support
- Increase our own networks
- Showcase our businesses
- Visit other inspirational businesses.

## When do we meet?

We meet every three months to discuss all issues relating to manufacturing and supply chains. Meetings rotate around the district at manufacturers premises.



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## What are the benefits of joining the Cluster?

*"Being part of this local manufacturing*



*cluster is truly rewarding. It's a welcoming community of like-minded businesses that genuinely support each other.*

*"By working and learning together, we solve challenges, spark innovation, and provide the best sounding board for fresh ideas. Unlike other networks that focus on sales or self-promotion, this group is all about real collaboration, shared knowledge, and mutual success. It's the perfect place to connect, grow, and thrive alongside friendly, approachable peers."*

**James Hawkins, CEO,  
West Special Fasteners.**

*"Worcester*

*Bosch are proud*



*to be an active member of the NED Manufacturing cluster. Local Manufacturers like us (who have a busy plant based in Clay Cross) have a forum to share best practices and also work together to find solutions for challenges that businesses and manufacturers are facing.*

*"Part of the remit is also to work collaboratively with North East Derbyshire District Council to help support and promote local businesses."*

**Pete Wraggsdale, Plant Manager  
and Paul Kinder,  
Logistics Projects Manager,  
Worcester Bosch (Clay Cross).**

*"The North East Derbyshire Manufacturing Cluster is a great chance for manufacturing and engineering businesses to share ideas and thoughts through a peer group. The meetings we have had so far have been an excellent vehicle to discuss training/skills, supply chains and trouble shooting. It is great that business leaders get the chance to share issues and possible resolutions with each other and I am looking forward to the future event."*



**Steve Gregory, Strategic Supply Chain Development Manager RTC North.**

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## Proposed Improvements to the A61/Mill Lane/Nottingham Drive junctions

A consultation event is being held in NEDDC's offices on Mill Lane on Thursday 5th June 1-7pm where proposals for improvements to these two junctions will be on display, together with the design team who will be able to answer any questions you have. Alternatively, the proposals can be viewed on NEDDC's web-site between 5th and 20th June.



[Read More](#)

## Spotlight on Buddie's Play Den, Bridge Street, Clay Cross



Buddies Play Den is a vibrant indoor soft play centre located in Clay Cross, Chesterfield, offering a fun-filled environment for children and families. Beyond its engaging soft play area, Buddies provides a variety of creative activities such as crafts, messy play, slime making, pot painting, and "make a bear" sessions. The on-site café serves a diverse menu ranging from breakfasts and sandwiches to pizzas and homemade chili, catering to various dietary needs including gluten-free and vegan options. With inclusivity and community at the heart of everything we do, no child will be left out. Working in close partnership with Fairplay we offer special sessions for children and families with additional

needs, we provide a safe space for children to be themselves without judgement or prejudice.



Our amazing activities coordinator, Kellsey, ensures that families with babies and young children have the opportunity to meet and make friends whilst having fun with their little ones. We provide free baby weigh and play sessions which for new parents can be great peace of mind their babies are thriving.

Buddies also hosts birthday parties and offers packages tailored to suit different budgets, making it an ideal venue for special occasions.

[Buddies Play Den](#)

## Showcase your business

Do you have some great news to share about your business. If so, we'd love to hear from you and help you spread the good news.

Just let us know at [economic.development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk).



## Networking opportunities



### **Clay Cross business network**

Thursday 5th June 2025 – 8.45 am to 10.30 am at Coney Green Business Centre. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, a confirmed agenda closer to the time, and contact [Economic.Development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Economic.Development@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) if you'd like to attend.

### **Dronfield business network**

Taking place on Thursday 19th June 2025 from 9 am to 10.30 am at 21-23 Church Street, Dronfield, S18 1QB. All businesses are welcome to attend.

Please contact [anna@lifiedronfield.org](mailto:anna@lifiedronfield.org) to secure your place.

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