

An exciting time for our business

Newburgh Engineering has revealed its ambitious expansion plans, which includes the construction of a 35,000 sq ft production facility adjacent to its existing plant on Bessemer Way.

The 79 year old company, which expanded into Rotherham three years ago, has outgrown its existing premises and the extended plant will enable the company to double its production capabilities. Newburgh Engineering, which is a specialist contract manufacturer of component parts and assemblies, was successful in securing European Funding to assist with the construction costs of the new building, which will be completed in October 2008.

Vincent Middleton, Managing Director of Newburgh Engineering, explains: "This is a really exciting time for our business. We recognized several months ago that we would soon outgrow our existing premises and so the new production facility is vital to support our continued growth and expansion. The new purpose-built premises will enable us to strengthen our position as one of the leading high precision engineering

businesses in the UK. We expect to create many new jobs over the coming months and the factory expansion will enable us to do this as well as to provide our customers with an even more responsive service."

Newburgh Engineering is renowned within the industry for the high quality of its workmanship and, as such, recruiting and training its staff is extremely important. Over the next few months, the company plans to create at least a dozen new jobs and is therefore seeking CNC machinists and welcomes applications from all skilled engineers. The company is also working closely with local schools and colleges to give young people a valuable experience of working in an engineering environment, whilst raising the profile of the industry and identifying potential new apprentices.



Vincent Middleton explains: "We are offering some great opportunities for local skilled people to join our team. Our business is growing rapidly and we are always on the look out for talented people who want to work for a company that is investing in its future."



Ben with Tony Middleton & Jonathan Ellis

Newburgh Celebrates *First Apprentice* Completion

Ben Smith is celebrating being the first person that Newburgh Engineering has awarded their bespoke 'Newburgh Certificate of Apprenticeship' since they opened their new premises on Bessemer Way, Rotherham three years ago.

Ben's training has been conducted in accordance with the advanced apprenticeship framework and was monitored through to successful achievement of NVQ Level 3 by Sheffield College, where he also attended day release. He initially covered turning and milling before specialising in gear cutting whilst working as a trainee manufacturing engineer in the state of the art factory that provides specialist engineering services for a wide range of industries, from aerospace to oil & gas.

Ben, aged 20 and from Brinsworth, has always had a keen interest in mechanical things, especially cars and motorcycles which he has ridden since he was ten. However, on leaving school he did not seek work as a mechanic but opted for a career in precision engineering. "There has been a lot to learn to be able to operate production equipment," explains Ben, "I really like the variety of the work and am now able to operate several different machines, and I'm learning new skills all the time. I'm pleased to have passed my apprenticeship and I'm looking forward to progressing with my career."

Ben represents the type of candidate that Newburgh is looking to recruit. Bright, articulate and dedicated to doing the job right first time, he fitted perfectly into Newburgh's culture of achieving excellence in machining operations.

Tony Middleton, Newburgh Chairman, explains: "Ben has made a fantastic achievement and we are delighted with his success. He represents the future of our industry and apprentices like him, who are totally dedicated and have the right attitude will always have a place within our business."

In order to address the skills shortage and recruit more Apprentices, Newburgh is working closely with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and NAMTEC (the National Metals Technology Centre) to build closer links with schools in the South Yorkshire region.

Matthew Jewitt, sales & marketing manager at Newburgh Engineering adds: "Lots of young people still do not think of engineering as a natural career choice, we need to make them aware that we are offering a chance to make good money whilst learning excellent skills and progressing in a fast moving, expanding company. Investing in our apprentices is crucial to maintaining the high skill level required to meet the technical demands of our contracts, whilst they in turn will stay loyal to us and dedicated to their work. All the time we are looking to develop new home grown talent for the future as our business continues to grow."

As a result of an increase in business and expansion of its services Newburgh is looking to recruit a number of apprentices and welcomes applications from interested parties.

Giving something back to Bradwell



News in Brief

New Website

A new Newburgh website has been launched - it now includes information on the new business units of Rapid Response and Pelleting solutions.

Please have a look at www.newburgh.co.uk

Running for charity

Managing director Vince Middleton and Roger Pearson were among the 5,000 runners who took part in the Sheffield Half Marathon and Great Fun Run, which aimed to raise £500,000 for charities which included Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind and the Bluebell Wood Childrens' Hospice.

Up for the (re-cycling) cup

Newburgh practices what it preaches when it comes to re-cycling. The company re-cycles a staggering total of 55,000 plastic cups annually from the drinks machines at its Rotherham and Bradwell works. The company has been a member of the Save a Cup re-cycling scheme since May, 2005, and Phillipa Green, comments: "We have to do our bit when it comes to re-cycling waste, and we think it's important not to just throw this kind of thing away. If anything can be re-cycled, we'll do it."

OPPORTUNITIES AT NEWBURGH

At Newburgh, we believe our people are the company's greatest asset. And we are constantly on the look-out for new staff to help the company move forward.

Through our on-going involvement in Investors in People and a continuing commitment to the training of apprentices, Newburgh has developed an unrivalled team with the experience and motivation to succeed in an ever-changing environment.

The opportunities are many and various, all of which offer personal growth and constant support to allow you to become whatever you want to be.

If you are interested in joining the Newburgh team, check out the Job Pages posted on our website: www.newburgh.co.uk

Under plans announced earlier this year, Newburgh Engineering is planning a massive redevelopment of its original site in Bradwell, including many community benefits to the Peak District village.

Tony Middleton, Newburgh's chairman, said: "We aim to continue a sustainable level of precision engineering in totally refurbished premises, using our existing local workforce and providing valuable skilled employment for local people in the future, including training apprentices.

"But equally important are the social and economic benefits to the village, which we hope will help secure local businesses and services, and improve the long-term sustainability of the village."

These community benefits could include the provision of:-

- a multi-function medical centre/police office
- premises for a pre-school group and youth club
- social housing and flats for local needs
- additional car parking for local services and for visitors/walkers
- more open land for the community
- additional quality open market housing
- and the conversion of a former mill premises and mill race into a café and public square.

JODRELL BANK 'OVER THE MOON' AT RAPID RESPONSE

Changing a wheel on the car can be stressful enough, but when the wheel is a one-tonne carbon steel bogie on a 3,200-tonne radio telescope, it's a different story.

Fortunately, staff at the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope in Cheshire knew who to call. Engineer John Kitching said: "We had a similar problem with a bogie wheel last April, and we had been impressed by the speed and efficiency shown by Newburgh Engineering.

"So after a quick call to Dennis Laycock, manager of Newburgh's new Rapid Response Unit, within two working weeks the job was done, the wheel tyre was replaced and the telescope was back in action.

"As far as we were concerned, Newburgh's Rapid Response Unit does exactly what it says on the tin, and at a very reasonable price too. It's no exaggeration to say, if you'll excuse the pun, we are over the moon with the service provided."

Dennis Laycock commented: "We had to remove the old tyre, which had been in place for over 50 years since the telescope first opened in 1957, machine the hub and re-cut the surface, then after pre-heating and shrinking, fit the new tyre and finish it off.

"I'd like to pay tribute to the 20 lads in the team who really pulled out all the stops to get this job done in such a short time. We just kept our fingers on the button and got on with the job."

Jodrell Bank's massive radio telescope dish is a familiar sight in the Cheshire countryside, and the Grade 1 listed building was recently voted Britain's greatest unsung landmark in a BBC poll. It was also recently chosen as global headquarters of the world's next generation radio telescope, the €1.5bn Square Kilometre Array (SKA).

