

## THETFORD MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE CLUB

### Current Membership

Active Technologies  
 Alloway Acoustics Manufacturing Ltd  
 Baxter Healthcare Ltd  
 Blake & Boughton Ltd  
 Boniface Engineering  
 Breckland Precision Engineering Ltd  
 Bridgeland Engineering  
 C.S.I.Ltd  
 Click Clack  
 CNC Machine Tools Ltd  
 Comtek Ltd  
 Century Logistics  
 Dawsons  
 Detail Plastic Components  
 Fireworks Fire Protection Ltd  
 Garmet Ltd  
 Glunz & Jensen Ltd  
 Group Lotus  
 Guardline Technology Ltd  
 Hayssen Europe Ltd  
 HJW Precision Engineering  
 HMC Ltd  
 J A Clark & Co (Engineers) Ltd  
 Jeyes Ltd  
 Lotus Cars  
 Machined Precision Components Ltd  
 Merit Plastics  
 Multiyork Furniture Ltd  
 North East Equipment Services  
 Parker Hannifin  
 Parkes Products Ltd  
 PCT Ltd  
 Peerless Plastics & Coatings  
 Performance Plus Partnership  
 Powertrain Technologies Ltd  
 Premiair Solutions Ltd  
 Rogers Precision Engineering Ltd  
 SBS Belting  
 Too Display Ltd  
 Trox (UK) Ltd  
 United Forktrucks  
 Warren Services Ltd  
 Wrightform Ltd  
 WT Atkin

The Thetford Manufacturing Excellence Club was originally set up as part of the DTI's Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS EAST) programme of support for the manufacturing sector in May 2004. The aim of the club is to establish an informal network of local manufacturers willing to share and learn from each other in order to further the potential of each business. Since then it has been regularly meeting at business premises and other venues in and around Thetford. The chairman is Richard Bridgman of Warren Services Ltd and the club and its membership is facilitated by Breckland Council.

### Membership

There is no cost to join the club and new members from manufacturing, engineering, fabrication or the sector supply

chain are always welcome. Currently there are approximately 50 businesses in the club and there are regularly over 20 businesses attending each meeting which occur every 6-8 weeks.

The club is also supported by Breckland Council, Thetford Town Council, East of England International, Keystone Development Trust, Job Centre+ MAS-East.

### Previous Meetings & Topics

At meetings members get the opportunity to tour premises and talk and discuss issues affecting the manufacturing and engineering sector locally, nationally and internationally and receive information about a variety of topics including training grants and new business practices specifically for these sectors only. The following is the list of previous meetings, venues and the topics discussed:

Jul 04	Baxter Healthcare	Town Centre Business Support/Keystone
Sep 04	United Fork Trucks Ltd	Training/Apprenticeships
Nov 04	Trox UK Ltd	Disaster Planning/Fire Risk Assessment
Jan 05	Glunz & Jensen	Employment Law/Thetford Regeneration
Mar 05	Wereham House Hotel	EDP/Baden Brown – PR & Publicity
May 05	Parkes Products Ltd	Planning/Future Employment Land
Jul 05	Thetford Town Council	Carbon Trust/Training Grants
Sep 05	Breckland Council	China Threats/Opportunities
Nov 05	Warren Services	Annualised Hours
Feb 06	Hethel Engineering Centre	Towards 2010 Training Grants
Mar 06	Trox UK Ltd	Manufacturing Cost Reduction
Jun 06	Warren Services	Norfolk Materials Exchange/Cromwell Tools
Sep 06	Keystone innovation Centre	Recruitment / Purchasing / Graduates

**There are similar Clubs in Kings Lynn, Norwich and Gt Yarmouth.**

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