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GÖTTINGEN TO CHELTENHAM

Officeworx directors raise vital
funds for CCP

NEW COMPANY ACQUISITION

Officeworx acquire Kettering
company

PLUS MUCH MORE

Business bake-offs, water
stations, Sunnie Selfies and
Christmas

TWIN TOWN BIKE RIDE FOR CCP

After successfully raising £1500 cycling from London to Paris in August 2014 for local charity CCP, the Officeworx directors have done it again in and raised £2700 for the charity! This June, Rob and Paul cycled from Cheltenham's twin town Göttingen in Germany back to Imperial Gardens in Cheltenham covering 611 miles in just 7 days!

Officeworx and CCP have worked fruitfully together since 2014 and the directors were ready for the next challenge. Rob Adkins commented, "It's great to raise money for CCP, particularly when we have seen first hand the fantastic work they do and help they give to vulnerable local people. This year we want to push ourselves further and the amazing support we have received from customers and suppliers has enabled us to raise over £2700".

Paul, Rob and CCP CEO, Cordell Ray at the Göttingen twin town sign in Imperial Gardens



**"THE WHOLE
OFFICEWORX
TEAM HAVE
REALLY GOT
BEHIND CCP
IN THE
COMMUNITY"**

Cordell Ray, CEO CCP

Dave Jones, Deputy CEO CCP commented, "The Officeworx team have been, and continue to be, fantastic in the support they offer CCP. They always come up with very inventive ways to raise funds for the work of the charity. In previous years they have undertaken a cycle ride to Paris, supported our seasonal Hamper Scamper appeal by donating food from their Elfie Selfie campaign and last summer they ran a sunglass 'Sunnies Selfie' campaign. The income raised by Officeworx over the years has helped us provide valuable support for homeless young people, disadvantaged families and vulnerable adults. We are truly grateful for the support of such a great local business".

Thank you to everyone who donated, we really do appreciate your support. Details about CCP and the work they carry out can be found at www.ccprojects.org.uk. If your business would like to volunteer and support this great charity please call 01242 228999.

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Rob Adkins, Officeworx Ltd



Göttingen Deputy Mayor, Ulrich Holfleisch pedalled the first 10 miles with Rob and Paul



Paderborn

GÖTTINGEN



Münster

Berg en Dal



Hook of Holland



Harwich



**611 MILES
3 COUNTRIES
7 DAYS
£2700**

Bicester

Harlow



CHELTENHAM

Dave Jones (CCP) joined Rob and Paul in Gloucestershire and cycled the last tiring miles into Imperial Gardens where they were met by a surprise party of people including Cheltenham Mayor, Klara Sudbury, CCP CEO, Cordell Ray, Twinning Officer, Annette Wright and her team, Officeworx customers and CCP staff.

A very proud day for us all!



Left to right: Sylvain, Jamie, Rachel, Carolyn and Jamie form part of the Knights & Hyde team



KNIGHTS & HYDE

ACQUISITION

This June, Officeworx purchased Kettering based Knights and Hyde Ltd, a long established firm who supply office stationery and janitorial supplies throughout Northamptonshire and beyond. Knights and Hyde have been trading for over 20 years and have a strong local presence supplying offices, factories, warehouses, schools and restaurants with an array of stationery, packaging products, furniture and cleaning chemicals.

Officeworx and Knights and Hyde share a number of similarities in term of size, staffing numbers, turnover, and of course shared core values which are based around fair pricing and exceptional customer service and flexibility. Rachel Cameron, Office Lead at Knights & Hyde commented, "Officeworx have exceeded our hopes for a firm we can grow with and continue the tradition we have for excellent service in the business supplies sector".

Director, Paul Berry commented, "The purchase of Knights and Hyde will bring wide ranging benefits which we hope will strengthen our companies even further. Increased buying power from our suppliers will enable us to remain highly competitive in a market where cost prices are often volatile".

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Rachel Cameron, Knights & Hyde Ltd



THE OFFICEWORX GROUP

Fellow director, Rob Adkins added, "Our increased workforce will enable us to become more streamlined and the sites in Cheltenham and Kettering will work together to identify areas where processes or efficiency can be improved. Despite our expansion, both sites are keen to maintain the strong relationships and customer contact which are a core part of our businesses success".

The purchase of Knights and Hyde will further complement the third company in the Officeworx group, Finn Telecom which supplies telephone systems and calling plans to business and residential customers across the country.

Finn Telecom can provide and manage a complete phone line package with excellent call rates. Combined with the added personal support available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, why not consider Officeworx when your current contract expires?



We're very excited by our new venture and endeavor to offer only the best services and products to our valued customers.



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A BUSY SUMMER....

We had a great time providing a water station for the Cheltenham Challenge Half Marathon runners this June. Based at the three masts, Cleeve Hill we were a welcome sight on one of the hottest days of the year. Officeworx provided crisps, jelly beans and shelter from the blazing sun!



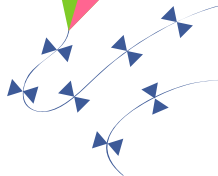
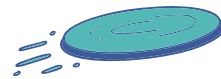
The Officeworx water station



Katie, Rob, Paul, Howard and Kate's Sunnies Selfie, albeit a year late!

GIVEAWAY

We hope you've been enjoying your summer gifts? This year we've been giving away summer goodies with all orders over £100 + VAT. Gifts have included inflatable crocodiles, beach balls, bucket and spades, kites, and water guns!



Place your order over £100 + VAT today and get your free summer gift!

WINNERS

Did you know Tim and Dan of AFX Ltd, Cheltenham won our Sunnies Selfie competition last year? We had some very entertaining selfies on Twitter but the winning shot had to be their 'Hard Day at the Office' entry wearing Officeworx sunglasses! AFX won £200 to be given to the charity of their choice Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Hospice.

Tim and Dan of AFX Ltd's winning entry



READY, STEADY, BAKE!

The Great Business Bake Off (GBBO) 2017, held at Mercure Bowden Hall Hotel on Friday 9th June, was a combination of melt-in-your-mouth excitement and devilishly good collaborations between businesses from around the county. An event organised by Colour Connection, Officeworx jumped at the chance to show off their culinary skills! Katie Weyman commented, "It was great to be a part of businesses coming together for a remarkable cause, raising £345 for the charity CCP and having fun at the same time".

Other entries in the competition were from Allsorts Gloucestershire, Outsource Safety, Able Growth, Partner Together, Steve Connects – Business in the community, Tayntons Solicitors, Cotteswold Dairy, Pyromaniac Chef, Wellchild and Tesco Community. Unfortunately the Officeworx van did not win a prize but landed a picture in the Citizen to promote the event in 2018!

Cordell Ray, CEO of CCP, Richard Parsons the Gloucestershire Magician, Chef Richard Craven, The Chef's Dozen, and Neville Morse of Janes Pantry were on duty to give expert opinions and judge the competition.

Winners were Tayntons Solicitors with a colourful, multi-layered, Unicorn cake. Outsource Safety in Stroud, and Allsorts Gloucestershire, the children's disability charity came second and third respectively.

To get involved in the 2018 GBBO please contact Nikki Budding at nikki@colourconnection.co.uk

Kate and Katie proudly exhibiting Officeworx promotional products and croc from the summer goodies giveaway competition at the GBBO.

Contact Kate to discuss your own promotional goods. We can print your brand on anything and everything!



COMING UP



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Officeworx will be collaborating with Colour Connection this October, hosting a quiz night at Brickhampton Golf Course. The quiz night will launch the start of CCP's annual Hamper Scamper appeal and all funds raised will go to CCP.



Food donations for CCP's Hamper Scamper appeal! Add an extra item of food to your grocery shop this winter and take along to CCP in the Regent Arcade, Cheltenham. We'll be doing our yearly donation and helping pack the hampers in December!



After the success of last Christmas's Elfie Selfie campaign raising over £200 for CCP's Hamper Scamper, we've got a festive idea which will get all our customers involved - not just those who like a selfie! Watch this space..... It will involve Christmas decorating skills!



Thank you for reading and all the amazing support and donations we've received so far this year. Please make sure you keep up to date with Officeworx news and special offers as they happen. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and LinkedIn and look out for our next update and stories in The Worx issue 2. Have a great summer and see you all soon from the Officeworx team!



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