

LINK & UPTON NEWS

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Building on success

Flood defence walls, bespoke new build houses, extensions and a replica railway tunnel are just some of the wide variety of building projects undertaken by GW Jenkins & Sons over the last few years. Having taken over Unit 13 at Link Business Centre, the team at the long-established building firm are now looking forward to tackling a full order book for 2025.

Since its early beginnings in 1975, the building firm has always had a reputation for one thing. Quality. Although it began on a small scale with Gerald Jenkins at the helm, the business has now grown into a family enterprise. Gerald's sons John and Ian Jenkins are at the helm - alongside Ian's sons Joe and Harry - and their friend Josh.

As John and Ian explain, in order to succeed in the building trade, you need to have knowledge of both old and new materials:

'Firstly when it comes to brickwork, we're perfectionists. And as far as old buildings are concerned, we understand how to source and use the right materials. For example, one of our projects involved a complete knock down and rebuild of an old extension and summer room. We then rebuilt it to include a mixture of contemporary and period features.'



More recently, John, Ian and team have been working on a new build in West Malvern. Several of their clients recommended their services to those responsible for the development and this resulted in Jenkins and Sons running the whole project from



L-R Ian Jenkins, Richard Evans and John Jenkins

start to finish. On completion of the new build property they were asked by the client to do all the terraces and walling to the boundaries of the property.

They don't turn away unusual commissions either, one of which was a building a replica railway tunnel for a customer's garden.

'We've carried out a number of bespoke new builds lately' John continues 'And of course, owing to increased flooding in the area, flood defence walls are becoming increasingly popular with homeowners seeking to protect their properties from flood water. These defences have already proved themselves to be very effective.'

John describe their new premises as 'ideal' and the central location is perfect for a team whose members live in different parts of Worcestershire. 'We can't believe our luck really' he concludes 'before this we had two shipping containers and only two parking spaces, but here we have everything we need'

For further information about Upton or Link Business Centres please contact Richard Evans, Property Manager, on **01684 561238** or visit **www.linkandupton.co.uk**

Highway Care's award-winning SwiftGate gets green light for national roll-out



Highway Care's SwiftGate automated taper deployment system in action

Highway Care's SwiftGate automated taper deployment system received the Worker and Site Safety Initiative Award at the 2024 Highways Awards and has received endorsement for use on the road network in England and Wales by the Department for Transport (DfT), after a successful trial with Kier Transportation in Surrey.

First of its kind in the UK, the automated horizontal gate system was designed and manufactured by Versilis with guidance from the experts at Highway Care to bring it to align to UK standard. With support from National Highways' Innovation Designated Funds programme – a ring-fenced pot to help maximise the opportunities offered by technologies such as

automated vehicles – Highway Care teamed up with National Highways and Kier Transportation to trial the innovation. It was shortlisted for three Highways Awards – Worker and Site Safety Initiative Award, Best use of Technology and Product of the Year.

After being deployed on both approaches to the Hindhead Tunnel on National Highways' A3 road for a successful trial, SwiftGate is now onto its final stage of development, producing the relevant guidance documentation to enable wider industry use.

Highway Care worked with its partners to develop the SwiftGate system for the UK market, engaging with the Department for Transport to establish modifications required. Some of these modifications included: the primary colour, which was changed to white and a sequential circular amber lamp which was added on the edge of the gate, creating a system with the same visual language as standard UK TM equipment.

Ben Duncker, Commercial Director at Highway Care commented:

"National Highways approval is an important step forward in making lane closures safer. If used in combination with our Falcon Automated Cone Laying Machine (ACLM) and gantry signage, SwiftGate could contribute to a completely boots off the ground solution that keeps road workers out of harm's way, and we are delighted that the system's safety benefits have been recognised at the Highways Awards."

For further details about Highway Care see [highwaycare.com](https://www.highwaycare.com)



Highway Care's team at the 2024 Highways Awards

Directory of occupiers

Unit	Tenant	Trade	Contact	Telephone	Website
Link Business Centre					
1 & 23	Global Opportunities Marketing Ltd	Distribution of toys in UK & Ireland	Chris Wreghitt	01684 564272	globalopportunities.co.uk
2 & 3	Black Pepper (Ledbury) Ltd	Providing quality hot school meals	Alice Mabey	01684 891560	blackpepperlunches.com
4	enz UK Ltd	Innovative solutions for surface, tube, sewer & pipe cleaning	Mark Malsom	020 375 70369	enz.com/en/home
5 & 22	Mid West Automation Ltd	Providing high quality aluminium frame designs	Andy Haigh	01684 899103	midwestautomationltd.co.uk
6	MMC Accountants	Accountancy Services to small & medium sized business	Mike Cushing Stuart Thomas	01684 565486	meigh-mansbridge.co.uk
7	Stockall Electronics Ltd	Supporting weld monitor needs	Kate Gee	01684 574977	stockallelectronics.com
7A	Estate Office	Business Centre Management	Richard Evans, Property Manager	01684 561238	linkandupton.co.uk
7C	Worcester Renewable Energy Ltd	Installers of Renewable Energy Systems	Darren Stockall	01684 892121	worcester-renewable.co.uk
8	Signs Central	Creatively designed and manufactured signage to help your business stand out	Russell Amphlett	01684 892011	signscentral.co.uk
9 & 10	Malvern Engineering Ltd	Precision CNC machining	Chris Smedley	01684 574471	
11 & 12	Foiling Services Ltd	Trade Foil & Film Lamination	Ian Rocke	01684 575655	foilingservices.co.uk
13	G.W. Jenkins & Sons	Building Contractors	John Jenkins	01684 562063	
14 & 15	Link Tools Ltd	Tools & Fixing Supplies	Steve Metcalfe Gary Looker	01684 578866	linktoolsltd.com
16	Beaver Plastic Solutions Ltd	Supplier of building plastics to the construction industry	Tommy Baker	01684 491212	beaverplasticsolutions.co.uk
17	Altofloor (Malvern) Ltd.	Contract floor laying	Russell Simon	01684 573222	commercial-flooring-contractor.co.uk
18	Amity International Ltd	Speciality Chemical & Equipment Manufacturer for Health Care and Industrial Processes	Stephen Byrne	01226 770787	amityinternational.com
19 & 20	Unique Polymer Systems Ltd	Epoxy & polyurethane supplier	Tom Pettigrew	01531 636300	uniquepolymersystems.com
21	AVAILABLE TO LET	Call us for more details	Richard Evans	01684 561238	linkandupton.co.uk
24	Hydro-Logic Services (Int) Ltd	Water management	Simon Bond	01885 485866	hydro-int.com

Upton Business Centre					
1A & 1B	Nammu Tech	Customised diving gear	Anthony Smith	0330 043 0761	nammu-tech.com
1C & 10	Highway Care Ltd	Highway safety & security solutions	Kevin Shaw	0344 840 0088	highwaycare.com
2,3 & 5	B.R. Hodgson (Framing) Ltd	Steel Frame Building Manufacturing	Chris Hopkins	0117 9372481	brhframing.co.uk
4A	AVAILABLE TO LET	Call us for more details	Richard Evans	01684 561238	linkandupton.co.uk
4B	GPD Contracts Ltd	External wall insulation contractors	Simon Grove	01684 593431	gpdcontracts.com
9	RSK Raw Ltd	Pollution Response & Remediation	Naomi Hobbs John Holdridge	01684 578484	rskraw.com



Units available to let

Unit 4A at Upton Business Centre and Unit 21 Link Business Centre are currently available to let.

Details are as follows:

Unit 21 at Link Business Centre consists of a modern high specification industrial unit measuring approximately 500 sq ft. Suitable for a small or start up company, it offers ground floor accommodation with WC facilities, an electrically operated roller shutter door, dedicated loading areas and additional unallocated car parking.

Unit 4A at Upton Business Centre measures 1300 sq ft and comes with allocated parking. The toilet and kitchenette are in a nearby but separate location from the Unit. It would be possible to have a small office installed if this was requested by the tenant. This facility would measure approximately 200 sq ft to include an internal WC and simple kitchenette.



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in taking up space at either of the Centres please ask them to contact Richard Evans, Property Manager, on **01684 561238**

Meet the team

Father and son, Martin and Mark Wilesmith, working in partnership with Richard Evans, Jools Whittaker and Russell Collins, Gatekeeper at Link Business Centre, to provide a professional and friendly home for growing companies to build their own business success.



Martin



Mark



Richard



Jools



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