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The Latest News and Information



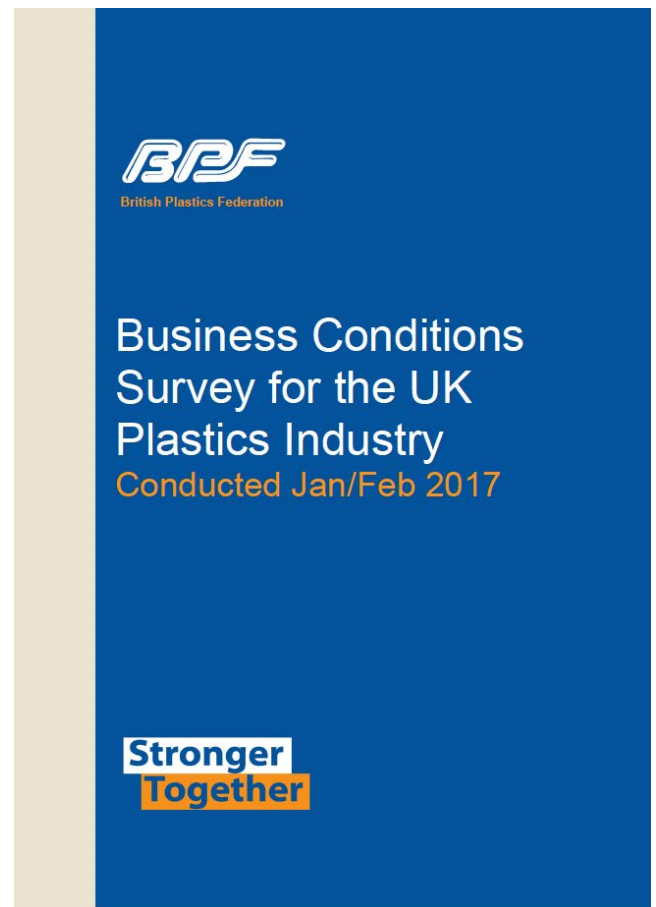
Business News

We are delighted to see that Broanmain has continued to see a steady growth, with a 14% growth in turnover being reported for this year alone.

This reflects the results of a recent BPF survey, which demonstrates a growing optimism amongst the UK Plastics Industry, who are confident of growing sales over the next year.

This growth is great news for Broanmain, as it allows us to step up our investment programme, which is now more crucial than ever.

Improvements in our efficiencies are essential if we are to maintain a competitive place in our market. This is one of the challenges we are experiencing, due to the current economic climate, which has led to the increase in raw material prices. In the first instance, this coming year will see us invest in new cranes, conveyors and hopper loaders. Further down the pipeline, we will invest in new sorting systems, dosing units and layout changes.

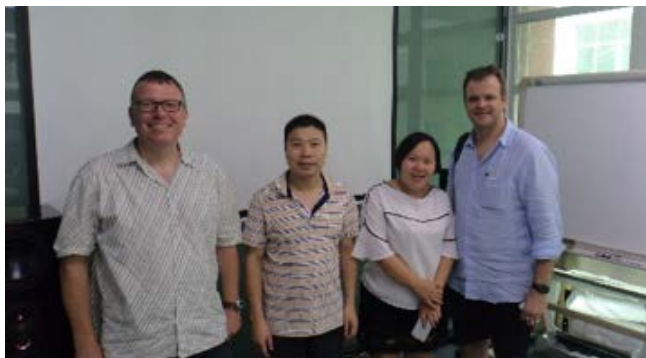


Tooling



Tooling Maintenance/Service

Recently, Wilf and Alan took a trip to Hong Kong and Shenzhen, in China, to visit both our existing tooling partners and to investigate relationships with new suppliers.



This particular visit was prompted by the award of a large tooling contract, for which it was necessary to see some of the tool work in production.

It was a great opportunity to further streamline the existing relationship, and to ensure that the tooling that we contract to our Chinese partners for manufacturing meets the standards that our mould shop needs in order to run them effectively and efficiently.

Our process, when placing tooling in China, requires our specification checklist to be submitted. Alan then follows the manufacture timeframes through with our partners on a weekly basis, feeding back to customers as the job progresses.



We now offer a standard maintenance/service for our customers' tools. After an agreed timescale/cycle count, the tool is stripped, cleaned, polished and assessed for potential damage that may occur over the next period. This will provide our customers with a report on the status of the tool, and should enable us to predict where there might be problems during the next run.

By conducting these vital assessments, it ensures that when a tool goes into the press it can run quickly and effectively, without quality issues or breakdowns. Much of the tooling we hold at Broanmain is over 20 years old, and this new offer provides our customers with the opportunity to keep their tooling in better working order, as well as providing them with a service report.

For more details, please contact alanpudifin@broanmain.co.uk.

Tooling Insurance

A gentle reminder for all customers, new and old, that your tooling is your property and should be insured as such. Our policy covers us for contingent Property Damage but does not cover any consequential losses that could arise should your tooling be damaged.



Recruitment

Nearly a year after Maria Lopez and Simon Brown joined us as Trainee Setters, we are delighted that we have now recruited an additional Setter to our expanding team.



Alexandre Ceffa (pictured right) has joined us from France, and has experience in plastic injection moulding.

Maria (left) has attended her third Demag Course, and has stepped up as our injection department Supervisor. This move allows her to work alongside Thomas in tackling some of the departmental objectives we have in place for the coming year. These include continuing our reorganisation and increasing automation.



Kamil Stec has made a move from the After-Moulding Department and is now our Tool Room Apprentice. Kamil attends College for a full day once a week and a further evening each week.

SHEQ Manager

Andy Armstrong was successful in his application for SHEQ Manager, a new role within the business. Andy will be out and about visiting as many customers as possible over the next few months to understand their needs and listen to any improvement suggestions they may have.

Andy not only has overall responsibility for Safety, Health, Environment and Quality, but also to ensure that we take a more proactive approach with how we apply these disciplines in the business.

He will work with all departments, but his first focus will be working alongside Agnieszka, our Quality Engineer, on the transition to ISO 9001:2015, which is on target for completion early on in 2018.



Living Wage Week 2018

Broanmain has been an accredited Living Wage employer for three years, a foundation publicly backed by the UK government. As a living Wage employer, we strongly believe that a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay.

During Living Wage Week new rates were announced and top UK politicians made an appearance to celebrate the movement. For more information visit the Living Wage Foundation website: www.livingwage.org.uk

Company News

Room with a view

We have a new canteen/rest space for our staff, with views out over Leith Hill. As an area of Outstanding National Beauty, the Leith Hill countryside has inspired the likes of Charles Darwin and is home to an abundance of wildlife, offering for a scenic break area. Our new canteen allows for both expansion to our printing area, but also sees it relocated to provide a more stable environment to operate in.



Our finishing team will also relocate over the next few months to a larger, lighter and better working environment.

Community Events

Surrey 5 Peak Challenge for Surrey Care Trust

Once again, Broanmain has supported the Surrey Care Trust by sponsoring its Surrey 5 Peak Challenge, which took place in early September. Participants could choose from a 26 mile walk, which took place in 5 peaks – including White Hill and Box Hill – a 13 mile walk, or a 5 mile family walk which offered walkers spectacular views of the surrounding area.

The walk raised in excess of £8,000 for this small and very deserving charity. See www.surreycaretrust.co.uk for events that you might like to get involved with to help disadvantaged young people and adults across Surrey.



Holmwood Village Day

Even closer to home saw the Holmwood Village Day in late September. Building on the success of the Village Day in 2016, the theme this year was 'Sporting Heroes' and encompassed a fun run, dog agility challenge, sausage festival, teas and a beer tent. Broanmain sponsored the band that was entertaining the show-goers. Just a stone's throw away from our factory gates, this is a relatively new community event which Broanmain is proud to have supported.



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