



Welcome to the Autumn issue of 'The Avenue'

There's been plenty going on at the park - including our fantastic Summer BBQ and welcoming even more tenants to Quorum as well as our new Facilities Manager, Jamie, here at the Hub.

Take a look at our new look website [www.quorumbusinesspark.co.uk](http://www.quorumbusinesspark.co.uk) - your first stop for Quorum Life news, events and of course, all the latest Q Card offers.

## Summer BBQ's a winner

It all went off with a banger at Quorum

There were prizes all round at our summer BBQ last week as we crowned the winner of the inaugural sausage competition and gave away a DFDS mini-cruise, courtesy of Cash for Kids, in our free prize draw.

A Pork & Sweet Chilli sausage, invented by Holly Greenwell of Convergys, beat scores of other entries to become the winner of our sausage competition. Stewart & Co, who cooked up a delicious fare at the event, presented Holly with a hamper of Stewart & Co Fine Food goodies and for a limited time will also be producing and selling the Pork & Sweet Chilli sausage flavour in stores at Brantwood Avenue, Jesmond, Meldon Park, Morpeth and Newcastle's City Library.

In partnership with Stewart and Co, Quorum tenants were asked to put forward their best ideas for a sausage flavour. The three most popular were made into samples for the Summer BBQ where they were tasted and rated. As well as the winning Pork & Sweet Chilli other entries included; Marmite & Cheese, Thai and Bloody Mary flavours.

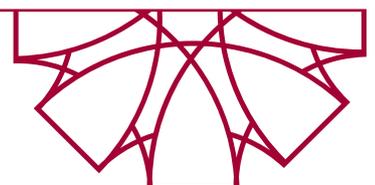
Quorum's Event Manager Julie Moorhouse said: "The sausage competition really caught everyone's imagination and was a great way to engage on-site employees and get them all looking forward to the summer BBQ. This is one of our biggest events at Quorum with over 200 people taking time out of their busy schedules to socialise with other employees from across the park. It was a very successful event which is sure to grow year on year as more and more occupiers join us at Quorum - with events like this we are building a real community spirit here at the business park."



Quorum raises £1,000

**Metro Radio's Kenny D got the summer spirit in full swing by supplying the tunes and helped Quorum Business Park raise £1,000 for Metro Radio's chosen charity - Cash for Kids. The winner of the free prize draw to win a DFDS mini-cruise, courtesy of Cash for Kids, was Teresa Cameron of HMRC.**

Apart from the sausages, staff from Quorum tenants including IBM, Tesco Bank, insurethebox and Convergys all enjoyed the summer atmosphere and tucked into the BBQ feast.



# Quorum welcomes new facilities manager...



## Jamie joins the team

Quorum Business Park has recently appointed new Facilities Manager, Jamie Baldrige, to help a growing number of tenants on the park. Jamie, 28, from Gateshead has joined the team at the Hub and will be tasked with the maintenance and management of the 16 office buildings totalling over 900,000 sq ft.

Jamie provides a one-stop resource for any tenant issues and covers all aspects of property management from routine maintenance to keeping the buildings, sports facilities and landscaping their best.

Jamie will ensure that Quorum Business Park will continually hit the highest standards for its tenants. Jamie will be part of the Knight Frank team who were recently appointed to take on the management of Quorum and will be based full time on the park.

Jamie said: "I am delighted to be working at Quorum Business Park. Not only do I get a chance to work on a prestigious and fast developing site, but it is an opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the biggest businesses in the region.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of taking on a scheme of this size and working on one of the premier business parks in the region as it continues to take shape."

Quorum's Development Director, Fergus Trim, said: "The recruitment of Jamie as a full time Facilities Manager is an important addition to the on-site team. It means that tenants have a dedicated on-site resource who can provide a speedy response to any issues that arise.

"It is important to keep the park looking its best and that we can sort out any issues quickly and efficiently and leave the tenants to focus on their businesses and not worry about property issues."

## Quorum Sports Club

Within just two months of opening the Quorum Sports Club has already played host to a 7-a-side World Cup themed football tournament involving over 50 park employees, a Convergys penalty shootout competition raising money for the RVI's Tiny Lives Appeal, as well as a host of regular 7-a-side football and tennis bookings.

The Quorum 7-a-side League, open to all employees based at Quorum Business Park, kicks off later this month as well as a Quorum Tennis League and Quorum Netball Team.

The on-site sports facilities are free to use by all Q Card holders.

Contact Julie at the Hub for more information about joining a team.

## Quorum welcomes insurethebox

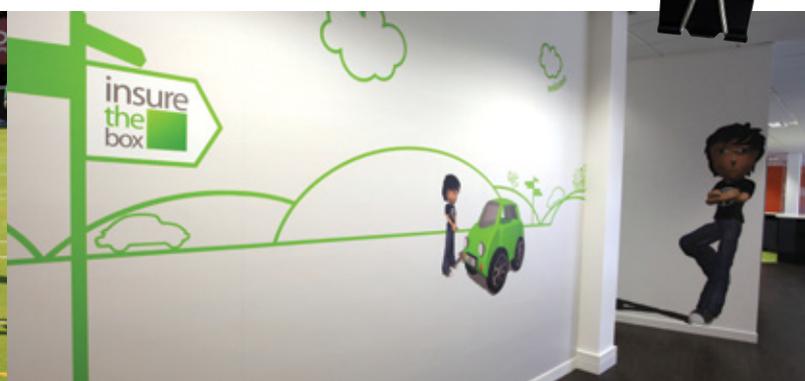
Motor insurers, insurethebox, have chosen the 13,500 sq ft top floor office of Q1 as the home for their North East based Service Centre.

The London-based company chose Quorum as its preferred location due to the quality of facilities on the park as well as the strength of skills available in the Newcastle area. Quorum's Development Director, Fergus Trim, said: "I'm delighted to welcome insurethebox to Quorum Business Park. They have a fresh and exciting concept which I'm sure will bring growth and further new jobs to the region."

insurethebox Joint Chief Executive, Mike Brockman, said: "We enjoy world class facilities at Quorum and have access to people with great skills and experience. Quorum is the perfect location for us and we're looking forward to growing the business here."

insurethebox has ambitious plans for growth with an innovative offer that rewards drivers for the number of miles and the way they drive.

For further details see their website at [www.insurethebox.com](http://www.insurethebox.com).



# All aboard express bus to Quorum



## New and improved bus services

This June saw the completion of our second phase of major transport investment with a range of extended and new bus services running to the site. A total of 22 bus services now travel to the business park every hour - that's a near six-fold increase on bus-per-hour-frequency since October 2009.

Quorum Travel Co-ordinator, Laura Kerry, said: "The completion of the second stage of the park's transport plan is a key building block to Quorum's future. What we have had to ensure when building a business park of this size is that we create an integrated public transport service to match.

"After monitoring the demand for the Quorum Shuttle we decided to extend the service further into the park to give employees better access to their offices. Coupled with the additional Quorum Express services, this has helped create a first-rate transport infrastructure to the park.

"The new and improved services are a huge coup for this development, and we will continue to review the transport links for the growing number of people coming to the park".

The new Quorum Express services (Arriva routes X4 and X5/X6) operate from Haymarket to Blyth via Quorum, providing up to 6 buses per hour to/from Newcastle (taking less than 15 mins). The service provides more fast and frequent connections to the city centre. The new number 56 Arriva Service will also provide additional services to/from Quorum and Four Lane Ends especially benefiting those that work on evenings and weekends.

## Quorum goes wild

Twenty volunteers from across the park swapped their jackets and briefcases for waders and wellies as our attempt to clean up the Letch and attract more wildlife got underway in June.

The 10-week programme, which involved removing the silt build-up in the stream behind the Q4 building to increase water flow, has not only resulted in making the area more attractive, but it is also hoped that it will increase the population of water vole in the area.

An extended wildlife programme, which will be carried out under the guidance of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust, is set to run from September and will involve a number of activities including; planting wild flowers, making and sighting nesting boxes and regular maintenance of the stream.

## Kids 1st Quorum Charity Auction

In July, pre-school children from Kids 1st Quorum raised £767 for The Children's Foundation in a special art auction held at the nursery.

Children and staff at Kids 1st Quorum created the auction for the North East children's charity by making miniature pieces of art that were put up for auction in the nursery earlier in the month. To supplement the art work, the nursery also auctioned off prizes that were kindly donated by parents.

Andrea Venters, Nursery Manager, is absolutely delighted with the money that has been raised. She said: "This is the second auction of this kind that we have held at Kids 1st Quorum, not only does the money raised go to a good cause, but it also encourages our children to learn about the world around them, whilst having fun of course!"

Kids 1st Quorum is one of seven, soon to be eight, Kids 1st Nurseries across the North East of England. The nursery was purpose built to suit the needs of young children; outstanding features include a fingerprint security system and fully enclosed, exciting gardens for outdoor play.



# What's on at Quorum?

**Go Smarter Week - Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 22 September**

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## **Thursday 16 September - Go Smarter Pub Crawl**

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A work night out with a difference! Join the Go Smarter Week Pub Crawl and discover how easy it is to travel on the Tyne and Wear public transport network. Book in your team and receive your complimentary 1-day travel passes. Aim to get your team around two pubs, conveniently located on the Metro network, and be the fastest team to meet at the last venue for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. A free buffet will be served from 8pm.



## **Tuesday 21 September - Dr Bike**

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The Cycle Centre will be providing free bike maintenance to employees on the park. You can wait while your bike is fixed or leave it at the stand to pick up later. There will also be a chance to have your bike security marked.



## **Tuesday 21 September - Team Cycle Challenge**

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The ride will set off from the park at 5pm, arriving in Wylam at around 6.30pm. There will be a mini-bus provided to bring participants back to the park. The ride is aimed at cyclists of all levels as the route has been carefully planned, with a treasure hunt along the way. There will also be trained cyclists on hand to ensure that everyone is safe and heading in the right direction! The cost to participate is only £5.00 per person.



## **Wednesday 22 September - Leave Your Car At Home Day**

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Leave the car at home and discover a sustainable way to travel to and from the office. Why not find a cycle route, a walking route or find out who you can car share with?

Look out for further details of these events coming soon...

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**Monday 25 to Friday 31 October – Energy Saving Week**

**November – Christmas Q Card Extravaganza**

**December – Secret Santa Present Appeal in association with Cash For Kids**

For more information on Quorum or upcoming events visit us on-site at the Hub or online:

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