

# EDINGTON STATION YARD LTD



## History of the Yard

Following closure of the station in the early 1960s, the site had been used first as the base for a successful local builder and then by a Company manufacturing fibreglass moulds for the construction industry. Both businesses had provided employment opportunities for local residents.

At the beginning of the 1990s, with construction techniques changing and the business on site in decline, the imminent arrival of a Chemical Recycling business, which had recently experienced both a major fire and a separate explosion at its factory in Warminster, raised alarms amongst local residents, not only about safety, but also for potential contamination of the local environment.

After much lobbying, the local Highway Authority persuaded the prospective purchaser that the then entrance to Edington Station Yard was totally unsuitable for the size and number of vehicle movements they were anticipating and the purchase was not progressed.

In 1993, 35 local individuals decided that they would acquire the site not simply to protect the local area from any future undesirable occupier, but also to provide the opportunity for businesses to operate from, in this part of rural Wiltshire. A new entrance road was constructed into the site, and a phased redevelopment of the buildings undertaken to provide units for businesses to operate from and to once again provide potential employment opportunities for local residents.

## Today at the Yard

The Estate now comprises a variety of units of different sizes, including workshops and offices, all leased at competitive rents. The company is run by a board of directors who live in the local area, and it employs Stephen Brickell of Brockhurst Property Management in Corsham (01225 690041) to deal with initial enquiries from businesses about leasing units and the day-to-day management of the estate.

Aside from trading profitably and paying dividends to its shareholders, one of the stated goals of the company is to support our local community by donating a percentage of its profits to local charities and good causes, such as village groups and functions, local community lunches, supporting music education in two schools who take children from this area, the village mini-bus, and local publications.

The company is always looking to broaden its reach to include new charities and community initiatives within the Edington, Bratton, Erlestoke, Coulston, Steeple Ashton and Westbury area.

## The Future at the Yard

Over the past 33 years, many of the original shareholders who backed the development of the Station Yard have passed away or relocated. Edington Station Yard Limited currently holds a number of its own shares. These are available to people living in the area who would be interested in becoming involved in the future of the Company.

If you would like more information about Edington Station Yard, please send an email to [esy122@outlook.com](mailto:esy122@outlook.com) including your name(s), contact details and interest.