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Freeth Cartwright are top legal eagles



Senior Partner, Mike Copestake

The corporate finance team of Marketing Derby Bondholder Freeth Cartwright has been named as Legal Team of the Year at the Insider East Midlands Dealmakers Awards 2009.

Recent deals include the £17m management buy-out of Cranswick Pet & Aquatics and a £10m cash injection to Lawrence Recycling and Waste Management. Mike Copestake, corporate finance specialist and senior partner at the firm's Derby office said: "We are absolutely delighted that our endeavour in getting deals completed, even in this challenging economic climate, was recognized by the professional community."

In other news, about 80 jobs have been secured at a rail supplier in South Derbyshire, thanks to a £1.6m takeover by a Swedish firm. Woodville Rail, has been bought by Dellner Invest AB and will now be known as Dellner Woodville and produce gangways for rail carriages all over the world. Freeth Cartwright acted on behalf of Dellner.

Interfleet opens second NZ office



Recent research findings have strengthened Derby's position as the UK's leading city in high technology employment with nearly 12% of the workforce in this vital sector for the economy.

One of those employers, rail consultancy Interfleet Technology, part of a world-wide group, has recently opened its second office in New Zealand. Tony Salt will transfer from the head office in Derby to join the team in New Zealand as a principal consultant.

University stages spectacular shows



The University of Derby is establishing a reputation as one of the most innovative and creative in the country and their forthcoming Degree Shows celebrate the dedication and talent of this year's graduating designers and artists.

This year the shows involve courses from all over the university creating a festival of arts including music, theatre, film and visual arts between Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 June.

A spectacular display of 400 ceramic flowers will be planted outside the University's Markeaton Street site in Derby as part of the Degree Shows. The ceramic dish 'flowers' are between two to seven inches in diameter and sit on 'stems' made from galvanised steel.

For more information on the University of Derby Degree Shows 2009 go to their [website](#).

Schools team up for twinning concert



Students from Derby and Osnabrück will perform a musical adaptation of Emil and the Detectives in a joint theatre project aimed at strengthening the cultural ties between schools from both cities.

Twenty-eight students will be led by the renowned professional Lupe Theatre in Osnabrück to perform the famous German story to create a musical intercultural performance in English. Pupils from Woodlands school in Allestree as well as children from three different schools in Osnabrück will help to compose the musical which will be performed in Derby between June 11 and June 12 and in Osnabrück the following week.

More information is available from the Osnabrück envoy to Derby, Lea Arlt on 01332 255 816 or by emailing lea.arlt@derby.gov.uk

Derby moves to Staffordshire!



A recent article in the Travel supplement for The Times has revealed that Derby can be found within the county of Staffordshire!

The small piece praised Derby's popularity as a real-ale destination and described Derby as follows: "The Staffordshire city has more than 120 real-ale pubs, several micro breweries and two Camra beer festivals..."

This basic geographical error from The Times compares with an eShot story earlier in the year claiming that the wheel had been invented in Derby. However, a quick glance at the date of the eShot (1/4/09) would have revealed the truth behind the story. The Times have since apologised for the error.

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- Web Address: www.freethcartwright.co.uk
- Telephone number: 0845 634 2600
- Locations: Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Manchester, Birmingham
- What do you do/ what is your mission statement? Law firm.
- When did your business start? In Derby 1995.
- How many employees do you have? 50 approx – 500 approx across the firm as a whole.
- Why have you become a Bondholder? Because the image of Derby is important to our business.
- What do you hope to get out of it? Better exposure for Derby makes it easier to recruit top lawyers. It also helps inward investment which is good for business!

- **How did you hear about the Bondholder scheme?** Senior partner, Mike Copestake is also chairman of Marketing Derby.
- **What do you think of the scheme?** We think it is good - but then we are prejudiced. From the point of view of our business it has got us to places and helped us to make contacts which we would not otherwise have made. It has also enabled us to obtain information about Derby which is useful for business planning. From the point of view of Marketing Derby, the Bondholder scheme has enabled it to do things it would not otherwise have had the money to do. A 'win/win' situation.
- **How do you see business shaping Derby's future?** In many ways. The most direct economic benefit is inward investment. However, it is always useful for the public sector to be able to consult with local businesses about such things as education and skills; transport; the retail offer etc to ensure that the city continues to be the fastest growing city in the country.
- **What are your favourite things about Derby?** Accessibility; compactness; the fact that it has several major global businesses; that we still make things that people want to buy!

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