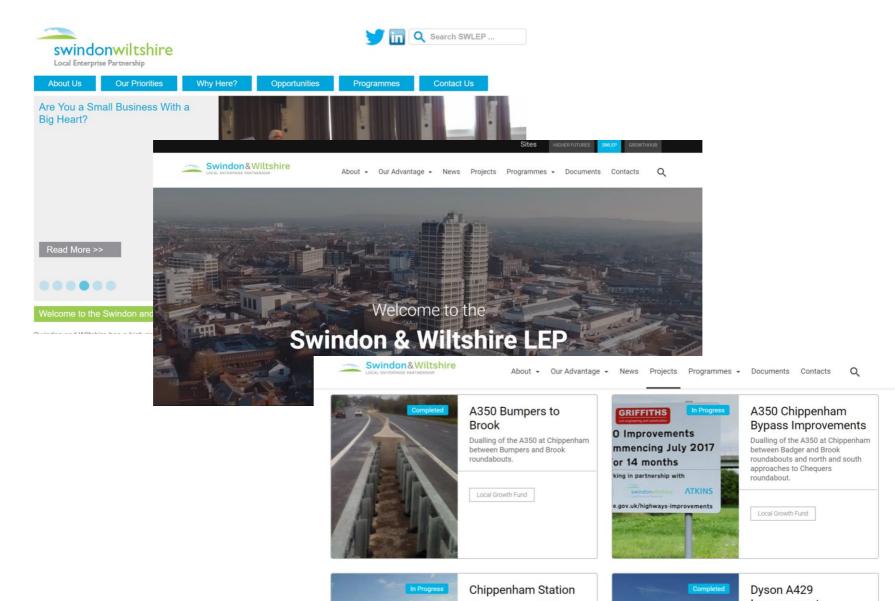


Marketing & Communications Update













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WEBSITE

OF THE QUARTER

Q4 2017

Businesses

Over 5,000 companies & 6,000 contacts





6,657 visits since October 2017



Visitors spending ca. **8 minutes** on the site



200 businesses part of the community



33 programmes covering business support & funding



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Making Swindon & Wiltshire the place to work & learn



Brokering University level courses to meet business needs in the region



Impartial guidance on apprenticeships and organisational development



Supporting **109** local businesses across multiple sectors



The **triage** service for skills support through the Growth hub.



Businesses



"The SWLEP Growth hub site is a great resource for business owners, providing not only an abundance of useful and helpful advice and information on a variety of topics all geared towards helping you grow a successful business, but also a network community together with events and workshop opportunities. For any ambitious business owner, new or established in Wiltshire and Swindon this site is well worth a visit."

Isla Baliszewska, Director at Smart Coaching and Training



"The Skills Service allowed us to develop a better understanding of the Degree Apprenticeship landscape, and help to kick start the programme at Appsbroker."

Ben Greatorex, L&D Manager, Appsbroker



Businesses



Are you a business in Swindon & Wiltshire concerned about the skills gap? You can help shape the future of University level skills provision here.







- 116 businesses participated in HE survey
- Sectors included:
 - Financial & professional services
 - Digital & ICT
 - Advanced Engineering & High Value Manufacturing
 - Visitor Economy
 - Health and Life Sciences
 - Construction
 - Adult Health and Social Care



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Apprenticeship Growth Campaign





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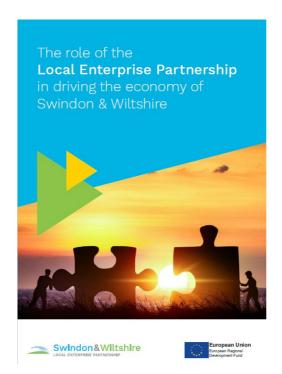




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Research, Design and Manufacture of New Energy Vehicles in Swindon & Wiltshire







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Adapting defence technology to business enterprise: Autonomous unmanned vehicles

Paddy Bradley, Director of the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership outlines the development of autonomous vehicles technologies for today's defence industry

he development of autonomous vehicles technologies has the potential to revolutionise logistics and distribution from the use of drones through to innovation in agritech and energy applications. Defence industry-related activity in this area will be the catalyst for growth and new technology development in this field in Swindon and Wiltshire and relates well to the foci of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. The opportunity is there to transform the technology of military drones into commercial and public-sector applications.

Defence technology

The defence industry has led much of the development of unmanned autonomous vehicles on land, sea and in the air. The growth of technological developments and applications are continuing to expand at a rapid rate. IHS Markit¹, a business providing critical information, analytics and solutions for the major industries and wide, commented in January 2017 that over the next 10 years sales of unmanned military aerial vehicles will exceed \$82 billion globally, involving 63,000 new vehicles. Many of the unmanned ground vehicles, such as those used in combatting the threat of improvised explosive devices, were delivered to more than a decade ago. The IHS forecast is for sales of circa 30,000 vehicles up to 2025, largely to replace the existing stock with technologically more advanced applications.



mately \$4.9 billion will be spent on unmanned ground vehicles globally. Unmanned sea vehicles have been used for decades for mine hunting tively early stage of development. The growth in sales for unmanned sea vehicles will be \$900 million by 2025. compared to the growth of \$800 million for unmanned ground vehicles. Globally, sales of unmanned sea vehicles will reach \$6.5 billion by 2025. The overall market for military unmanned vehicles is huge and growing, accounting for sales close to \$100 billion over coastline to help combat wildlife crime.

Commercial development

Albeit at a much earlier stage of develonment and with a smaller market of drone technology within the private

high-tech drone unit and in so doing are amonest the first police forces to deploy such technology through a

In collaborative research, the forces across Dorset Devon and Cornwall began exploring drone use in Novem ber 2015. The drones will be used in missing person searches and crime scene photography, as well as major traffic collisions. They will also track along the 600 miles of the Dorset They will provide operational support across Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. guicker than road vehicles and are already operating to send aerial video of first aid equipment and drugs by

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drones will also enhance survival chances of victims of emergencies. Private use of drones has caused a lot

and highly dangerous flying of drones near airports and in planes' flight paths. The government's intention to introduce licensing of drone flying is welcomed. Thankfully, there are already husinesses that have taken a responsible route to the exploitation of drone technology and are registered with the Civil Aviation Authority. Com- a large infrastructure improvement mercial aerial photography is an obvious development from initial military a safe height and in a largely undetectable unmanned vehicle. It provides a cheaper alternative to photography from fixed-wing aircraft or helicopters. whose technology also emerged from military use. For example, in the earlier example of Dorset police's use of drones, they are deploying unmanned vehicles costing in the region of £1,300 to £2,000. Thermal cameras for drone application cost £6,000 and a zoom police about £800 per hour. The num-

hers do add up for drone use and the equipment costs will only reduce as deployment increases.

Drones enable a range of applications as the size and manoeuvrability of the vehicle to enable it to get close in and take detailed pictures of small features. This capability lends itself well to inspections of buildings and surveying of sites. It is also a boon to people looking for dramatic views to market such as a major road or rail-bridge or the regeneration of a city centre site.

Drone technology is also helping to open up the world of planning and development of new and heritage buildings. Using the ability of cameras on drones and application software to render levels of accuracy to millimetres, potential clients and members of the public can see what a building looks like now in its current setting. what the views are like from the building and how light and shadow play out during a day. The new design can be incorporated into the aerial photogra-

phy to show the proposed updated arrangement and what will change and what will remain the same. Most people find it difficult to translate a two-dimensional drawing into a three dimensional view in their mind. We can already translate a drawing into a three-dimensional image on a computer screen and with high-resolution is already a much-improved product The merging with actual aerial photography takes the proposition further. It has the great potential to make better-informed decisions about building design, planning decisions and can really make public consultation worthwhile and widely accessible

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There is exciting research being carried

out by Harpur Adams University, in col laboration with Precision Decision Ltd into an alternative approach to robot farming. They have called the project the "Hands Free Hectare"? The aim is to carry out a full farming cycle from preparation of the land, planting, maintenance and harvesting without any human setting foot on the field. The site will be developed by unmanned ground vehicles and overflying drones controlled by humans using application software. It is the case that a modern decide where, for example, to deposit



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"We have six full time staff and intend to employ more in the near future, including roles for graduates in life sciences."

Sam White

Co-Director, Glentham Life Sciences

Cabinet Office





5 - 16 March

Life Sciences

22 new GH users

"Wiltshire College supports not only young people into life sciences, but a diversity of people from within the local community. The College will be launching 6 new Foundation Degrees in Life Sciences at its Salisbury and Lackham campuses in 2020."

Amanda Burnside

Principal, Wiltshire College















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Life Sciences

Wiltshire's Life
Sciences sector is
going from strength
to strength...







Government UK & Overseas

Inward Investment



China-Britain Business Council 英中贸易协会









Department for International Trade







Partners



- Innovate UK (IUK)
- Knowledge Transfer Network
- Department for International Trade
- Enterprise Europe Network
- British Business Bank
- Intellectual Property Office
- Wiltshire Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- Better Business For All Partnership
- Defence and Security Accelerator
- South West Manufacturing

Reciprocal marketing









Working with Partners



Apprenticeship Growth Campaign

Social media leads

Quiz responses

60 businesses













Our Brand Aspiration

To be the voice of business and the local economy

Seen by Government as a vital place to do business and a place where their investment can make the most difference

Engage with all sectors of commerce and our partner organisations with a clear picture of what our economy needs to thrive



Businesses

A 'one stop shop' for advice, support and information

The most direct route for getting messages about their needs and desires to Government

Increase the number of businesses engaging with the Growth Hub



Government

Swindon and Wiltshire is a credible, innovative, vibrant and value for money place to invest in

Partners

SWLEP is the clearest path to government dialogue and investment and that the SWLEP is not a 'silent partner'.





Business Case Studies













Engaging & shareable content



173k Twitter followers





Engaging & shareable content



74% of all online content

Google Top search engine globally & owned by YouTube



500m watch videos every day

Source: Create Studios



Digital Marketing

Looking back & ahead



'Making real' the SWLEP

Showcasing more what we've delivered

Looking ahead...

