

The Wolverhampton Business Champions

Working together for the city























John Wood

Director, Group
Corporate Services,
Caparo



Henry Carver

Managing Director,
Carvers



Paul Reynolds
Operations Director,
Carillion

Paul joined Carillion in 1988



David Danger

Managing Director,

UTC Aerospace Systems



Philip Barnett
Operations Director,
Marston's



Stuart McLachlan

Business Unit

General Manager,

Moog



Trevor Leeks
Operations Director,
Jaguar Land Rover



Professor lan Oakes

Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

University of

Wolverhampton



Matthew Grayson

Head of Marketing &

Communications,

Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C.



Debbie Eggerton
Store Manager,
House of Fraser

John has worked for Caparo since 1991 mostly in direct operational roles. He has 45 years experience in manufacturing and is a Chartered Engineer. He is a Member of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining

Henry has worked for Carvers for 30 years and has been Managing Director for 27. He has a BA (Hons) degree from the University of Wolverhampton

and has spent 27 years in business, working within the Midlands region. He is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Builder and in his role as Operations Director has been responsible for numerous prestigious projects across

the region

since 2008 and has been in engineering and manufacturing for 25 years. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Philip has worked for Marston's (Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries) for over 40 years in various roles in production and sales. He is a qualified Brewer and member of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling Stuart has worked for Moog (previously GE/Smiths/Dowty) for 25 years. After serving a Dowty apprenticeship and graduating from the University of Wolverhampton, he has held various senior management roles in Programme Management, Operations and Business Management

An Automotive and Aerospace Manufacturing Director with over 25 years of substantive experience in Powertrain Operations and 2 years in both Military Jet and Commercial Aircraft Manufacturing

lan is responsible for coordinating the University of Wolverhampton's growing innovation and enterprise arena at regional, national and international levels, as well as overseeing the strategic development of the University's Science Park and incubator

Matt has been at
Wolverhampton Wanderers
Football Club for five years,
including a period spent in the
Barclays Premier League. Matt
has a BA (Hons) Business
Studies degree and
a Masters in Business
Administration

Debbie has worked in retail management for over 30 years She has worked for many of the leading high street fashion brands in senior management positions across the UK

John was one of the original
Business Champions in 2005.
At the time he was seeking to
move a factory to
Wolverhampton. He wants
to continue to support
Wolverhampton in the drive
to promote Wolverhampton as
a location of choice for
businesses

his family have been associated with the City for over 400 years. He joined the Business Champions in order to influence the development of the City He has joined the Business Champions to work with other like-minded businesses across the City to lead change and to drive positive outcomes for the region and its people David wishes to see manufacturing and engineering grow both locally and nationally. He would like to contribute to the community and believes that all businesses can benefit from co-operation with each other and local government

Philip was born locally and has been based in Wolverhampton for the majority of his working life. He is a great supporter of working with other key stakeholders to make Wolverhampton a better place to live and work. He was appointed to the role of Chair of the Business Champions in November 2012

Stuart was born, educated and has always worked in Wolverhampton. He feels passionate about promoting the capabilities of the city and its people. He believes that the Business Champions provide a great forum for businesses and academic institutes to work towards a common goal of developing the city to attract new business and investment

Trevor has operated in various manufacturing roles driving the achievement of worldclass Safety, Quality, Cost and Delivery and People performance. He has been instrumental in the development and implementation of various lean and maintenance strategies across Europe and has led organisational development and culture change activities

Throughout his career, Ian has been involved in numerous initiatives focusing specifically on the transfer of knowledge from academia to both large and small firms. He is passionate about the exploitation of the University's intellectual capital and resources for the benefit of Black Country businesses to help them grow and become more competitive

Matt joined the Business
Champions when he was
at Birmingham Midshires /
HBOS. Matt has always
taken a keen interest in
promoting Wolverhampton.
His current role now gives
him a strong platform to
help support the
City's profile

Debbie is passionate and committed in promoting Wolverhampton as the retail location of choice by celebrating and embracing all it has to offer. Her aspiration is for Wolverhampton to become the shopping capital of the West Midlands

John is a Member of the EEF
West Midlands Regional
Advisory Council. He has
helped instigate and develop
the award winning Caparo
Innovation Centre, which is a
joint venture with the University
of Wolverhampton.
He is a member of the
Wolverhampton City Board and
Vice Chair of the
Wolverhampton Economic
Growth Board

Henry founded the Wolverhampton Business Group and is a Board Member of the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce

Black Country Consortium

& Black Country Challenge
seeking to drive new business
and investment into the region
and improve educational
attainment, Paul was responsible
for the delivery of Wolverhampton
Building Schools for the Future
programme and is leading on
puilding a stronger partnership with
the University of Wolverhampton to
improve the educational offering
across the city

Formerly involved with the

David is a director of Midlands Aerospace Alliance and chairs their Business Development Group. He is also a member of the Wolverhampton Training Board and has been a Business Champion since 2008 Philip has been a Business Champion since the group was founded. He was also a Board member of WVOne responsible for delivering a resounding 'Yes' vote for the Wolverhampton Business Improvement District Stuart joined the Business Champions in 2008 and also sits on the board of the Midlands Aerospace Alliance In his current role Trevor has full operational responsibility for the new Engine Manufacturing Centre (EMC UK) in Wolverhampton for Jaguar Land Rover lan is a member of the Marches
Local Enterprise Partnership
and Chief Executive of
University of Wolverhampton
Science Park. He was a
member of WVOne, Vice-Chair
of Black Country Reinvestment
Society and Chair of the Black
Country Talent Match
programme

Matt's work with Wolves Community Trust and the redevelopments at Molineux and Compton Park brings him into close contact with a number of public and private sector partners Debbie has been a leading member of the task group for the Wolverhampton Business Improvement District and is a Director of the Business Improvement District company

Wolverhampton Business Champions

Promoting Wolverhampton as a great place to invest, work, live and visit.



Research & Development £37m

Apprenticeships 2,625















UK Turnover 2013 £7bn



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