



Mildenhall

Mildenhall has many established small to medium-sized businesses representing manufacturing, engineering, pharmaceuticals and electronics.

Companies take advantage of the availability of land and affordable premises as well as the town's position on the A11, connecting it to the east coast ports, Cambridge, London, the Midlands and beyond.

Mildenhall is 26 miles from Cambridge, making it attractive for operations looking to benefit from the city's ripple effect. Mildenhall is home to a significant number of engineering and manufacturing businesses located on the

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outskirts of the town, for example RPV is one of the fastest growing businesses in the region.

With millions of pounds spent on dualling the remainder of the A11 from Barton Mills to Thetford, a fast growing local population, a choice of commercial and industrial property and new development land at Kings Warren Business Park in nearby Red Lodge, there are opportunities for businesses to invest and grow.





The River Lark flows through Mildenhall and is a favourite place for a walk, picnic or a drink at a riverside pub.



Prime development land at Kings Warren

The 35 acres of development land at Kings Warren Business Park are part of the expanding village of Red Lodge, five miles from Mildenhall and on the A11 where it joins the A14. The site has planning consent for office, industrial and warehousing.

As well as good road links, trains from nearby Kennet station connect with mainline services from Cambridge into London and the rest of the country.

Steeped in history

Timber framed buildings and the sixteenth century Market Cross are a feature of Mildenhall town historic centre where there is a range of shops and a weekly provisions market.

Archaeological evidence has shown that people have lived in the Mildenhall area for thousands of years but the town became famous in 1943 when a farm worker found a collection of Roman silver. The Mildenhall Treasure, some of the best examples of decorated silver tableware ever found in Britain, is kept in the British Museum but replicas can be seen in the town's own museum.



The United States Air Force has strong historical links with the area. Nearby RAF Lakenheath is set to expand, bringing more service personnel on to the base, and the closure of RAF Mildenhall in a few years' time could present interesting opportunities to diversify the local economy further.

“With every change there are opportunities for reinvention, growth and investment.”

Cllr James Waters, Leader of Forest Heath District Council

Distances from Mildenhall



Case study



JEB Engineering

JEB Engineering Design has established itself in both national and international markets as one of the leading suppliers of precision mouldings, components and multi-piece assemblies.



The company operates from two sites in Mildenhall and is a significant local employer with about 100 people on the payroll. Founded over 40 years ago, JEB supplies the electrical, medical and munitions industries.

It was recently ranked in a Sunday Times survey of the Profit Track 100 privately owned companies with the fastest growing profits. Profits showed 69% growth over the period 2010 - 2012 with international sales in its training munitions business tripling to £30 million in 2012. The company has felt the effects of global uncertainty and the American budget cuts over the last 12 months but expects to return to higher revenues during the second half of 2014. JEB exports in excess of 90% of the products it produces to global markets.

Managing Director Mark Isaacson believes one of the key factors behind their continuing success is the company's training ethos. "Our success owes a great deal to our ability to invest in training, something we've chosen to do since the beginning.

"We have our own fully equipped training facility where our apprentices are taught the basics of engineering manufacture. More than half of our skilled toolmakers, technicians and design engineers have been trained by JEB and some are now on our senior management team."

JEB's commitment to training benefits their own business and the wider community by the example they set and by increasing the ever-growing pool of skilled workers in West Suffolk.

The company, which has run an apprenticeship scheme for 35 years, was voted Central/Eastern Region Apprentice Employer of the year for 2014 and as a consequence attended the Nationals Finals in Birmingham where they were recognised as a Top 100 Apprentice Employer by the National Apprenticeship Service and City and Guilds.

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Metal Office

The Mildenhall company Metal Office has been designing and producing innovative steel furniture and storage systems for more than 30 years and has steadily expanded as its reputation has grown.

The company was set up by Terry Hunt, who used the experience he gained working in metal manufacturing to launch his own enterprise.

The company remains a family business and quality is the yardstick which drives its development.

Through continued investment Metal Office now uses some of the most advanced metal manufacturing equipment in the UK and its products were recognised with a Design Guild Mark for excellence in British furniture design.

The company is now making a name for itself in the domestic market too. Using its in-house design talents the company is creating cutting-edge furniture for the



home, the smooth, cool lines of metal storage appealing to interior designers and home owners interested in vintage styles and urban chic.

General Manager Sean Pomfret said: "We believe furniture should be more than just functional, so we bring together skilled craftsmanship and creativity to produce pieces which enhance any space.

"We are extremely proud to be a British manufacturer whose furniture can be found in the offices and boardrooms of

some of the biggest names in British business, including blue chip companies, banking groups and government departments."

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