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PROTOS IS OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Our flagship destination is now open for business, with special guests and partners cutting the ribbon at Protos earlier this year.

The year started with guests gathering at a special celebration at Thornton Science Park to mark the occasion, representing years of planning and delivery. The Northern Powerhouse Minister was joined at the launch by representatives from Cheshire West and Chester Council; the Cheshire and Warrington LEP; the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone Board; and the University of Chester.

It marks a significant step for Protos, with £15 million now invested into the road network and the ecological areas, the wind farm fully operational and the biomass facility nearing completion. Guests recognised the substantial investment attracted so far and praised the ambition to create a centre for industry that will create thousands of jobs.



PROTOS ON FILM

We're currently in the process of creating a new film to showcase the Protos destination, set to include a mix of interviews, animation and aerial footage. We're proud to be working with Chester-based experts Soup Creative on the visual, which will be launched on our website soon.

In the meantime, the below aerial image gives a sneak peak from our recently-shot drone footage.



WE'RE NOW ON TWITTER!

@ThisIsProtos

As well as getting in touch, you can now keep up to date with all the Protos news and views on Twitter. Simply follow @ThisIsProtos to receive updates from our team and site partners as we work to create a destination for energy, innovation and industry.

GET IN TOUCH

Email: community@thisisprotos.com

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(During office hours Mon-Fri).

Online enquiry form: Complete at www.thisisprotos.com/community/

Community Forum: Speak to your local representative on the Protos Community Forum (details available on the 'Community' page of the Protos website or on request).





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WHAT IS HAPPENING ON SITE?

Good progress is being made on the biomass facility by owners BIG and Cogen. All the major pieces of kit for the facility have now been delivered to the site, with installation of elements such as the boiler generation equipment now well underway. The facility, at the heart of the Protos site, is due to be commissioned in late 2017.

We're pleased to have now opened one of the Protos green spaces for members of the public to enjoy. We've diverted a section of Marsh Lane through this new ecological area and created new meandering footpaths, framed by lots of new planting.

We hope people enjoy exploring this new area and can't wait to see wildlife thrive in new habitats over the coming years. We're working with Cheshire Wildlife Trust, who will manage this area which is open to the community.



SUPPORTING LOCAL CAUSES

Community groups are cooking up a storm in Elton thanks to support from the Protos Community Benefit Fund. Cash from the community chest has been used to fund a new kitchen and equipment at Elton Church Hall – meaning it can now become a hub for the whole community.

Until recently the community hall has only been able to serve basic snacks, but the new kitchen has opened the door to a range of new family-friendly sessions.



The Protos fund has also made play times even more fun at Elton Primary School. With boredom truly banished, kids can now enjoy colourful new playground games and play equipment following a successful grant.

For more information about the Community Benefit Fund visit: thisisprotos/community

ALL SIGNS POINT TO PROTOS

Striking new signs have been installed to put Protos on the map. Welcoming visitors to the destination, the structures boast the vibrant blue of the Protos logo. As well as the gateway welcome sign at the site entrance, we've also installed directional signage along Grinsome Road and on the site.

