



## Tewkesbury tube manufacturer is no fools gold

A cornerstone of the local business community, the success and innovative spirit of Tewkesbury-based tube manufacturer Tungum has been cemented with a coveted accreditation from Beacon South West, becoming the 37<sup>th</sup> company in Gloucestershire to join the leading business forum.

Supported by the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA), Beacon South West brings together more than 200 of the region's most pioneering and rapidly expanding organisations providing an environment for exploring new ideas and strategies with other successful companies. One of 10 manufacturers in the Gloucestershire 'Boardroom', Tungum's 38 skilled staff join thousands across the region to benefit from the recognition and support of working for a Beacon accredited employer.



Ian Johnstone, managing director for Tungum commented, "All our staff helped us to achieve this and are as individually deserving of the recognition as is our business as a whole. It's a pleasure to be joining so many likeminded organisations at the Beacon South West Boardrooms and I look forward to sharing our combined experiences to continue driving our business forever onwards and upwards".

Sue Baker, Beacon South West Project Director, said:

"From flexible factory design and utilisation to a track record of strong partnerships and an open, honest work ethic, it is a pleasure to have Tungum on board and I feel they will both offer and gain much from the Beacon forum."

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Sue Baker of Beacon SW welcomes new Beacon member Sean Hammond of Tungum Ltd, at the Gateway Centre, Southmead, Bristol

Founded in 1933, Tungum is a complete tubing and pipework systems supplier. Manufacturing components as well as bending tubes to construct a vast range of products, Tungum supplies a wide range of industry sectors including oil and gas, transportation, medical and marine.

The alloy itself, which also lends its name to the company, was discovered in the early twenties during experiments to produce fools gold. Extremely popular in the run up to the Second World War, today Tungum has many engineering applications based on an excellent strength to weight ratio, good fatigue properties and exceptional corrosion resistance.

With its roots firmly based in Gloucestershire the company has embarked on a successful expansion programme into worldwide markets, focusing its operations around gas and oil hotspots such as America, Singapore, Dubai and West Coast Australia.

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