

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Summer edition of Elements magazine.

As we enter the summer period, we find ourselves living in more complicated times with members navigating energy costs at an all-time high, placing huge pressure on every day business, particularly our manufacturers, plus waves of strike action impacting on commuting and workplace travel.

At our last breakfast networking event, we welcomed Suez Water Treatment, Klinger, and FES Process Optimisation Ltd who all gave an overview of their services. If anyone would like more information, please do let me know. In the last couple of weeks, we have also welcomed ikm consulting into membership. You can learn a bit more about them at our next breakfast briefing.

Our magazine this quarter features a range of articles including a piece from Edmondson Shipping & Forwarding which highlights that despite challenges, with a flexible approach, it is possible to work around existing transportation constraints. We also look at issues of underinsurance, patent protection and enforcement, automated calibration in fine chemicals production, the value of the mid-manager as well as our member ITAC, who have just celebrated 120 years in business. Quite an achievement! We hope you enjoy reading these and other editorials.

Finally, we have set the date for our next Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on 23rd March 2023 at Hilton Deansgate. Do make a note and make sure you save the date!

Please keep an eye on our website for upcoming events, news, industry updates, careers information and the latest Elements magazine
<https://www.cia.org.uk/chemicalsnorthwest/>

If there is anything else you need from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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About us...

Chemicals Northwest is an established business network wholly owned by the Chemical Industries Association.

With around 160 members we actively promote this important regional sector and our objective is to help membership to grow through:

- **facilitating** networking events, common interest groups and interactive workshops, all aimed at covering topical industry issues.
- **supporting** projects and programmes that identify and enhance business performance and generally support continuous improvement across the sector.
- **promoting** science and engineering based skills, helping to address the region's future needs.
- **improving** the image of the industry overall, including generating a positive reputation, through communicating achievements and success.
- **contributing** to the industry's strategic voice and the national growth agenda aligned to the work of the Chemical Industries Association.
- **connecting** the community of chemistry-using businesses and the vital supply chains here in the Northwest.

Chemicals Northwest really does bring people together! It is an essential feature of successful networking strategies used by many organisations. We coordinate a range of meetings and events to enable 'face to face' networking for the benefit of all members. Every successful business networking organisation also needs effective communications channels.

As a result of gradual development over recent years, getting messages across, promoting member companies and reporting news, Chemicals Northwest has reached new levels of topicality and quality.

