## Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Spring edition of Elements and hot off the press announcement of our Chemicals Northwest 2023 Award winners.

We were delighted to celebrate the Chemicals Northwest Awards on the 23rd March at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate hotel. Sam McAlister hosted the evening brilliantly and our live band "Fleur and the Flamingos" ensured our 300+ guests were richly entertained throughout. A special "Thank You" to all sponsors without whom the event would not have been possible. The Chemicals Northwest team and expert judging panel were delighted at the exceptional standard and high number of award entries. Our sincere congratulations to all winners but also thanks and admiration to all who submitted an entry. Read more about our special evening on the inside pages.

Looking ahead CNW are looking forward to participating at CHEMUK 2023 (10/11 May). We are proud to be a "headline partner" for this impressive event and if you are attending do come and say hello on Stand N110. The CHEMUK expo will present 400+ specialist exhibitors and 150+ expert speakers split between three major show zones:

- · Chemical Industries Supply Chain
- · Chemical, Process & Plant Engineering
- NEW FOR 2023: CHEMLAB Laboratory & Innovation

We held our breakfast networking event on the 8th March attended by a diverse audience. lan Cranshaw presented a roundup of the latest industry news and gave updates on the REACHREADY programme, members of Chemicals Northwest receive a discount on this service, please get in touch for further details. Clive Meredith from TTE gave a fascinating history and round up of programmes that TTE provide and the training facilities available to students. Ged Moran, Sales Engineer at Atlas Copco Specialty Rental UK, introduced Atlas as a leading provider of temporary compressed air, power, industrial steam and nitrogen. Ged gave valuable insight into the true cost of ownership vs usership, how rental solutions can lead to cost savings and improved safety, as well as Atlas Copco Specialty Rental's plans for developing future technology.

Our next breakfast event is on the 15th June in Daresbury, further details can be found on the website. If you would like to present at the next event or would like to run some new topical industry events, please get in touch.

Alex Abraitis - Member Services and Events Manager

## 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.

