

PACKAGING Bulletin

Summer 2025



Investing in the future

Committing more investment to the latest hi tech machinery

Welcome to the Summer issue of our newsletter

It's been another very busy six months at Roberts Mart. In our 172nd year we are proud to be one of the oldest print businesses in the UK, still family owned and managed and as focused on innovation and sustainability as we have always been.

With this in mind, we have committed further significant funds to new machinery that will enhance our product offering and provide added efficiency. We have also purchased various pieces of ancillary equipment including an automatic labeller for applying RFID labels on bags and a continuous sealer for adding heat seals to film on the reel applications.

Our team is also expanding with some key appointments and new members across many departments, bringing our staff total up to 247.

We are continuing to support the community raising funds and awareness for Andy's Man Club and continue our sustainability projects including the recent planting of trees around our head office grounds.

The industry awards keep on rolling in and we are delighted to be acknowledged amongst our peers and to be producing award-winning packaging for our valued customers.

Enjoy the summer and thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards

Ben Roberts



And the awards keep coming!

We were delighted to win FOUR awards in the Excellence in Flexography Awards 2025 in the USA.

Two Bronze: one in the Wide Web Screen Film category the other in the Wide Web Line Film category. A Silver in the Wide Web Screen Film category and a Gold in the Wide Web Line Uncoated Paper category.

And at the FIA UK awards in Liverpool on 26th June we were thrilled to win 14 awards in total! This included four golds and the silver and bronze awards in the Best in Show category.



This marked our 100th award and our 50th Gold award.

Thank you to everyone for their outstanding work, as always, a great team effort.



Further investment

Following significant investment last year, in both machinery and site facilities, we have committed a further round of investment of over £3million to the purchase of new machinery.

Our latest hi tech equipment includes a new laminator from Nordmeccanica, a Joker® bag machine due to be installed this July and later in the year a stand-up pouch conversion machine will arrive from Karlville in Switzerland.



In addition, a three-layer Optimex film extruder from Windmüller & Hölscher is also on order which will be installed in early 2026. The line will create consistent, high-quality film, offering increased output rates and enhanced flexibility. It can be used with all types of polyethylene, including recycled materials.

Investment in the new machines will support our continued growth and help us stay ahead of the competition. It also underlines our commitment to developing and offering all our customers a wide range of innovative packaging solutions that fit budget and sustainability goals.

New snack packs for Shropshire Scratchings

We are really pleased with these eye-catching packs for our new customer Shropshire Scratchings. Printed using our SpectRM Flexo Print technology, these recycle-ready mono material packs are designed to offer great on shelf appeal whilst giving maximum freshness of the product.



Outstanding Contribution Award for John Roberts



Our Chairman, John Roberts, was recently presented with the "Outstanding Contribution to the Flexographic Industry" Award by the CEO of the UK Flexographic Industry Association, (FIA), Debbie Waldron-Hoines. The award honours a remarkable career spanning over 60 years.

Mr. John transformed the company through relentless innovation, from pioneering the patented Roll Pack Carrier Bag in 1991 to leading major technological investments, including modern flexo presses and state-of-the-art facilities. Under his leadership, Roberts Mart grew fivefold and became a market leader in flexible packaging. His vision, dedication, and commitment to excellence have left an enduring legacy, shaping both the family business and the wider flexographic industry.

ISO accreditations



This June we received the official certification following our recent audits for

ISO 14001:2015 – Environmental Management

ISO 9001:2015 – Quality Management

ISO 45001:2018 – Occupational Health & Safety Management

Both ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 were successful re-audits, we achieved ISO 45001:2018 for the first time, reflecting our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, responsible, and well-managed working environment.



Greening project

We have recently completed our new greening project with the planting of 865 saplings across our main site in Leeds.

Together these trees will potentially absorb over 15 tonnes of carbon per year, provide shelter for wildlife, essential food for birds and pollinators and also enhance the soil health.

Hola!

We're proud to sponsor Horsforth St Margaret's FC Under 14's, who recently attended Barcelona Football Festival. The team came 6th out of 10 international teams, well done to all involved!



A warm welcome

Matt White joins us as **Business Development Manager**, bringing over 15 years' experience in the flexible packaging sector and a valuable insight into the recycling industry.



Gulay Sinar is our new **Head of Technical**. A Chemical Engineer by background, she will play a key role in developing new solutions, supporting customer requests, enhancing quality processes, and ensuring compliance standards are met.

And a change of role for **Andy Jump** who moves from Lamination Officer to **Senior Quality Officer**. He will play a key part in enhancing quality standards and driving continuous improvement across our production processes.



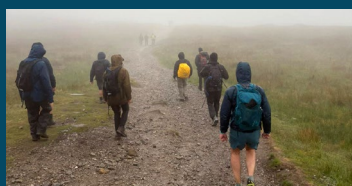
Sheffield Hallam visit

In May we were delighted to welcome a group of students taking the Packaging Professional Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship course at Sheffield Hallam. Along with their course leader Azucena Gómez López, they toured the facility to see our packaging processes first hand.



"The visit was incredibly insightful and immensely beneficial for our apprentices. We truly appreciate the effort and knowledge shared."

If you would like to arrange your own tour of our sites we would only be too happy to arrange this for you.



Supporting AndysManClub

We are very proud of our intrepid team who conquered the Yorkshire Three Peaks and raised over £2000 for our chosen charity Andy's Man Club despite some very challenging conditions.



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