

ROBERTS MART NEWS.

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Investing in the science of packaging

A laboratory designed for the future

Welcome to the Summer issue of our newsletter

We are already halfway through the year as we approach the summer holidays and enjoy the continued warm weather and longer days. As always, it has been a busy six months.

In February we were at the NEC Birmingham with our Roberts Mart Gallery and in May we opened our doors at Aire Valley House for the Futures in Packaging Event when we welcomed over 40 visitors for a day of informative talks and presentations.

We have invested further in the business with new state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and are now proud to be an industry leader in advanced laboratory testing with a top-class team of experts.

These investments provide us with everything a modern flexible packaging manufacturer needs to support product development and customer requirements.

Alongside investments, we have been working hard to ensure we have the latest accreditations and certifications to ensure customers of our continued commitment to high operating standards along with the know-how and ability to support sustainable responsibility.

We are continuing to support the community, raising funds and awareness for local charities and are proud to enter into a partnership with Disability Action Yorkshire to support inclusive recruitment.

The industry awards keep coming, bringing acknowledgement of the great work we do.

With warm regards

Ben Roberts



Winning awards at home and in the USA

In April we won FOUR awards at the Excellence in Flexography Awards 2026 in the USA, receiving two BRONZE: one in the Wide Web, Line, Uncoated Paper category the other in the Wide, Screen, Film category; one SILVER and one GOLD in the Wide Web Screen Film category.

And in June we were delighted to receive twelve more awards at the prestigious FIA UK (Flexographic Industry Association UK) Awards held in Liverpool.



Five GOLD, four SILVER, two BRONZE and one HIGHLY COMMENDED, including the "Best in Show" SILVER for Fruit Bowl Raspberry Yoghurt Flakes and BRONZE "Best in Show" for Tetley Original One Cup 1540.

These fantastic achievements underline the outstanding performance of our innovative market leading SpectRM print technology which offers gravure quality print at flexo print and plate pricing.

A huge thank you to our amazing team who never fail in delivering excellence in flexo printing. It was a memorable night and another milestone in the Roberts Mart history.

Backing the science behind print excellence

We're pleased to announce that to complement our existing on site laboratory facilities which includes FTIR, GC, tensile, seal strength and COF testing, we have invested over £100,000 in additional equipment for our on-site laboratory.

This includes Mocon Moisture barrier and Oxygen barrier equipment, a Perkin Elmer Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) to determine melting points and polymer ratios and a Drop Dart Impact tester.

With this latest investment, we now offer a complete range of mechanical, thermal, and barrier testing, giving us everything a modern flexible packaging manufacturer needs to support product development and customer requirements.

Our highly experienced lab staff represent one of the strongest technical teams in the flexible packaging manufacturing sector, helping to support our customers with advanced packaging solutions.

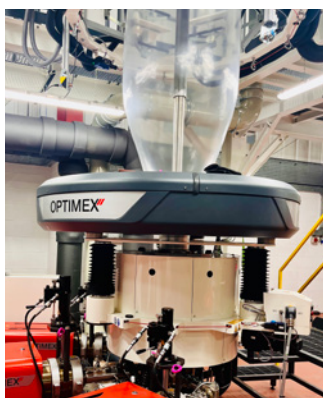


Extrusion upgrade

We have also invested in a new OPTIMEX II blown film extrusion line from Windmüller & Hölscher, one of the world's leading manufacturers of flexible packaging machinery. The line represents a major step forward in film quality, output efficiency and sustainability capability.

The OPTIMEX II is a 3 layer blown film co-extrusion system designed to deliver consistently high quality film with excellent thickness control, flatness and optical properties. It is particularly well suited to producing mono material polyethylene films for lamination and conversion, supporting the shift towards more recyclable packaging.

Supporting a circular economy is an important part of what we do at Roberts Mart, and this new OPTIMEX II line underlines our long term commitment to innovation, quality and sustainable packaging manufacture.



Did you know we offer an Audit Service?

We can help you transform your flexible packaging performance in as little as two days with an on-site technical audit.

We offer a comprehensive on-site technical material audit designed to optimise your packaging processes from end to end. Our specialists spend up to two full days at your facility analysing materials, machinery, and workflow to uncover opportunities that deliver measurable improvements.

This complimentary service helps improve efficiency, reduce costs and supports sustainability goals.

For more information and to book an audit scan here



Staff and community News.

Engineering Apprenticeship Day

At our recent Engineering Apprenticeship Day we welcomed a group of young people looking to start their careers in engineering.

The day included a visit around our site in Leeds, with opportunity to view our state-of-the-art machinery up close and to talk to current members of our engineering team.

Our long-standing family business of over 170 years boasts a strong, supportive culture and offers a variety of engineering roles where we offer real experience on modern machinery, backed by a knowledgeable team.



Partnering with Disability Action

We're proud to be partnering with Disability Action Yorkshire to support inclusive recruitment.

Since September 2025, we've welcomed supported interns into our facility and we're delighted that one individual, Billy, has now secured permanent paid employment well ahead of his one-year programme timeline.

A fantastic outcome and proof that inclusive recruitment truly works.



Futures of Packaging Event

In May we welcomed over 40 visitors to our Futures of Packaging event at our main site in Leeds.

It was a great day with informative talks and presentations covering all things packaging related from the current rising raw material market to the challenges of sorting and recycling plastics.

A big thank you to everyone who made it such a successful event; to our speakers, Ian Chisnall of Plastrubition, Monica Battistella of Taghleef Industries, Ben Mitchell and Olga Munroe from The Retail Institute, Brian Lodge from The British Plastics Federation and Paul East from RECOUP and everyone who joined us on the day.



Achieving ISCC PLUS Accreditation

We are proud to have achieved International Sustainability & Carbon Certification, ISCC PLUS, a credible sustainability certification standard for products linked to recycled and bio-based plastic.

This certification covers both chemical and mechanical recycling. By replacing fossil-based feedstocks with recycled or renewable raw materials, companies can significantly reduce plastic waste and limit the extraction of finite natural resources.

This is an important step forward in supporting our customers on their sustainability journey.



We are full of bright ideas!

Our Bright Ideas scheme fosters a culture of innovation, encouraging staff to submit ideas and suggestions on how we could do things better. Contributions and ideas from staff across the whole of our business help us increase efficiency and improve our systems.

Congratulations to John Raynor, Shift Manager, our Bright Ideas Winner for 2025.

Always looking for ways to improve efficiency, John is very much involved in day to day operations and his cost saving initiative to reduce cardboard usage in the factory has delivered savings of over £6,000 since it was implemented.

