

# The Worx

THE BI-ANNUAL **officeworx** NEWSLETTER



## SHOP SMARTER

Would you consider swapping your branded office supplies to own brand or even unbranded?

## FOCUS ON

Quedgeley Medical Centre discuss caring for a growing population

## PLUS MUCH MORE

Supermarket vs Officeworx, four more paws and ITV film Christmas Letters campaign



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### *Lilian Faithfull Care*

We collaborated with the wonderful PTA at **St James' Primary School** again this Christmas to bring a healthy dose of festive cheer to the residents living at four of the **Lilian Faithfull Care** homes!

We grabbed the attention of **ITV West** this year and had a fun day of interviews and filming whilst distributing an amazing **230 letters!** Read or watch the whole story:

[officeworx.co.uk/stjameschristmascheer](https://officeworx.co.uk/stjameschristmascheer)



Father & Grampy - Rob & Alex with Mr Adkins at St Faith's Nursing Home

"We are very grateful to Kate and the team at Officeworx in initiating this wonderful Christmas letter project for our Lilian Faithfull Care home residents, including her father Mr Adkins and mother Mrs Adkins. Our residents across all four homes will be delighted when they receive the beautiful Christmas letters. Thank you so much to Kate's children, Georgia and Alex, for launching it across their whole school and to all the students who did the amazing letters and artwork. Plus, it wouldn't have happened without the super organisation from Nathalie and the PTA team - thank you too."

**Kelly Richardson**, Lilian Faithfull Care

We were delighted to donate to **Gloucestershire Animal Welfare and Cheltenham Animal Shelter's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** this Christmas.

The annual Shoe Box Appeal is a fantastic way to give a special treat to the pets spending Christmas in the shelter and also help care for the pets who will come stay with them in 2023 by re-stocking supplies.

The appeal is simple. Wrap a shoe box and fill with goodies for either a dog, cat or small animal and then bring it to reception to place under the tree. The shelter also provides ideas for each box and a wishlist on their website.

If you are interested in supporting Cheltenham Animal Shelter in 2023, please visit their website at [gawa.org.uk](https://gawa.org.uk).



Annie & Alison Cheltenham Animal Shelter with our boxes





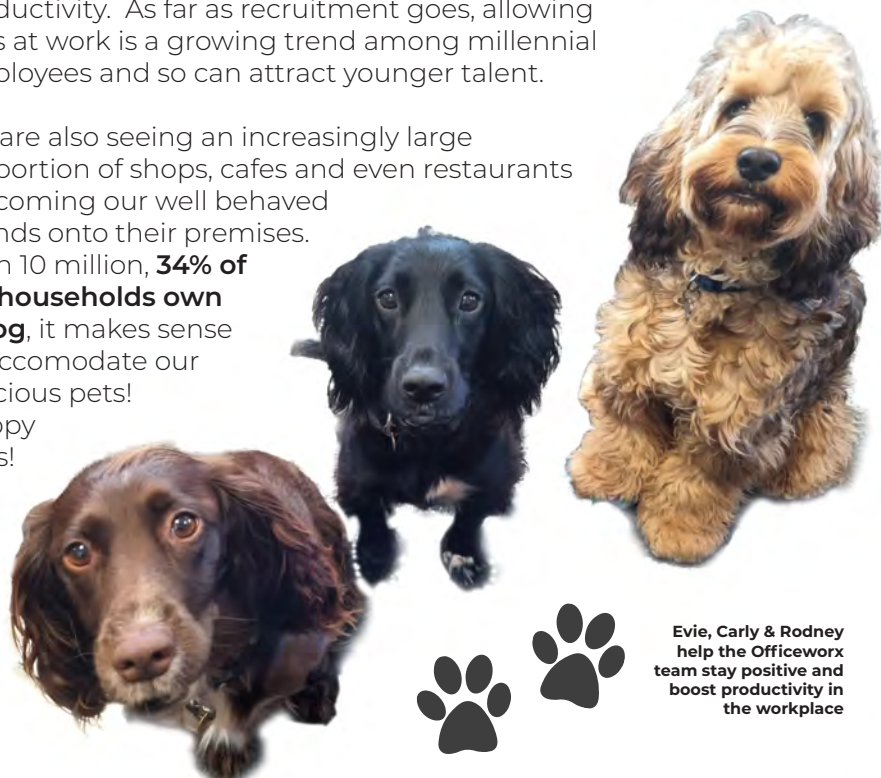
# FOUR MORE PAWS

The Officeworx team has grown by another four paws - everyone meet **Rodney**! Rodney is a mini sable cockapoo, owned by Katie who has waited 33 years to own a dog! Evie and Carly have enjoyed having Rodney around with lots of rough and tumble and puppy play. It's lucky any work gets done here at HQ, but we have experienced the **positive effects** our precious pets have on the workplace.

Having a pet-friendly work environment has become a bit of a trend with many modern and innovative companies such as Google who allow their employees to come to work with their pets. They believe it improves **work-life balance**, **reduces stress** and therefore **increases productivity**.

Research has shown that having pets at work boosts morale, improves the work atmosphere and increases productivity. As far as recruitment goes, allowing pets at work is a growing trend among millennial employees and so can attract younger talent.

We are also seeing an increasingly large proportion of shops, cafes and even restaurants welcoming our well behaved friends onto their premises. With 10 million, **34% of UK households own a dog**, it makes sense to accomodate our precious pets! Happy days!



Evie, Carly & Rodney help the Officeworx team stay positive and boost productivity in the workplace





# SHOP SMARTER

## BRANDED VS UNBRANDED

### what to look for...

Do you want to reduce the amount you spend on business stationery and supplies?

Officeworx removes the hassle of ordering, leaving you free to focus on the most critical areas of your business. It gives you the confidence that you are in the best possible hands... Ours.

Prices are increasing (some more than others) and there are complex reasons for this. The main increases we are seeing are in paper products where demand is outstripping global supplies.

Most business supplies are similar to the supermarkets where there are clear product band tiers. So what do you need to look for? We have our top brands which you will have heard of, for instance Nescafe, Nobo, Bic, Post-It etc. Then we have our

own everyday brand which are known as **Q-Connect** and **ValueX**. These can be likened to a supermarket's own brand.

We then have another cheaper option, what's known as **'white box'** and these codes start with 'WX'. These are likened to a supermarket's own brand (Saver, Simply etc.). White box products are 'spot bought' by our wholesaler which means they can vary in branding and quality but they offer outstanding value at prices you wouldn't expect, helping your budget spread further.

We often see our customers choosing top brands for their products which isn't always necessary, but it's a question of personal choice against price. The saving between standard Post-It notes and own brand are vast, and more often than not, you can't tell the difference.

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For more information about our **Q-Connect**, **ValueX** and **White Box** products or request a free analysis please do get in touch.

[sales@officeworx.co.uk](mailto:sales@officeworx.co.uk)

If you're interested in savings and efficiencies, we can look at your past purchases and recommend potential cost benefits. That could be looking at different pack sizes, buying in bulk or switching to cost-saving brands.

We can analyse your spending and suggest ways to reduce it. We'll do all the hard work, supplying you with an analysis of your spend by product, to highlight where we can deliver significant savings to your business. We can also suggest alternatives to **reduce your carbon footprint** - it may even save you more in some cases!

Here's an example of **branded**, **own branded** and **unbranded** 'white box' repositionable notes. Why not give it a try and spread your budget further.



Q-Connect products feature a great no questions asked return and warranty policy



# FOCUS ON

## Quedgeley Medical Centre



Above:  
Quedgeley Medical Centre  
**Elaine Dainty**, Operations Manager

**Quedgeley Medical Centre is a small practice based in Quedgeley, Gloucester a population of around 6,500 patients.**

We have two GP partners, a nurse, two HCAs, and a great team of reception and admin staff. We also host locum GPs; care coordinators; a mental health nurse; social prescribers, a physiotherapist and pharmacists. We are a really friendly team and enjoy socialising as well as working together.

**Our GPs are passionate about training the next generation of doctors** and this involves having a rotation of students who come in bi-weekly together with trainee doctors on a four-month rotational basis. Gap year students who are applying to medical school also use this year to come to work with us and get an all-round experience of working in a GP practice setting.

We are currently in the process of having a three-sided extension built to help accommodate the growing population of Quedgeley with GP services. This is a huge undertaking and we have had to make quite a few adjustments to our way of working as this work progresses around us. **We have also opened up our books in order for more patients to be able to register** and in turn are taking on more staff to help with this.

My role is Operations Manager and I came into the post in January 2022. I have worked for the NHS for almost 28 years in many health settings including hospitals; family planning clinics; Health Authorities and GP practices. I have seen so many changes over the years and the challenges can be really difficult but **I absolutely love this job and am very proud to work for the NHS.**

One element of my role is ordering items required for the day to day running of the practice including stationery; cleaning products; tea and coffee etc. This used to be done on an adhoc basis by whoever was going shopping at the cash and carry or the local supermarket. This was fine when the practice was smaller but as we are continuing to grow in staff numbers it was becoming more difficult and not a great use of people's time popping back and forth to the shops.

We discovered Officework when a colleague needed a specific type of printer label and they were able to help with this. We found them so helpful and efficient that we thought we would try out an order and I am so glad we did. Nothing is too much trouble and it has made my life so much easier especially with the personal service and next day delivery whenever possible. The prices are very competitive too.



## Gloucestershire

**Quedgeley Medical Centre** can be contacted on **01452 728882** or visit at **Olympus Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 4NF**

# OFFICEWORX OR

We have a whole range of competitively priced teas, coffees, snacks and janitorial products that we can deliver to your office alongside your usual stationery products!

When you consider the cost implications of driving to the supermarket, time wasted shopping and queuing, along with having to pay 'up front', saving a few pennies at the supermarket can soon turn into a **loss leader**.

Here are some of the **branded items** which you may not have realised we supply. Alongside these items we can also supply **own branded** and **unbranded** items just like the supermarkets. However, unlike the supermarkets, we **CAN** supply various items in **bulk** to meet the needs of larger workplace establishments.



Tea | Coffee | Biscuits  
Squash | Carbonated Drinks  
Water | Crisps | Chocolate  
Toilet Roll | Dishwasher Tablets  
Tea Towels | Tissues | Sugar  
Dishcloths | Wipes | Mops  
Hand Soap | Bleach | Polish  
Bin Bags | Air Fresheners  
Crocery | Cleaning Sprays  
Batteries | Kitchen Roll

## SUPERMARKET?



# INTRODUCING ...

The Rocketbook system connects traditional handwriting surfaces with the power of the cloud. Combine reusable products with the free app to take off into the digital future!

## Write

Use any reusable notetaking products for a traditional handwriting experience.

## Reuse

Rocketbook products can be reused, so you can stop using your other paper notebooks and save trees. When paired with Bic Gelocity ink, the pages can be wiped clean with water and a cloth!

## Organise

Use the free Rocketbook app to configure popular cloud services as your scan destinations.

## Scan

Time for liftoff! Start scanning your notes, to-do lists, and out-of-this-world ideas. See green, snap, and your notes will be visually enhanced! Then, your scans will automatically blast off to their rightful cyber destination at the speed of light, err... your mobile connection.



## HOW ROCKETBOOK WORKS



WRITE



SCAN



ORGANIZE



REUSE

# SAVE YOUR NOTES. SAVE THE PLANET.

The cost of living crisis is putting pressures on us all, in our personal lives and in business. Let us help you budget and save money where you can so you can concentrate on pushing your own business forward. Thank you!

*Team Officeworkx*

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