



Robert Hitchins Limited

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Young Gloucestershire relocate to Quedgeley

Robert Hitchins Limited has let premises to one of Gloucestershire's leading voluntary youth organisations, Young Gloucestershire Limited. Young Gloucestershire has relocated from Gloucester city centre to Kingsway Business Park, Quedgeley.

The premises comprise an existing building of 2380 sq ft, which Robert Hitchins have refurbished and altered to meet Young Gloucestershire's requirements.

Young Gloucestershire is a leading voluntary youth work organisation in the county. They work in partnership with the Youth Service, Connexions and other voluntary organisations to provide support and services for young people in Gloucestershire. They are also providers of Gloucestershire's Youth Achievement Foundation, a pathfinder project part funded by the Department of Children Schools and Families through the Youth Sector Development Fund. It offers a fulltime activity based and vocational curriculum aimed at young people who are failing to engage in mainstream schools.

Property consultants Alder King acted on behalf of Robert Hitchins during the deal. Emma Smith, surveyor at Alder King commented: "Young Gloucestershire wanted new premises which were in the suburbs of Gloucester, but still had excellent local amenities and easy transport links from the city centre.

"This building and its location are ideal because it is close to the Park and Ride, which has a bus route straight into Gloucester and there are also good amenities on the doorstep including a Tesco and Lidl, HSBC Bank, a library, a nursery, post office, hotels, pubs and a pharmacy."

Raphael L'Hoste, Business Development Manager at Young Gloucestershire said: "We are delighted to take occupancy of this new site. The building and its location will make a real difference to the quality of education that we can provide. The outdoor spaces, which still need to be developed, will provide an important breakout area to play, and also space for vocational projects such as horticulture. Our thanks go to our landlord, Robert Hitchins Ltd for helping us identify the site and getting us in so quickly. A formal opening will take place in the new school year.

"We still have a long way to go before we are able to offer the range of activities that we would like. We will need support from the community to make Year 2 of this national pathfinder a success. In particular we need volunteers to share their skills and interests with young people, to support our staff during the school day, or to act as community mentors who can provide weekly one-to-one support, advice, guidance, and advocacy to our vulnerable students in an informal community setting (e.g. a coffee shop)."

Property consultants Alder King are also marketing Avionics House at Kingsway Business Park, on behalf of Robert Hitchins Limited, which offers office suites in sizes ranging from 242 sq ft to 2,431 sq ft available at competitive rents on flexible lease terms. The site offers on site management, good parking and security from monitored CCTV.

For further information please contact Emma Smith on 01452 623290 or visit www.alderking.com.

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Photograph: Alexander Brown, Heidi Furmage, Marina Pulido from Young Gloucestershire, Simon Lyes, Building Surveyor/Project Manager (URPS Limited) and Paul Hopkins Kingsway Business Park, Property and Facilities Manager.

Editor's note:

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