

Chesterfield Arms and Resting Devil



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The Chesterfield Arms is a successful public house, run by Josh and Emma Clarke, based on Newbold Road.

Josh contacted the Innovation Support Project back in May 2021 as he was considering the possibility of adding a micro-brewery to the existing business. This made a lot of sense as he's a qualified brewer, had worked for both Brampton and Thornbridge breweries and knew that a new range of cask ales would be well received.

Adrian Williamson, the Innovation Support Project Manager, worked with Josh to identify a funding stream to assist with the cost of the build for what would become Resting Devil Brewery. Fast forward 3 years and The Chesterfield Arms now offers these ales over the counter and, so successful has the product been, that Josh now produces beer for the Chatsworth Estate own label.



To build on his success, Josh was keen to expand and signed up to the CBC UKSPF programme. There was consideration of adding a mezzanine level, but this would have been overly expensive and interrupted brewing. It was decided that the addition of another fermenter would be a cost-effective way to grow the business.





When the CBC UKSPF grant came on-stream, Adrian encouraged Josh to apply for funding for the new fermenter. This has now been installed and has allowed the brewery to increase output by 50%. Alongside this, the CBC Skills Brokerage service was introduced into the business and assisted with the process of bringing in a new brewing apprenticeship to the enterprise.

In addition to funding, Adrian continues to support both the Chesterfield Arms and Resting Devil through business planning, risk management, promotion (often with a focus on leveraging social media) and referral to sector specialists amongst other things.

“Adrian has acted like a sounding board in our meetings, listening to any issues or ideas and pointing out any help he could assist with and helping me decide what direction to take. This year when I had a problem with not being able to keep up with demand, he pointed me towards the UKSPF fund which allowed me get funding towards new equipment that has increased my production by 50%. The purchase of this equipment, that without the funding would have been quite a hit to our cash flow and reserves, has not only helped me keep up with demand, but also find new markets to sell into, as well as take on an apprentice “

Josh Clarke



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