

H J ENTHOVEN

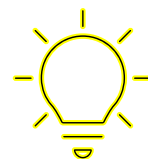
Community Newsletter – May 2026 Update

Working responsibly. Listening locally. Improving continuously

Welcome to our community update, keeping you informed about developments at our site and the steps we are taking to be a responsible neighbour, with a focus on noise, lighting, traffic and odour.

We remain committed to open engagement. Alongside this newsletter, we meet twice a year with our Liaison Group—bringing together local parish representatives and the H J Enthoven team—and meet with SAFER twice a year, including discussion of SAFER survey results to ensure community feedback is understood and acted upon.

We have recently returned to our historic name, **H J Enthoven**, reflecting more than 200 years of heritage, with our products continuing to carry the globally recognised **H J Enthoven & Sons** LME mark of quality.



Fun Fact

H J Enthoven recycles over 7 million used car batteries per year.

Business update



Over the past six months, we have successfully commissioned our new on-site oxygen generation plant, enabling H J Enthoven to produce oxygen directly from the air and significantly reduce reliance on delivered liquid oxygen.

In just the first three months of 2026, this has eliminated over 90 vehicle deliveries compared with the same period in 2025—cutting traffic movements and associated emissions.

These improvements form part of our broader commitment to reducing our environmental impact while continuing to operate efficiently and responsibly within the community. We expect these benefits to build further throughout 2026 and beyond.

Community update

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our International Women's Day sponsored walk to help raise money for the charity BeatSCAD.

SCAD (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection) is an uncommon heart condition, that predominantly affects young to middle aged women and 90% of SCAD patients are female. The BeatSCAD charity grew out of a local patient group from the Leicester Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Centre.



Our team walked to the from Darley Dale to the Nine Ladies Stone Circle, and back, coming together to raise money for a fantastic cause while celebrating International Women's Day.

Employment update – HJE provides over 300 local jobs

	Employees	Vacancies
Day work (Monday to Friday)	120	2 – contact us on page 2
Shift work (over 5 shifts)	160	4 – contact us on page 2
Contractors	25 (average)	

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Woodland Management Plan update

Our new Woodland Management Plan, developed in line with Forestry Commission guidance, will guide the site for the next 10 years.

Community involvement has been central to its development. We have shared the plan locally and met with residents on several occasions to gather feedback, helping shape how the woodland will be managed going forward.



Building on our previous plan, the 70.42-hectare site—enhanced by the planting of around 9,000 trees—now supports a diverse range of wildlife, including red-list species such as goshawk and kingfisher, as well as bats and an estimated 500 deer. It also provides opportunities for walking and wildlife watching, while helping to reduce lighting and noise impacts on our neighbours.

History of H J Enthoven & Sons 1820 to 2026

1820 to 1940s

Henry John Enthoven founded the company in 1820 at Rotherhithe in London, and switched to recycling in the 1930s

1960s to 1980s

Rotherhithe site was closed due to the decline in type printing metal and all activities were transferred to Darley Dale. Billiton UK bought the company.

2000s to 2026

Polypropylene plant added to recycle the plastic in batteries. Energy efficient continuously fed reverberatory furnace built to deliver a step change reduction in emissions. Renamed ECOBAT, then sold again, returning to HJ Enthoven.

1940s to 1960s

Darley Dale site was purchased in 1941. After WW2, the company recovered scrap lead from ammunition and scrapped PLUTO (Pipeline Under The Water) used for liberating Europe

1980s to 2000

Strip Mill cast line was installed to supply Lucas Batteries in Birmingham. 2 new Rotary Furnaces were built from 1984 to 1987 and the plant was opened to the public on 22 and 23 April 1988.



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Contact Us

To contact our team, please use our website or phone number. We aim to respond to all enquiries within 72 hours.

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We report and meet twice yearly with representatives of the Local Parish and Town Councils in the Enthoven Liaison Group (ELG).

Website: <https://southdarleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>