

# BUSINESS PROFILE: Chesterfield Special Cylinders



Established in 1897, Chesterfield Special Cylinders is a world leading designer and manufacturer of engineering solutions for high pressure gas containment markets.

Following a management buy out in 2004, the company relocated to new premises in Sheffield. The business however continues to trade under the long established 'Chesterfield' name which is now an operating subsidiary of **Pressure Technologies plc**, an AIM, Stock Exchange listed company.

As a result of their industry specialism, Chesterfield Special Cylinders has a policy to try and recruit from within. Their product range is so unique that the company invests heavily in the training and development of its staff, meaning career progression opportunities are readily available and several senior level employees have been promoted on this basis.

**“We are trying to change the culture of the business and improve the environment for our workforce; we want to become the employer of choice”**

*Mick Pinder, Managing Director*

Relocating in Sheffield has had its advantages too. The company has benefitted from the fact that the city's infrastructure is good, housing is generally affordable and the area offers a high

quality of life with its proximity to open spaces and the Peak District.

Chesterfield Special Cylinders have a strong working relationship with Creative Sheffield, who “always keep in touch and share anything of interest”. With the assistance of Creative Sheffield, the company are currently exploring ways to grow and develop a strategy to further improve their technical and service offering.

Chesterfield Special Cylinders are a company that leads in their market sector, with 90% of their product exported. International growth is therefore high on the agenda too, and the company is in the process of establishing a German division in order to further penetrate Continental Europe and gain additional market share.

The company's robust plans for growth and technical advancement that support staff retention and recruitment will continue to be a huge benefit for Sheffield.



**“We lead the market in cylinder technology and there is an opportunity for us to develop our service offering in parallel with our manufactured products.”**



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