

## Northcote Group's growth prompts 'outside' restructure

Northcote Group Managing Directors, Craig Bancroft and Nigel Haworth, are delighted to announce the management buyout of Northcote Offsite, their outside catering business and a rapidly developing area of the Group's portfolio.

Martin Jones, the current Operations Director of Northcote Offsite, is leading the buyout. Having overseen the growth of the business over the last seven years, Martin is ideally placed to use his experience and knowledge to develop his company - to be renamed 'With a Twist' - as the premier name in delivering outside catering events.

The timing of the buyout has been particularly welcomed by Craig and Nigel who are currently overseeing the most significant period of expansion in the 25 year history of the Northcote Group. Northcote Manor has recently undergone a complete refurbishment...further improving facilities and the luxurious level of accommodation. Northcote at the Rovers is enjoying a boom period as Blackburn Rovers continues to attract a bigger audience. And the unprecedented success of Ribble Valley Inns continues with more high profile openings expected in the months to come.

" With so much happening on so many fronts, it's clear that we need to focus on the core businesses in the Group, giving them the direction they need", commented Craig Bancroft. "This development will enable us to put renewed emphasis on the main catering contract at Ewood Park - in place until 2013 - and give even more focus and drive to matchday corporate hospitality and non-matchday activity, both of which we aim to make the envy of other clubs within the Premiership."

" We can also dedicate more time to Northcote Manor as we complete the final phases of our ambitious development plans, and to Ribble Valley Inns whose success has been well documented. Martin and his partner Catherine Byrom are committed to making 'With a Twist' a significant player in the market and Nigel and I are only too happy to offer them our continued support and recommendation. We wish them every success in the future" .

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