

Kent County Council
Apprenticeships Select Committee

Hearing 2

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Biography

Paul Winter, Managing Director, Wire Belt Company Ltd.

Wire Belt is a leading manufacturer of stainless steel conveyor belts with manufacturing plants in the UK, America and Germany and distributors across the globe. The UK operation, Wire Belt Company Ltd, is based in Sittingbourne, Kent with a dedicated production facility employing over 60 people.

Having its origins in the J. W. Greer Company, established at the very beginning of the 20th Century, the Wire Belt Group currently comprises companies with manufacturing plants in three countries and with distributors around the world.

The open mesh steel belts produced are used in industries ranging from food processing and printing to pharmaceuticals and engineering. Clients include some of the most well known names in the food industry from frozen food specialists to makers of luxury chocolates.

Wire Belt has been working in support of education within the local community for over 20 years and has very good relationships with all local schools.

The Company has been particularly active in the creation of the local Children's Centre as well as the Swale Skills Centre; a unique state of the art vocation centre designed to deliver training in engineering and sustainable technologies to all those of 14 years and above.

Wire Belt has been included in the National Apprenticeships Roll of Honour.