

2011 - A summary

2011 has been a very strange year. Sometimes busy, sometimes quiet, sometimes exciting and sometimes disconcerting – but never dull.

The year started after suffering two years of poor trade and losses and not knowing what the future had in store for us. January, however, started very well and took us into a period of six months during which we experienced record sales. The second half of the year was quite different, reasonably busy but always working hand-to-mouth with never much in the way of forward orders.

As we now approach the end of this year and the start of 2012 we again find ourselves in the position of not knowing exactly what we face. The situation in the Eurozone is causing uncertainty and anxiety and I don't think British manufacturing will really start to move forward until their problems are resolved.

So we started the year with trepidation and we seem to be ending it the same way but we, as a company, have had some highlights in between.

- The introduction of an online quoting system to enable remote quotations at any time, instantly.
- The installation of two new Trumpf laser cutting systems in an investment of nearly one million pounds.
- The achievement of Iso14001 for Environmental Management
- The award, by Made in the Midlands, for Manufacturing Achievement.

A big thank you to all of our customers for the continued support you give us. A thank you, also, to our suppliers who have played their part in our endeavours.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year.
