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## Howard's Thoughts

The end of December marks the halfway point of my financial year. Over the last six months, we've seen strong, consistent demand for our CNC turning services, and all indications are that this will continue into 2026. This is a real testament to the investment we've made in our systems and, most importantly, in the great people who allow us to serve our customers to such a high standard.

I'm always looking for ways to improve the service we offer. After careful consideration, I've decided to roll back the four-day work week that some of the team have been on for the past two years. While the original decision was right for us at the

time, it wasn't always the best solution for our customers.

In the future, our decisions will be guided by delivering the best possible service, and that means being fully staffed on Friday mornings to ensure we're available and responsive when our customers need us.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our customers and suppliers for their continued support, and to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let's see what 2026 has to offer!

## 3D Printing Now Available

We're pleased to confirm that 3D printing is now available at Sheldon Precision to support both in-house projects and customer requirements. This capability allows us to quickly produce fixtures, prototypes, jigs and development parts, helping to shorten lead times and support problem-solving during the early stages of a project. It's another practical tool that complements our CNC turning operations and supports a more flexible, efficient workflow.

If you have a component, concept, or development requirement where 3D printing could help, feel free to speak to the team; we're always happy to explore the best solution for your needs.



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## Christmas Jumper Day

December wouldn't be complete without Christmas Jumper Day. The team got well and truly into the festive spirit, dusting off some impressive (and questionable) knitwear for the occasion. It was a great way to round off the year, raise a few smiles, and enjoy a bit of light-hearted fun before the Christmas break.

Thanks to everyone who took part - and to those who went all-in with the festive fashion.



## Brass Components - Machined from Round Bar

Here's an example of some brass components we've produced recently. Although the finished parts feature square and rectangular profiles, they've been efficiently machined from round bar using CNC turning techniques.

This approach often delivers a far more efficient and cost-effective option than machining from solid on a mill. It reduces material waste, shortens cycle times, and maintains excellent dimensional consistency, all while achieving the required geometry.

It's a prime example of how thoughtful process selection can make a real difference to both lead time and cost.

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## Christmas Goodies Heading Out

As Christmas approached, we packed a selection of festive goodies and shipped them to customers and contacts as a small 'thank you' for their continued support throughout the year.

We truly value the relationships we've built with our customers, suppliers and partners, and it's always nice to take a moment to show our appreciation. We hope they arrived safely and brought a smile or two.



## ARNO Tooling Partnership

We're proud to be working with ARNO as a tooling partner. ARNO offers one of the largest and most innovative cutting tool portfolios on the market, with solutions designed to improve performance, consistency and tool life in demanding CNC turning applications.

By using high-quality tooling precisely matched to the job, we're able to optimise cutting parameters, improve surface finish, and maintain repeatable results across production runs. This partnership supports our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and delivering reliable, high-quality components to our customers.



## New Parts Washer Arriving in Q1 2026

Looking ahead to the new year, we've placed an order for a new parts washer, scheduled to arrive in Q1 2026. How exciting!

This investment will further enhance our cleaning and finishing processes, ensuring components leave us in the best possible condition, ready for assembly, inspection, or onward processing.

It's another step in strengthening our internal capabilities and maintaining the high standards our customers expect.

