Caravan manufacturer adds to growing empire

Company moves to new premises to cope with increasing demand

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A Beverley caravan manufacturer has taken on a new unit as part of an expansion of the company.

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BESPOKE SERVICE: Zane and Dana Butler at the Carabuild Leisure Homes factory. Picture: Jack Harland

A CARAVAN manufacturer has added to its growing empire after it acquired further industrial units.

Carabuild Leisure Homes in Beverley has moved to a new factory in Deans Park in order to cope with a growing demand for its range of bespoke caravans.

Co-owner Zane Butler formed the business with his wife, Dana, in 2012.

He said: "A lot of people thought we were crazy to start the business in December because January is notoriously a quiet month in the caravan market.

"But we have gone from strength to strength as a business and, as a result, we have had to expand to be able to meet demand.

"We are members of the National Caravan Council as well, so the trust we have built with customers has increased consumer confidence, which has resulted in a huge increase in demand."

Mr Butler believes the business will continue to grow as a result of the acquisition of further space.

He said: "We believe this space will allow us to take on further orders and build on the success we've had.

"We're pleased to be doing this well. It's good to acquire units that will be put to good use and contribute towards the local economy."

The company, which started with five people, has expanded to 16 employees, and plans to take on further staff.

Mr Butler said: "We already tailor every caravan to every customer's requirements and our expansion means we are now looking to take on further machinists, which also means we can continue to offer good-value caravans of a high quality."

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Shopkeepers line up to join Kingswood village project

PROPERTY: A development company has said it has been inundated with expressions of interest from retailers hoping to secure a unit in the Kingswood Parks Village Centre.

The Kingswood Parks Development Company behind the north Hull project has already overseen building of 1,700 homes and is putting up 1,500 more.

It is now hoping to add a convenience store, a pharmacy, a hairdresser and a coffee shop to the site.

Homeowners are also keen to see a bistro or Italian-style restaurant offering coffees and light bites throughout the day and casual dining in the evenings.

Major high street retailer Co-op is set to occupy the largest unit in Kingswood Parks Village Centre from this summer.

Regional developer Beal Homes is building retail units in the village centre.

Its managing director Richard Beal, pictured, said: "The Co-operative Food's announcement is great news, which I'm sure will be welcomed by people already living in the village."

Pupils can discover trade

CONSTRUCTION: Civil engineering company MB Roche and Sons is visiting Archbishop Sentamu Academy in Preston Road, Hull, to get students interested in their trade.

The East Yorkshire company will give Year 9 pupils an insight into what they do and answer questions.