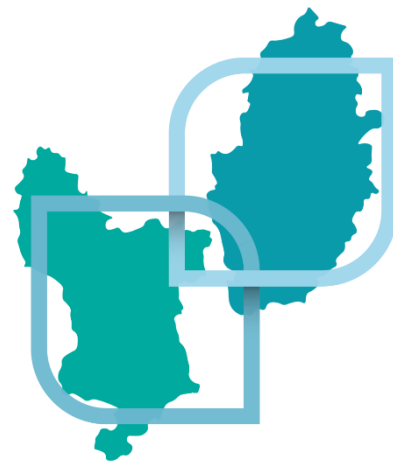


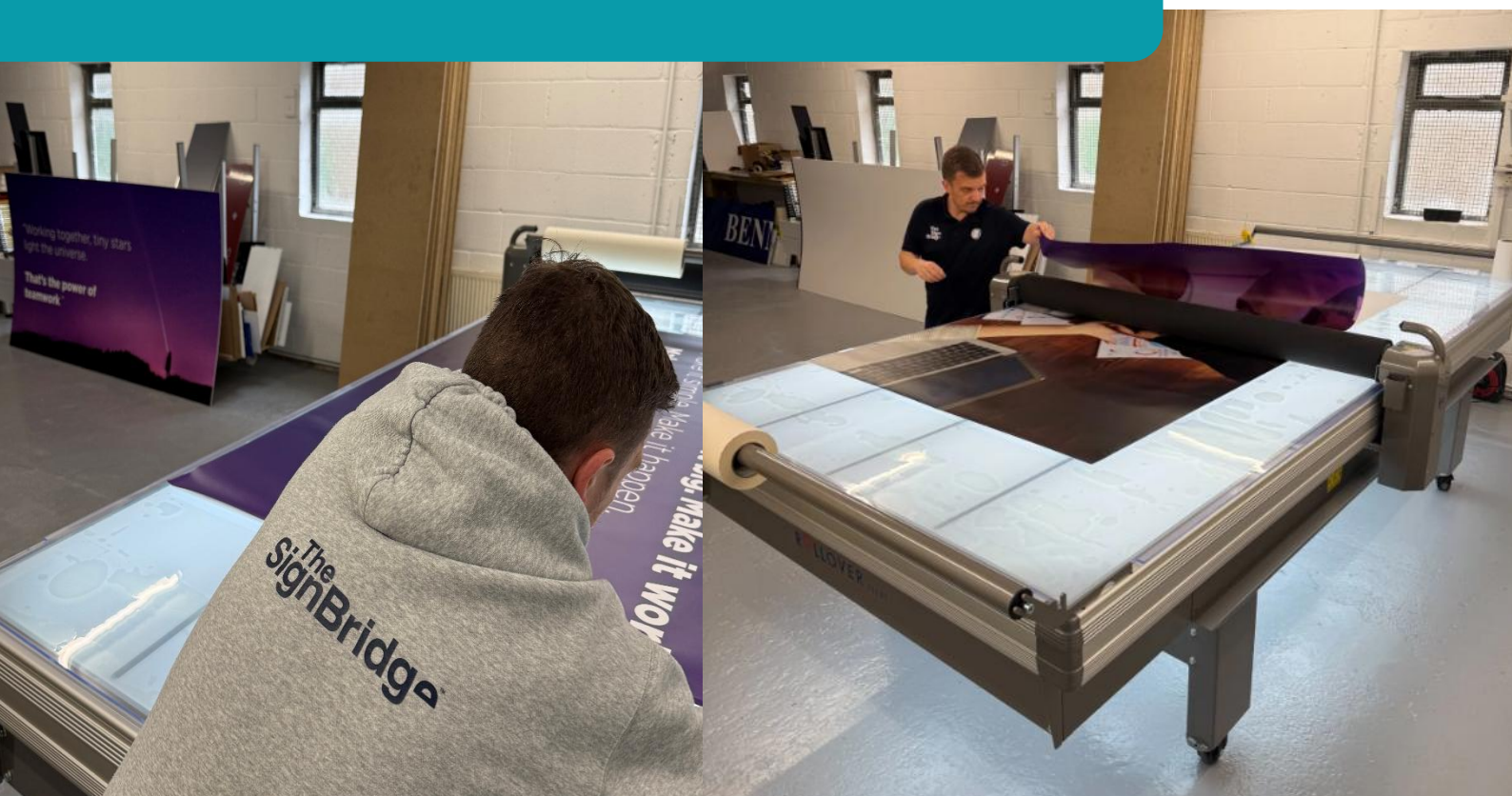
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‘High Peak Business Development Grant’

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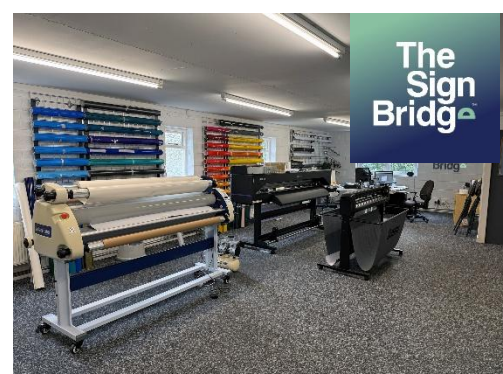
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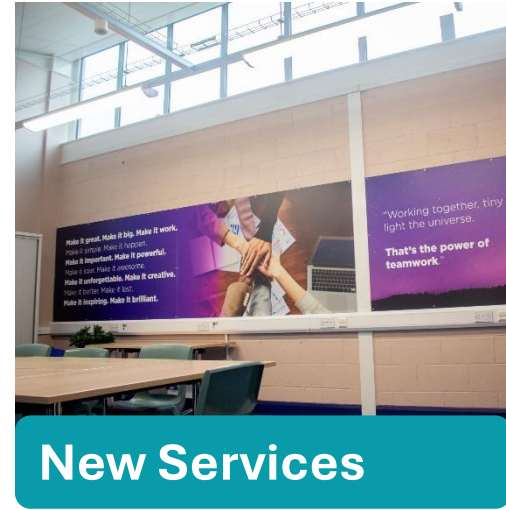
About

The Sign Bridge is an independent commercial sign company based in Whaley Bridge specialising in end-to-end signage solutions, from initial concept design and in-house fabrication to professional, guaranteed installation.

The grant supported the purchase of a state-of-the-art Rollover Flexi flatbed applicator—a specialist piece of equipment to enhance the precision and speed of the vinyl application process.



- **£9,744 grant awarded**
- **Funding towards the purchase of a Rollover Flexi Flatbed Applicator**
- **New technologies introduced to the enterprise**
- **Significantly improved production**



New Services

The Grant Scheme

This project was funded by East Midlands Combined County Authority and the UK Government through the Rural England Prosperity Fund. The grant scheme was administered by High Peak Borough Council.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund & Rural England Prosperity Fund provided £25.17 million of funding for local investment across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire in 2025/26. This funding, distributed by the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), sought to boost pride in place and increase life chances in the region. The investment focused on supporting communities and businesses, as well as developing skills for individuals.

Impact

The purchase of the Rollover Flexi flatbed applicator alongside a move into a larger premises has enabled cutting-edge production capabilities in-house, creating a stronger and more resilient signage service for the High Peak and surrounding areas.

This in turn has increased capacity, reduced outsourcing and ensured a higher standard of service to both local and national clients. The machine has also vastly improved turnaround times and reduced waste.

“Moving into our new premises and bringing in the Rollover flatbed applicator has been a real game changer for us. It’s given the team the space and tools they need to work smarter, and it means we can get signs out quicker without losing the quality and service we’re proud of. I’m really grateful for the support from the High Peak UKSPF Business Development Grant, it’s helped us take a big step forward, and we can’t wait to show our customers what we can do next.”

Mike O'Hanlon, Director - The Sign Bridge



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