

## NEW APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS AT ASHTON

**Production Manager** [STEWART BARRASS](#) heads up manufacturing at Ashton Industrial's new 33,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Essex factory. Stewart was active throughout the UK for the past 9 years as consultant for the MAS (Manufacturing Advisory Service), his specialist skill being the reorganisation of manufacturing facilities and implementation of Lean Manufacturing techniques, structured long term planning and associated documentation. As one of the senior management team Stewart has full direct control over all manufacturing and related matters.



**Engineering Manager** [RICHARD GREEN](#), hitherto design manager, retains control of Ashton's 4-man CAD design department and takes control of day to day management of all administrative and engineering related issues.

**Control Systems Manager** [NICK ELLIOTT](#) now takes full responsibility for all software design, control panel designs, and the specification & approval of all electrical soft- and hardware utilised in Ashton Industrial's machinery. Nick heads up the support hub at Ashton Industrial, with telephone and on-line systems support via Modem or Ethernet links which are built in to all new Ashton production lines.



**Team Leader** [ANDREW SEAMAN](#) is promoted to head up the electrical and panel wiring team.

**Buyer/Cost Controller** [STEVEN POWELL](#) has been recruited from a local German-owned company that specialises in the design and manufacture of bespoke production tools for the automotive industry. His goals for Ashton Industrial include structured vendor assessment on quality, reliability and service as well as generating cost improvements and faster, more efficient deliveries.



**UK Business Development Manager** is the title awarded to [ROSS WORRALL](#), former Bystronic sales consultant, who joins Ashton Industrial from June 1st with the specific goal of increasing UK market exposure on their upgraded Insulating Glass lines and fully automatic Arrissing and Furnace Batching systems. 85% of production has been headed overseas for the past 5 years, and Ashton believes it has neglected the home market. But no more - Ross Worrall will be actively growing their UK position, with authority to negotiate at all levels. Looking to hit the ground running, Ross will be offering some very special deals.