

# SDO CONNECT

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## Recap of the Month

May was an important month as we continued preparations for our future Uncrewed Systems Network events. While the launch of the Uncrewed Systems Network was first announced at our Swindon Defence Networking & Insights event in April, this month we released the workstream themes and dates. Preparations are well underway for our first workstream, Logistics & Supply Chain, taking place in June. This month also saw the launch of our new Defence Drop-In Sessions, hosted at the new Business Lounge within Nexus Business Centre. These free sessions take place on the last Friday of every month and provide an opportunity for businesses to discuss defence opportunities, challenges and

growth plans with a defence specialist. If you're interested in attending the next session on 26 June, please get in touch at [enquiries@sdoassociates.com](mailto:enquiries@sdoassociates.com). We were also delighted to support the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Awards by judging the Micro Business of the Year category. As category sponsors, it was a privilege to review the impressive entries and gain insight into the innovation, resilience and success of businesses across the region. We look forward to meeting the finalists and celebrating their achievements at the awards ceremony in July.

## Events

Our CEO, Stu Olden, recently attended another Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) Coffee Morning, a valuable opportunity to catch up with fellow members and discuss the growing links between the motorsport and defence sectors. Stu was also joined by our COO, Em, at the Team LionStrike event, where defence and industry stakeholders were given the opportunity to see a range of light mobility vehicle platforms being demonstrated for the UK MoD's Land Mobility Programme.



Preparations are well underway as we head to Eurosatory 2026 this June. We are proud to be supporting four clients at one of the world's largest defence and security exhibitions. If you're interested in learning how SDO Associates can support you at events, get in touch at [enquiries@sdoassociates.com](mailto:enquiries@sdoassociates.com).

## Client News

We have some exciting clients news to be shared next month, with the onboard of several new clients... stay tuned.

## Uncrewed Systems Network **USN**

Delegate and exhibitor tickets for the upcoming Uncrewed Systems Network series of events are now available via our website. We also have a limited number of sponsorship opportunities still available. Secure your places today at <https://sdoassociates.com/usn/>

Take a look at the future USN events:

- Technology - 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Skills & People - 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Testing & Certification - 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Funding, Investment & Exports - 3<sup>rd</sup> December

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