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BARBON ENSURES A HEALTHY AND HAPPY WORKFORCE WITH ENHANCED STAFF BENEFITS

As part of its commitment to improving the working life of its employees, Barbon Insurance Group Limited (tel: 01420 488288 or visit www.barbon.com) has introduced further benefits to help support a happy, healthy and valued workforce. The latest initiatives include; offering flu jabs, health screening and free neck/shoulder acupuncture massage to staff as a thank you for hitting targets.

Barbon has recently put in place a series of benefits to reward employees and help enhance their working experience. Staff can now benefit from private medical insurance, childcare vouchers, pension scheme, dental insurance, cash plan, increased holiday allowance and even give money to charity via payroll to save tax.

In addition to core benefits, Barbon now offers an 'Advantage Xtra' scheme where eligible staff have an allowance of two per cent of their basic gross salary to spend each year on extra holiday, additional employer pension contribution, and medical and dental insurance.

Employees can also get fit and reduce their carbon footprint with the 'Bike to Work' scheme. Through this initiative the individual can obtain a tax free bike of their choice from Barbon and pay for it in monthly instalments deducted from their salary over 12 months.

Even Barbon's CEO, Martin Oliver has purchased his own collapsible bike and pledged to travel by cycle and train to all seven of the company's offices located around the UK.

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Commenting on these new initiatives, Martin said: “Any business is only as good as its employees. It is, therefore, important to recognise our team’s hard work and make Barbon an exceptional and fun place to work. The new benefits package is part of our plan to become the best employer in the insurance industry.

“We have had a very positive response so far. For example, 52 per cent of staff bought one or more days holiday with the new ‘Advantage Xtra’ allowance and pension membership has increased from 16 per cent to 50 per cent.”

Barbon has offices located in Croydon, Bordon, Lincoln, Chelmsford, Bournemouth, London and Glasgow.

The company’s market leading brands include Keelan Westall, Cadogan Keelan Westall, Deacon, Cadogan Hanover Park (SaifInsure, TruckInsure, Plastech, Performance Media and CareAssured), HomeLet, Letsure, BIBALet and Farr.

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Note to editors:

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Barbon is wholly owned, through Caley Limited, by leading banks HSBC and Lloyds Banking Group.

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