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Local Worcestershire Business HotelshopUK Celebrates English Tourism Week With MP Nigel Huddleston

This week HotelshopUK has been supporting VisitEngland and their annual celebration of English Tourism. A week that showcases visitor experiences in England and highlights the value of tourism to the economy.

As part of HotelshopUK's continued support of English Tourism Week - #etw17, today they welcomed local MP for Mid Worcestershire, Nigel Huddleston to their offices.

Nigel, who was previously Head of Travel for Google and specialises in the travel and tourism sector, joined all the staff at HotelshopUK which includes On Business – Corporate Travel Services, Customer Hub – Central Reservations Office Support and Great Little Breaks – UK Short Break provider.

Meeting with MD Vivienne Findlay and some of her senior team to discuss the current trends and topics in the industry and hear some of the challenges faced by an SME, Nigel commented, "I have got to know HotelshopUK and Viv Findlay over the past three years and have always been impressed by the enthusiasm, passion and drive of Viv and the rest of her team.

"There is an undoubted commitment to the industry and local area, particularly in their commitment to supporting local employment opportunities within the travel and tourism sector."

HotelshopUK MD Vivienne Findlay added, "Everyone at HotelshopUK was extremely grateful for Nigel's visit and time he spent in the office. It was great to hear some of his insights and thoughts on the changing landscape and growing trends in the industry as well as the potential impact of Brexit.

"Having owned a business in the industry for nearly twenty years I am continually excited about what travel and tourism in the UK can and does offer and we are continually committed to delighting our customers and partners with the highest quality, value and service."

MP Nigel Huddleston was visiting HotelshopUK as part of 'Bring your MP to work!' English Tourism Week.

Tourism is England's third largest employer, directly providing jobs for over 1.5m people and generating £85 billion a year for regional communities. Importantly, domestic and inbound tourism expenditure in England has increased by 25% over the last five years and is predicted to grow at around 8% in 2017.

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Notes to editors:

About Hotelshop UK Ltd

Founded by Vivienne Hudson-Findlay in 1999 HotelshopUK is a privately owned company which initially specialised in booking 2-5 star accommodation and short breaks throughout the UK for both the leisure and corporate traveller as well as offering call centre facilities to hotels. Following a flood in 2007 at its original offices on Droitwich High Street, the company relocated to its current site and invested heavily in new technology. Since 2012 the company has also offered emergency relocation services to the insurance market and in 2013 it also became a travel agent. The Company started with a staff of 4 and now employs over 50 full and part time workers.