Taking over the UK, one Scrum team at a time – a new Scrum Alliance User Group is set up in Redhill.

Employees at Aquila Heywood have formed a Scrum Alliance community for the Surrey and Sussex region with the following aims:

- Share experiences and best practice.

- Support the progression and development of Agile processes in the workplace.

- Network with other Agile followers or those just starting a transformation.

- Solve challenges and problems identified during the Agile implementation journey.

The Scrum Alliance is an organisation that evangelises and coaches the benefits of the Scrum framework. It supports organisations and individuals by providing Scrum content, certifying individuals in Scrum and encouraging the formulation of local communities and events, such as user groups, to create support networks and start discussions around Scrum best practice.

Our initial events have been very informal and run onsite by group members from Aquila Heywood with refreshments provided throughout. Going forward, we want actively to encourage volunteer presenters and hosts from companies across the region to expand the experience for our group members.

Steve Garnett, Chief Technology Officer at Aquila Heywood, said:

'We started our Agile journey a couple of years ago and have made great strides. Yet we still challenge ourselves on our progress and learning, and how to further improve our service to customers. The purpose of this group is for everyone interested in learning about and using Scrum from different companies to share their experiences, offer advice and engage in discussions regarding the framework, with the aim of improving the workplace for all.

We meet one evening a month, at present hosted within the Aquila Heywood company offices. We are pleased to be able to support this new Scrum Alliance user group and we look forward to welcoming new members to the group!'

If your company has adopted an Agile framework like Scrum, why not join in to discuss how we can make the workplace better for everyone?

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 17 May 2018**.

Scrum Alliance members can join us by searching for the Surrey Agile and Scrum Group on the Scrum Alliance website and selecting the 'join group' option. Non-members can email Paul Lister (Paul.Lister@aquilaheywood.co.uk) or Gary Lane (Gary.Lane@aquilaheywood.co.uk) for more information.

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