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RALLYING CRY FOR FIRMS TO HELP REBUILD

The West Midlands will lead a green industrial revolution to make Britain stronger after the coronavirus has been defeated, the Tory Party chair has said.

Amanda Milling said Covid-19 had put into "sharp focus" the need to rebuild, with the region to take centre stage in plans for a push into cleaner energy.

She said Boris Johnson's levelling up agenda was "very much on course" and that an accelerated programme of house building and job creation would spark

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life into the West Midlands economy. The Cannock Chase MP opened the Conservative Party conference with a commitment to back voters who had turned to the Tories in the general election.

Speaking after the Prime Minister announced plans to repair Britain's economy through clean energy and wind powered homes, she told the Express & Star: "This pandemic has really put into sharp focus the need to rebuild. And we are going to need to accelerate that in order to recover

from it. This is a real opportunity for the West Midlands, through the levelling up agenda, to be in an even stronger position in the future.

"We've got a strong manufacturing history, with companies like Jaguar Land Rover at the forefront of cleaner manufacturing. It is clear the opportunity is there to innovate and be at the heart of the green industrial revolution."

On job losses Ms Milling said: "The Chancellor has been honest in his assessment - we're not going to be able to save every job but we'll do everything we can to support people."

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Josie and mother Karen North, with their masks that can be matched to any outfit

Accused denies killing of man knifed to death

A 20-year-old man has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Paulius Petrasius in Wolverhampton.

Sean Bulle appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court over the death of Mr Petrasius, aged 24, who was stabbed to death outside a block of flats in Chervil Rise, Heath Town, on July 13.

Bulle, of Clover Ley, Heath Town, was remanded in custody ahead of a further hearing on January 8.

Hunt on for EuroMillions winner to claim jackpot

The National Lottery is on the hunt for a secret millionaire who purchased a EuroMillions ticket in the Black Country.

The EuroMillions UK Millionaire Maker guarantees to create a millionaire in every draw - but in the draw on September 18, a total of 20 millionaires were made. The search is now on to find the owner of the winning ticket, bought in the Walsall area. The winning code on September 18 was ZVKP 53227.

Jury is sworn in as Julia murder trial due to start

Jurors have been sworn in ahead of a trial over the murder of a former market stallholder.

Nathan Maynard-Ellis, 29, of Mission Drive, Tipton, and David Leesley, 24, of Dereton Close, Dudley, both deny killing Julia Rawson. Her remains were discovered in Tipton on June 12 last year - one month after she was last seen alive on May 12. Ms Rawson was a former stallholder at Dudley Market.

Matching masks snapped up

A family idea for a fashionable face mask that can be matched to any outfit has taken off with orders of eight million in a week.

Wolverhampton-based toy firm Wow! Stuff has come up with 'the world's first home printable face mask'.

The Mask Creator app, which comes with the 'snapstyle' masks, allows fashion-conscious people to take a picture of any outfit and print out a mask to perfectly match it in any colour or pattern.

The idea was hatched by Wow! Stuff founders Dr Graeme Taylor and Wolverhampton-born Richard North along with his wife Karen and daughter Josie, who all live in Bridgnorth.

It is now being stocked by Primark and Walmart in the US. Mr North said: "The Printable Mask has gone off like a rocket. We have been able to preserve jobs and donate to the NHS."

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