

The History of Gillingham Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber was believed to have been founded in the early 1970s, it is one of the largest in North Dorset and currently has approximately 100 members. It has become a key player in the redevelopment of the town's commercial and industrial base and supports the British Chamber of Commerce's approach to town centre development.

AGM Meetings

The AGM is held in May and we encourage members to attend to promote ideas and suggestions. We have an annual 'meet the neighbours' BBQ, as well as a Christmas event, alongside our other networking events.

Local and National Government consult Chambers on almost every aspect of town life, which can only be to the advantage of the town. We have also represented the town at a number of meetings and seminars concerned with development and help for businesses in the area. Gillingham Chamber of Commerce meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, hosting alternate evenings of committee and Members meetings.

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Committee Members

Chairman: Lucy Milton-Downes
Vice Chairman: Keith Wareham
Treasurer: Rob Setchell
Secretary: Julie Cousins
Tom Shean
Richard Cumming
Alex Vale

Marketing Team

Fran Hill | Advertising
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Rob Setchell | Events
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Coleen Cahill | Marketing
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Council members
Barry Von-Clemens and Anna Baker.

Promoting your Business and raising your profile.



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How can joining the Gillingham Chamber of Commerce help your new business?

As a new business it is essential to promote yourself as there are hundreds of potential customers out there waiting to give you a call. For less than £3 per month (£35 annual fee) we can offer you:

Membership benefits

FREE professional advice at the following businesses (30 min session)

- ANDREWS AND PALMER (Accountants)
- FREESTONES (Accountants)
- WARD GOODMAN (Accountants)
- MACLACHLANS (Solicitors)
- **FREE** listing in our annual business directory publication.
- **FREE** advertising on our website.

Plus 10% DISCOUNT from the following businesses.

- A&R Tiles
- CCImagine Graphic and Web Design.
- Gillingham & Shaftesbury Guide.

20% DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS at

- Sydenhams

We will also share your business details over our social media channels (twitter and facebook) as well as a free listing in our annual business directory and on our website.

Great Networking Opportunities

Even in this age of technology, as a new business, do not underestimate the power of building relationships face to face through attending networking events. It is not easy to walk into an event but you will soon feel at home and we will do all we can to help you make the right contacts

See our website or facebook page for all networking events past and present.

How to Join?

Membership is open to any business, in Gillingham and surrounding areas, that can contribute to the development of the town and provide a service to other businesses, residents and the community in general.

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Membership Application

You can download an application form from our website or alternatively you can email and we will forward you one.

Website: gillinghamdorsetbusiness.com

Marketing: coleen@ccimagine.com

Membership Costs

£35 per year payable in January annually. Payments can be made by cheque or standing order. Please see application form for details.

If you have any questions please contact Rob Setchell on our marketing team:

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