

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER



AMPTHILL
BUSINESS
CHAMBER

YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

WHO ARE WE?

Ampthill Business Chamber is a driven group of diverse business owners who seek to improve Ampthill and support one another.

We are a committee led team of individuals that hold monthly meetings as well as organising many business and social events.

OUR AIMS

- To ensure existing and new businesses to the town feel welcome and engaged in the business community.
- To make sure there is a sense of mutual support and community.
- To engage in significant events in the town, in order to promote businesses.
- To promote Ampthill as a destination with a strong heritage and a range of possibilities, experiences and activities, resulting in increased footfall.
- To ensure that there are close, mutually beneficial working relationships with both local councils.
- To support and resolve any business related concerns our members have.



THE BENEFITS

- Networking and social events organised by the Chamber are well attended and effective.
- Available funding streams from all local, national and international sources are fully taken advantage of.
- Members are flexibly involved in the activities and have options to engage in events, as well as to help to coordinate them.
- Knowledge and experience of effective business practice is widely shared.
- Meet like-minded business people who can interact to share advice and knowledge.
- Members help to advertise each other's services.
- Members are welcome to attend all meetings, held on the first Thursday of every month, where you can meet committee members. It also gives you the opportunity to raise any issues where you would like support.
- Keep up to date with all that's going on in the town.
- Be featured on our Facebook partner page Ampthill.Biz and on our online directory.

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR?

- We have worked to secure Town Regeneration funding with the town council and where to improve Ampthill.
- We have hosted successful business networking events.
- We have implemented a pyramid call system for shop front businesses.
- We have installed a sign/map of businesses in the town centre.
- We have campaigned to keep businesses open in the town.
- Each year ABC supports a local charity and in one year raised over £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- We have provided group training opportunities to businesses in the town on social media and other business related topics.



NETWORKING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Follow us on Facebook in order to keep up to date with our successful networking events:

 **Ampthill Business Chamber
Networking Events**

These are held on the second Thursday of every other month.

We have suitable guest speakers and tea/coffee and food is always included.

Networking events are open for all local businesses to attend, so please help us to make these events even more successful. After all, the more that attend, the better networking opportunities there are.

Events include:

- Networking and social events held every other month
- Cricket and bowls charity matches
- Cheese and wine tasting evening
- Summer Garden Party
- Members Christmas social

TESTIMONIALS

TC Kitchens joined the Chamber in 2013 when we moved to Ampthill. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow, like minded business owners and access a great support network.

The networking meetings, promotional opportunities and social events have been great for us and we have secured a lot of work through networking within the Chamber and recommendations. We have formed some great business relationships and friendships and would highly recommend the Chamber to anyone who has a small, medium or large business, whether it is based at home or within business premises.

Lindsey, TC Kitchens

I became a member of Ampthill Chamber as a new, independent business in the area, and have always found the members to be very welcoming and helpful. Ampthill Business Chamber run some very informative and helpful business workshops/lectures that I have benefited from and would recommend any other small independent businesses to join to feel part of a bigger team which can give support too.

Kezia, Vacani Ballet



OUR COMMITTEE

The committee is made up of several roles, and all are filled by business owners from Ampthill run businesses.

So whether you are holding a social event, a business promotion or just need a friendly face to talk to, there's someone here to help.

FIND US ONLINE

Please visit our website

www.ampthillbusinesschamber.co.uk

where we have an online directory of all our members, and an interactive map of the town to show where each business is.

There is also a yearly calendar of all noteworthy events happening in our town, advertising Ampthill as a place to visit.

Follow us on Facebook:

 ***Ampthill Business Chamber***

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?

Membership is just £50 for the year and can be completed quickly via email, or pop along to one of our events.

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We look forward to welcoming you to Ampthill Business Chamber!



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