



Gillingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dear Member

Many people ask what are the benefits of supporting the Chamber. We would like to give you an insight into what the committee has achieved, what its aims are, and explain how your membership benefits you, Gillingham town and the surrounding area.

The main aim is to bring the local business community together to help each other succeed in their own business and improve the town as a growing community. Your £40 membership fee goes a long way: -

1. It gives you a listing in a Chamber Business Directory, which will be printed and inserted in the Easter edition of Gillingham & Shaftesbury Guide, also in Gillingham & Shaftesbury News.
2. Your details will be listed on our websites, www.gcci.co.uk & www.gillinghamdorsetbusiness.com
3. The Chamber will also engage your business through Facebook and Twitter giving a further medium for marketing and awareness. If you have something to say let us know and our marketing department will do the rest.
4. The Chamber holds periodic informative meetings relating to local topics of interest. In October we hosted an event bringing together interested businesses and students to discuss apprenticeship opportunities in our area.
5. The Chamber supports various activities and volunteer groups throughout the town. 2017 saw us actively involved in the Gillingham in Gear event on the Meadow, and the Christmas Victorian themed shopping day promotion with music and a Santa's grotto.
6. The Chamber supports Gillingham Business Club, organised by Andrews & Palmer Accountants and Farnfields Solicitors, who host a bi-monthly breakfast networking event at North Dorset Rugby Club.

The Chamber is here to help your business. Many members offer fellow members special rates for their services but more importantly we should all 'Love Gillingham' and support our local business and community.

An article will be featured in local press promoting the chamber showing its members as reliable, trustworthy and upstanding businesses in our community. Alongside a list of members.

Please can you respond to this email and confirm your business details for your listing and to ensure we have the correct contact details (name, telephone number, email and web address). Please also let us know any discounts or free service you are prepared to offer to fellow chamber members.

Also complete the enclosed standing order mandate for the new £40 subscription. If it is possible to use this format for paying it greatly reduces time spent collecting subscriptions.

Lastly, the Chamber will respond to any request, idea or help in any way possible. Communication is an important part of maintaining a healthy business community. We look forward to hearing from you and catching up at meetings and events in the town.

Kind regards,



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