



Sherborne Chamber of Trade & Commerce MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our mission: To promote and enhance Sherborne as a thriving commercial community

What is the Chamber all about?

With more than 150 members, Sherborne Chamber of Trade exists to help increase opportunity for every type of business in town. From retailers, to manufacturers, producers, service providers and auxiliary businesses – we believe our strength is in working together to solve local issues, promote the town and ultimately grow all our businesses.

Why should you join?

We'd rather say – why not? Annual membership fees are very low (and tax deductible!) and we believe businesses working together are stronger than businesses working alone.

Member Benefits

Being a member gives you a voice on ongoing local issues that affect us all, especially in discussions with West Dorset District Council and Sherborne Town Council. The Chamber regularly attends meetings and offers opinion on everything from car parking rates to planning issues and future development.

The Chamber represents members at important events such as the Remembrance Day service and Christmas Tree Festival and supports local initiatives including Sherborne in Bloom. Annual events that benefit everyone, such as the Festive Shopping Day, are organised by a Chamber working group.

Retail and other member businesses in the main town area benefit from access to seasonal hanging baskets/flower tubs and illuminated Christmas Trees – all of which promote the town as a good place to visit and do business in.

Members also gain exposure on the Chamber's mini-site on www.sherbornetown.co.uk and in monthly e-newsletters. We also offer a range of inter-member benefits, including discounts on business services and leisure activities - see below for more information.

Meetings & Working Groups

Regular and informal meetings (you don't have to come to every one!) and smaller working groups are an opportunity to meet other local businesses, solve issues, plan events, network, share information and ideas – or just socialise!

Business networking online & in print

Members often enjoy FREE Marketing & PR opportunities through Chamber activities:

Simply email your news stories for Sherborne Chamber of Trade e-newsletter, for the Chamber page in The Western Gazette and for the Member News section of the Chamber website to cordelia@sherbornechamber.org.uk

Annual membership costs just £50.00+VAT - to apply, simply complete the form attached.
Once you've joined you can enjoy other free benefits including:

Discounted and flexible contracts with Mid West Radio

Promote your business on Somerset & Dorset's No.1 Local Radio Station. It's cheaper than you think to reach 63,000 listeners a week, with the special rates offered to Chamber members.

Discount at Oxley Sports Centre

20% discount for Chamber businesses and their employees. Swimming, a fitness suite and a range of fitness classes all available.

Discount at Orvis, Sherborne

5% discount is offered to Chamber members at the Sherborne branch of Orvis.

Bespoke discounts with Mid West Office Equipment

Order stationery for next day delivery, benefit from bespoke discounts on office furniture and equipment with free delivery and installation.

Hunts Accountants offers a free introductory consultation to discuss your business or personal accounts and taxation.

Insight Management Accounting

offers an initial one hour consultation to advise on targets, performance, improving profits & managing risks.

Free consultation with The HR Department

Whether you employ one or hundreds of staff, The HR Department can advise on all issues relating to employment legislation, recruitment & contracts.

Free consultation with Third Dimension Ltd

For advice on effective website design, bespoke software design, e-business applications, media solutions, intranet and extranet development.

To get the most from your business membership contact the Chamber's Co-ordinator and Development Manager, Cordelia McFarlane, on 07594 805013 or email cordelia@sherbornechamber.org.uk

(Cordelia is available for Chamber business each week on Monday and Tuesday from 9am-1pm. She also visits local businesses on the last Thursday of each month).