

**THE ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

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SHARING BUSINESS IDEAS AND INFORMATION

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THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is for all business and professional people, whether self employed, in a partnership or operating a limited company. Your organisation might be just one person or employing a large workforce and staff.

Our objective is to bring together all the business people not only to share their experiences and to pass on advice and guidance to others but also to provide trading opportunities between members. Within the Association are professionals covering all aspects of business and they can provide specific services to meet the increasing demands and obligations from all the statutory bodies.

Geographically, the Association operates within the Forest but our membership extends from Chepstow to Hereford and from Gloucester to Abergavenny. All business people are welcome to join and share in the benefits which the Association can provide.

MEETINGS

Members meet once a month on the second Monday in each month at the Bells Golf Club and Hotel at Coleford (Tel: 01594 832583). The meeting commence at 7:30 and on each occasion there will be lead speakers for a topic of interest and discussion covering a range of issues of the day.

Members can use the situation to present their own businesses to encourage the cross trading in the locality.

Particular problems experienced by members can also be raised with expertise on hand to advise with solutions.

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

In order to obtain the maximum benefits from all local activities, the Association is represented in all the Local Government and related organisations. This enables the business point of view to be expressed and ensure that any proposals that are detrimental to business are fully understood by these organisations.

Current membership or contacts are with the following agencies:

Gloucester County Council
Forest of Dean District Council
Regeneration Partnership
Regeneration Task Groups
South Western Regional Development Agency
Government of the South West
Herefordshire County Council
The Countryside Agency

Our officers are invited to attend meetings where the local interests are involved and to contribute to the representative views being gathered prior to major decisions such as budgets and rate determination. By being able to pass your views and opinions to the Association through your membership, those views can be made known through these various bodies.

JOINING TOGETHER

By attending the meetings of the Association and participating in the database of businesses through the website and our publication of members, you can benefit from being part of a local network. This network is for your benefit in not only gaining more local sales but in the sharing of ideas and information to make your business more efficient and profitable.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Monthly News Letter

The newsletter is mailed to you each month and is a short digest of business matters and topics of interest. Articles which expand on the synopsis in the newsletter are enclosed to give more in depth reading on subjects which are of particular interest to you. Key points from the Inland Revenue information handouts are given from time to time with comments on how to deal with the issue in your business.

Membership Profile on our website

As a member you can have a free member's profile page on our association website. This includes your logo and/or photograph of yourself, a short description of your business and your contact details.

Sell and Buy

There is a page of 'For Sale' and 'Wanted' advertisements which members can use to obtain bargains or dispose of surplus items.

Advertising

Members can advertise their company and its products. An A4 sheet added to the mail package can be included for a distribution cost of £20..

Hotline

You can telephone the Company Doctor on the Association Hotline to obtain an initial free consultation. This can cover any problem that may arise in your business.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

By being independent of any government agencies and able to speak freely about business peoples concerns, the Association is one of the few organizations that is entirely for the benefit of its members. Our current members have said that the combination of information and services make the annual subscription of just £30 excellent value for money.

Everyone needs help at sometime during the life of a business and this Association is here to help you when help is most needed.

WE HAVE A VOICE; BE PART OF IT

RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS

In running your business you need expertise on a variety of subjects but do not always want to employ that expertise within your business. Sometimes you will also want a 'second opinion' and within the Association there is a whole range of professionals who can help you with the following subjects

Legal Financial

Accountancy Taxation

Business Formation Business structuring

Insolvency management Bankruptcy administration

Obtaining grants VAT administration

Formation of new companies Restructuring existing businesses

Within those subjects are the following, most common requirements:

Property Leases

Equipment leases

Business plans

Partnership agreements

Shareholders agreements

Companies House requirements

Customs and Excise administration

VAT registrations, returns, penalties and tribunals

Financial planning to reduce borrowing costs

Business Tax planning

Tax planning for directors

County court judgements

High court writs and judgements

Redundancy procedures

Employment laws

Dealing with bailiffs

Inland Revenue Assessments and disputes

Cash flow monitoring

Debt collection

Creditor appeasement

JOIN NOW AND HELP YOUR BUSINESS

DIRECT BUSINESS SERVICES

Through the membership direct services can be contracted to deal with the many day to day tasks:

Accounting and business systems implementation
Financial controls through budgeting and cash flow management
Annual accounts preparation
Inland Revenue presentation of accounts
Companies House filing of accounts and annual returns
Business training courses.

INFORMATION DATABASE

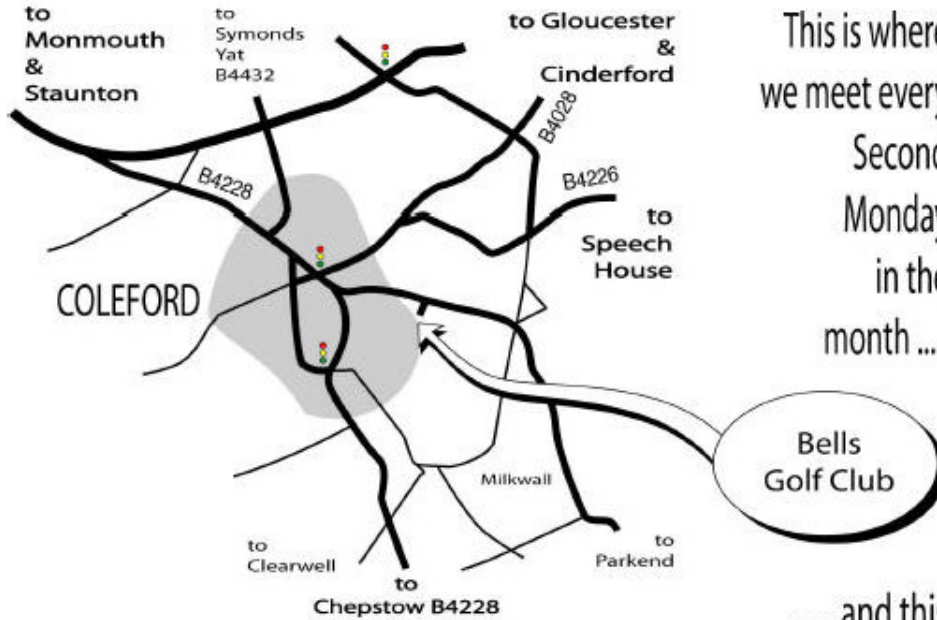
For the benefit of members, the Association office at Ruardean contains a library of data which is received from all the main regulatory bodies. This may be personally accessed or a request for information processed by an professionally experienced member. Information is from the following bodies:

Companies House
Employment service
Equality Commission
Local Authority
Department of Social Security
Customs & Excise
Inland Revenue
Advisory Conciliation & Arbitration Service (ACAS)
Department of Trade and Industry
Office of Fair Trading

FANTASTIC VALUE FOR MONEY

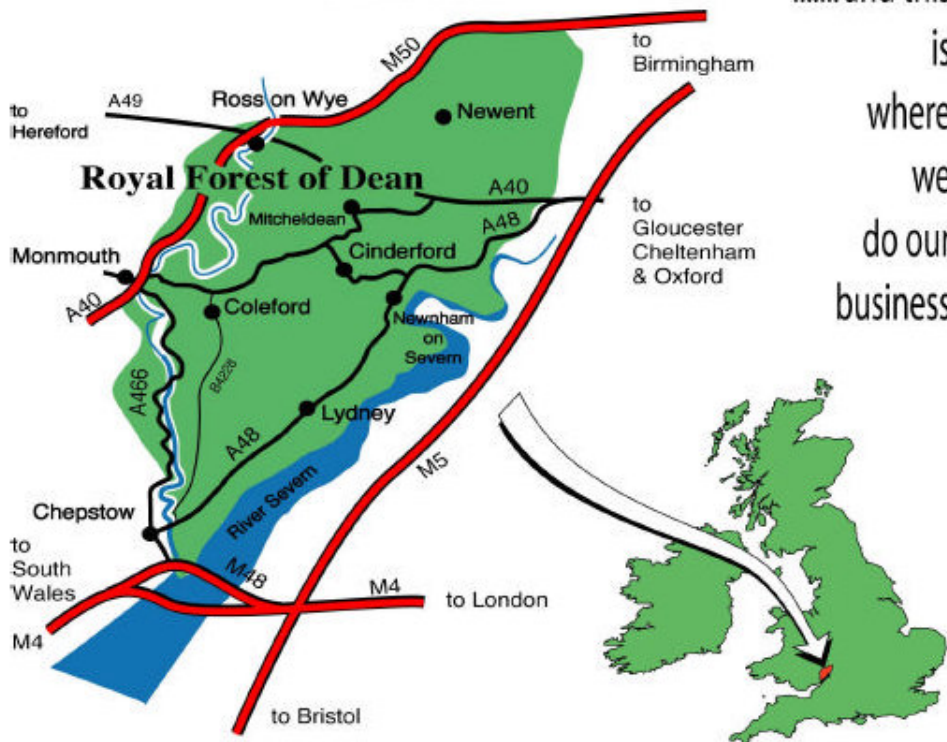
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Maps



This is where we meet every Second Monday in the month

Bells Golf Club



..... and this is where we do our business

