



The Wotton-under-Edge Chamber of Trade and Commerce is a business development and networking group, including retail and commercial businesses, sole traders and public limited companies.

We are committed to developing our rural market town to its true potential. We are positive, self-motivated and work in partnership with other organisations to enhance our community and ensure that Wotton-under-Edge thrives in today's tough economy.

The Chamber also provides support and an opportunity for members to meet and exchange ideas through varied social events. They range from breakfasts in one of our lovely town's coffee shops or restaurants, or an evening meal with a talk by a guest speaker.

During this year we have had meetings and training sessions for the following things:

- GDPR
- digital taxation
- defibrillator training
- wine tasting
- gin tasting
- Facebook and Twitter presentation
- a book launch and signing
- on the final Friday of each month members have the opportunity to get together with other members to talk business and generally socialise.

We have been involved with and supported Christmas Under-the-Edge, the town leaflet (which is to be repeated this year) and the new town postcard with the list of this year's town events. We also help Wotton in Bloom with the hanging baskets that make our town look so wonderful throughout the summer - and also their removal.

Our President attends regular meetings with Gfirst LEP and the Association of Gloucestershire Business Groups. He has input to the Market Towns Association and attends Town Council and planning meetings to represent the views and interest of our local businesses. He is also co-opted onto the town's Regeneration Committee and supports the Town Council car park working group.



We also have regular Committee meetings to review progress and structure future plans to support local businesses. During the last 12 months our President set up a trust and management group to manage the new Symn Lane car park so that if the Town Council had decided not to manage it then a local group would have had the opportunity to look after the car park for the town.

The Chamber also offers help and advice to local businesses and, where appropriate funding is available for investment grants, etc., it will help with the application and give guidance which has proved very successful for some of its members.

We also held a fund raising dinner in aid of Wotton's Royal British Legion who sent representatives to Flanders to commemorate 100 years since the end of hostilities at the end of World War One and lay a wreath in recognition of those locals who lost their lives. The Chamber also lays a wreath every year on Remembrance Sunday to honour the fallen of Wotton.

The Chamber is currently working on a 'shop local' campaign to help traders and businesses in the town make the most of every opportunity to service the needs of the whole community.

**Martin Tucker**  
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