



Hay-on-Wye Chamber of Commerce

Benefits of Membership

An Overview for Prospective Members

All local businesses are welcome to join our Chamber of Commerce. Our Chamber offers a warm welcome to all individuals and invite those who are not already members to consider joining. There is strength in numbers.

At our monthly meetings we discuss current issues affecting Hay as a town and our varied businesses in particular. Contrary to rumour, it is not all about toilets and parking!

Any member can request any topic to be included on the agenda, and receive advice from other members at our sociable meetings in a range of local venues and establishments.

Below are some of the advantages of joining.

- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with local business owners and entrepreneurs, potential clients and suppliers, through regular events and meetings.
- **Business Advocacy:** Make your views heard as a collective voice on local, regional and national issues affecting Hay-on-Wye business and the wider community and help shape business-friendly policies through consultation and lobbying activities led by the Chamber.
- **Marketing and Promotion:** Benefit from member directories, newsletters, event sponsorship, and Chamber-run advertising platforms including social media

profiles and mentions including across Brecon Beacons Tourism and Visit Herefordshire where possible.

- **Access to CPD Resources:** In collaboration with Herefordshire County BID eg Visit Herefordshire, members can access online seminars, workshops, and resources to develop knowledge and skills for growth both for business owners and their staff. As a Chamber member, each business will have their own free login for www.seedl.com
- **Referrals:** Receive direct referrals from Chamber inquiries and fellow members seeking trusted partners.
- **Cost Savings:** Enjoy exclusive discounts on products and services such as insurance, training and business supplies.
- **Community Involvement:** Participate in local development projects, volunteering and sponsorship opportunities to boost civic presence eg the Christmas lights switch-on, Hay Festivals (spring and Winter Weekend), Hay Castle activities.
- **Credibility & Visibility:** as a member of a respected local community, membership can increase public awareness of their business through event participation, online directories and joint initiatives with other members.
- **Fees:** Annual membership fee is £45 per annum with an annual billing date of 1st March 2026
- **Registration:** Join us now via an email to chair@haychamber.co.uk with a quick note from you with a little bit about your local business and the main benefits/return that you are looking for from joining our Chamber.

Feedback from current and recent members includes

“A great community of likeminded business owners”. “A friendly welcoming group”. “Surprisingly useful local connections made that I wouldn’t have come across on my own”. “It can be quite isolating in my shop all day, dealing only with occasional customers so it’s great to meet fellow shop owners to swap notes on what is happening across our sectors”

I have attended many meetings in various towns and villages, wearing all sorts of hats, over the years, and some can be quite dull; this was the exact opposite, and the 1-hour duration is genius”

**HAY & DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FAMILY TREE**

Chair

Tom Owens

Gay on Wye bookshop

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Supported by a core group of varied local businesses

Parish Hall events

Josh Boyd Green

Green Ink bookseller

Membership & Meetings

Kari Trajer Morgan

Westbrook Court Country House, Westbrook Interiors & Visit Herefordshire

Emails, Member Bios, Wye Local Stories, Logo, Local markets

Tasha Tyler

Wobbly Owl

Copywriting and marketing literature

Kitty Corrigan

Tourist Information Centre

IT and website updates inc Hay Fringe website

Nick Pearson from Origin Pizza & Sarah Price - Sarah Price Hiking