

Finance and Funding

Export Marketing Research Scheme

Advice and financial assistance for overseas market research: where and how to invest, potential customers, pricing, etc.

Apply to the British Chambers of Commerce (no need to be a member):

024 76604484

www.britishchambers.org.uk/business/trading-internationally

Oxfordshire International Trade Forum

The Oxfordshire International Trade Forum helps local businesses to help each other to trade globally.

01295 221855

www.otcn.co.uk/internationaltrade/

Managing Cashflow

The careful management of cashflow is critical. Short guides on managing cash flow, developed by Institute of Credit Management and funded by Government, are available at:

www.creditmanagement.org.uk

Business payment support service

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) help with payment options for businesses struggling to pay tax and National Insurance bills because of temporary cash flow difficulties.

HMRC Payment Support Line:
0845 302 1435

Business Debtline

Free, confidential and independent advice on how to deal with business debt.

0800 027 4990

www.bdl.org.uk

Loans

Enterprise Finance Guarantee

Facilitates additional bank lending to viable Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) that lack the security to secure a normal commercial loan. www.bis.gov.uk/policies/enterprise-and-business-support/access-to-finance/enterprise-finance-guarantee

The FSE Group

Helps ambitious companies to grow through direct investment and associated support. Services include advice on funding strategy, introductions to funding sources, fund management and mentoring and investor networks. They manage several loan funds including the:

- **Sustainability Fund** – Providing match funding for businesses operating in ecological sectors
- **South East Seed Fund** – is a £7m equity fund that invests up to £250k in SMEs.
- **Adimpetus** - equity investment in early stage, ambitious, high growth companies that qualify for EIS relief.

The FSE Group
01276 608510

www.thefsegroup.com

Fredericks Oxfordshire

Provides business loans to start-up companies seeking up to £10,000 that have been refused a loan from a bank. Also, loans up to £20,000 to existing companies that cannot get a loan elsewhere.

01865 893383

www.fredericksoxfordshire.org

Your Local Business Contacts



Connected by Cherwell District Council's Economic Development Service
Tel 01295 221855

economic.development@cherwell-dc.gov.uk


Cherwell
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

www.cherwell-m40.co.uk

Training

Oxford and Cherwell Valley College

Further education and vocational development is led by Oxford & Cherwell Valley College, one of the largest FE colleges in the UK. A full range of professional business disciplines, engineering, manufacturing skills, and creative activities are available from the college.

01865 550550

www.ocvc.ac.uk

Recruitment

Job Club

Expert employment help and advice

The Banbury, Bicester & Kidlington Job Clubs help businesses and job seekers. The Clubs offer free promotion of your job vacancies on the website and the opportunity to recruit candidates at special events.

01295 221863

www.cherwell.gov.uk/jobclubs

Specialist Advice

Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS)

MAS is the leading advisor for manufacturing. They provide practical hands-on support focused on improving your bottom line by helping you make efficiencies in the manufacturing processes.

0845 658 9600

experts@mymas.org

www.mymas.org

Business Support

Oxfordshire Business Enterprises (OBE)

Free local help and advice on all aspects of starting and running a business. One-to-one meetings with an experienced business advisor, not only whilst starting up but also during the first few years.

01295 227082

www.oxonbe.co.uk

Oxford Business Mentoring

Free mentoring support by business people to anyone who runs an owner-managed business in Oxfordshire.

www.oxfordbusinessmentors.org/

Business Networks

Banbury and District Chamber of Commerce

www.banburychamber.com

Banbury Business Breakfast Club

[www.banbury-](http://www.banbury-cross.co.uk/breakfastclub/index.htm)

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Bicester and District Chamber of Commerce

www.bicesterbusiness.org.uk

Bicester Business Breakfast Club

www.bicesterbusiness.org.uk

Kidlington Voice

www.kidlingtonvoice.org.uk

Business Link

Offers free help on everything from employing people to helping your business prepare for grant applications.

www.businesslink.gov.uk/south_east.html



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Enables business success and economic prosperity for all:

- Advice & information for businesses
- Details of vacant land and property
- Contacts with businesses and organisations
- Support for people being made redundant & businesses seeking to recruit
- Tourism promotion and development
 - Loans and funding information
 - Business rates information
 - Planning & development
 - Licensing
- Food safety and hygiene advice
- Health and safety at work advice

www.cherwell.gov.uk

01295 227001

economic.development@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Selling to the Council

The Council purchases a wide range of goods and services; obtaining value for money is an essential requirement and one that cannot be achieved without the support of our suppliers, both large and small.

For details of current and planned business opportunities, see:

www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3633

01295 753749

ProcurementEnquiries@cherwell-dc.gov.uk