

MBF

Mold Business Forum

“..a powerful resource for all kinds of businesses in the Mold area.”

The background

Mold Business Forum (MBF) was formed more than 20 years ago by Mold businesses as a local Chamber of Trade. It provided members with an opportunity to meet socially and network with other similar business people having an interest in Mold.

Recently, a small group of Mold businesses agreed to build on the traditional roots and develop membership, to form a truly inclusive forum for all Mold area business people to meet and provide an aspirational offer for Mold as a town, as a place to live and most importantly as a place for businesses to thrive.

The aims and objectives

MBF represents ALL business people; from hi-tech business and professional services, through to national chains, the independent retailer and sole trader. Mold Business Forum therefore provides an opportunity for all business owners, senior managers and other interested people to:

- positively take forward the message that Mold matters and is a jewel in the North Wales crown.
- collectively develop the Mold ambition and key messages.
- access business networking with other business people, professionals and like minded people located in the Mold area.
- act as a representative group to lobby politicians and influence local government for greater business friendly policies and strategies – and especially to the benefit of Mold.
- influence national (and international) companies as to the attractiveness and benefits of investing and locating in Mold.
- support events and initiatives that will enhance the positive profile and economic success of Mold based business.

The approach

To help deliver this ambition, MBF has entered into a strategic partnership with North Wales Chamber of Commerce and negotiated very attractive membership rates, which provide inclusive access to the full range of Chamber of Commerce member benefits.

Mold Business Forum is a properly constituted organisation and meets regularly throughout the year, with breakfast and lunchtime meetings alongside special evening events as the calendar permits. MBF members are also welcomed at all Chamber events and initiatives across North Wales and those taking place in West Cheshire. A great opportunity therefore exists through membership of the MBF, for all Mold business people to exercise influence and access opportunities across the local sub-region.

The next steps

Business success is currently hard and if you believe that Mold matters, want to be heard and influence the economic and social debate then MBF can provide you with this opportunity. You can simultaneously develop your Mold (located in the CH7 postal area) based business through networking and access a wide range of Chamber of Commerce business benefits by belonging to and participating in your Mold Business Forum.

For further information and informal discussion please feel free to contact:

David Hill – Mold Town Centre Manager email: towncentremanager@moldtowncouncil.org.uk	01352 751819
Martin Jones – MD, Vaughan Davies Mold email: martin@vaughandavies.co.uk	01352 752632
Raymond Lloyd-Jones – Business Manager, Careers Wales email: raymond.lloyd-jones@cwne.org.uk	01352 750456
Tracy North – MD, Outwrite Public Relations email: tracy@outwrite.co.uk	01352 706260
Lynda Parry – Business Manager Barclays Bank email: lynda.parry@barclays.com	07766 361293
John M. Reynolds – MD, Reynolds International Email: jmr@reynolds-international.co.uk	01352 755998

To join MBF please complete the attached application form and forward with the appropriate fee to:

Matthew Jensen, North Wales Chamber of Commerce,
Willow House, Park West, Sealand Road, Chester. CH14RW.
Tel: **01244 669988**
email: m.jensen@cepnwchamber.org.uk

Chamber of Commerce Member Benefits

Networking

Business Growth Clubs

The Business Growth Clubs present a golden business opportunity for members to meet and develop business ideas in relaxed surroundings. Over breakfast, we offer you the opportunity to showcase your business and seek further enterprise within your trade. The aim is for as many businesses as possible to attend so we encourage members to bring guests and referrals to enrich the experience.

B2B Breakfasts and Lunches

These informal networking events include a quality meal and an opportunity to hear presentations from fellow members on topical business subjects. They are an excellent way to make new contacts in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

Member Hosted Networking

These events are hosted by member companies. They give members an opportunity to showcase their premises and facilities whilst also promoting networking and business synergy.

Social Events

The Chamber provides a variety of social events ranging from the Annual Dinner to Gala evening events and activity based sporting events such as golf and go-kart racing. These events are an ideal opportunity for members to relax and enjoy themselves with colleagues or clients

Services

Export Certification

The Chamber of Commerce offers an export certification service for European and Arab Certificates of Origin, invoices and customs documents relating to international trade. Trained staff offer help and information that is needed to complete your export documentation successfully. Members receive a 50% discount on the certification of European Certificates of origin.

Training and Development

We offer a wide range of tailored bespoke training and structured pre-bookable courses via our management development programme and our portfolio of IT Courses including morning bite-size workshops. We also provide a complete range of export and import training.

Online Presence

All members are included free in the Chamber e-directory, "The Chamber Network Online". This allows them to have a permanent presence on the internet as a part of the Chamber network of companies. Members are also able to cross trade with one another through the network online trading portal. Opportunities to advertise on the chamber website or to publish press releases are available.

Representation

As the independent "Voice of Local Business", the Chamber represents the views of the private sector at local, regional, national and European levels to influence government policies on issues that impact on business.

Other Benefits

Chamber Fleet Assist

Chamber Fleet Assist is a business service that provides AA's roadside assistance services at greatly reduced rates to Chamber members, with discounts of up to 50% off the standard rates.

Chamber HR

Chamber HR is a dedicated HR advice line supported by a comprehensive bespoke website. Get the advice and documentation you need to implement good HR practice. The Chamber Human Resource solution Includes:

- Unlimited access to 24 hour, seven day Chamber advice line for additional support.
- A compliant contract of employment
- A compliant employee handbook including a grievance and disciplinary procedure
- A compliant Health and safety policy
- Access to over 150 downloadable policies, forms, documents, letters, templates and fact sheets.

Chamber Legal

Included in you chamber membership, up to £670 000 in legal expenses cover. Covering all major legal expenses.

Chamber Healthcare

Chamber Healthcare presents you with a great healthcare plan to offer as an employment benefit in your company. The Chamber Primary Health Plan gives your employees money, up to set limits, towards the cost of their eyesight tests, new prescription glasses or contact lenses, dental treatment, physiotherapy and much more.

Chamber Cost Management

The Chamber's cost management partners Auditel will be happy to visit any company, regardless of size to help release the hidden profits concealed within the balance sheets. There is no upfront charge for this service but they will charge a fee of 20% of any quantifiable saving.

Private Medical Insurance

Chamber Business Choice Healthcare is one of the UK's leading providers of corporate healthcare plans and is particularly well placed to help organisations and companies to maintain a motivated and healthy workforce. The service has been designed specifically for small businesses to include extra services such as a personal business assistance and a telephone employee assistance programme.

What's more if you decide to continue your cover AXA will pay as much as 50% of your Chamber membership fees for the next 3 years!