

PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

WELCOME PACK

The Chamber of Trade provides new members and potential new members with a welcome pack of information about the Chamber's activities.

Please find enclosed herewith a synopsis of the Chamber's activities, a copy of the Chamber's Constitution, some contact information, which we hope you will find interesting and useful. Also enclosed is an application form we would be grateful if you could fill in and return to the address shown, so that we can correctly register your details in our records. This information will not be divulged to any other individual or organisation without your permission.

The Chamber has monthly meetings on the first Monday in each month except January and August. We do hope you will attend these meetings, which are very informal, and usually involve some interesting discussion about issues to do with living and working in Presteigne.

Once you are a member you should receive each month either by hand or in the post or by email a copy of the previous meeting's Minutes along with an Agenda for the next meeting. If you do not receive these please contact the secretary using the contact details enclosed.

You can also keep up to date with Chamber of Trade activities by visiting the Chamber of Trade page on the Presteigne and Norton Town website at Presteigne.org.uk. There you will find the most recent approved minutes of the meetings, the contact details for the Chamber's officers, and some general information about the Chamber's activities.

Please feel free to contact any of the Chamber's officers in connection with any matter to do with the Chamber's activities, or any matter that you feel is important and we will do our best to include it for discussion at the next meeting.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Chamber of Trade of welcoming you to Presteigne, and wishing you every success with your new venture in the Town. We thank you for your interest in the Chamber of Trade and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Rosamund Black, Chair.

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SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Chamber runs fund raising activities each year with the dual purpose of raising funds for the Chamber's activities whilst at the same time providing community events for the general benefit of the Town. Such events are the Fun day run on the first Sunday in May each year, a Bingo Evening, and a British Legion music gig. The Chamber also supports events organised by others in the Town, with donations, for example the Firework Display organised by the Football Club, and with practical support, for example in connection with the Vintage Sports Car Club Welsh Trial weekend.

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The Chamber arranges a "works" visit each year to a local business. In recent years we have been to The Powys Observatory, and French's foundry. The Chamber arranges talks on subjects of interest. Our most recent visit was to the Bamford's who are weavers and repairer's of bespoke hand made rugs and carpets.

The Chamber finances and installs the Christmas lights each year, an increasingly onerous task, requiring the Chamber to comply with a very strict code of practice, in respect of structural, electrical and traffic management issues.

The Chamber runs the "Presteigne Llanandras Christmas Fair" each year. This is a loss-making event run for the benefit of the Town. In recent years it has been run on a Friday evenings with all the shops staying open to promote their businesses. It is seen as jolly party in the High Street intended to encourage a welcoming atmosphere in the High Street that will engender loyalty in potential shoppers throughout the year.

The Chamber involves itself in and represents the views of members with respect to issues that are felt important. Recent issues have been car parking charges, town signage, refuse disposal, traffic movement issues. The Chamber provides a forum where issues of concern to members can be discussed.

The Chamber is a recognised body that is able to communicate officially with the Presteigne and Norton Town Council, Powys County Council, and other Local and National Government bodies in connection with issues of concern to members.

The Chamber has for many years been responsible for producing promotional literature and leaflets for the Town. It was the instigator and founding member of the Presteigne Tourism Project, which produces a Town Tourism Leaflet and a Town Trail each year and is responsible for the creation and running of the Presteigne and Norton Website. This facility has been set up to promote Presteigne and Norton and the surrounding areas from a Tourist point of view. This website is also seen as an increasingly useful source of information for local people.

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CONTACT DETAILS

CHAIR – deals with all matters to do with meetings, and events

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SECRETARY – deals with minutes, agendas, and ongoing membership

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TREASURER – deals with finances, and new membership

David Critchley, Presteigne Home Stores, London House, Broad Street, Presteigne
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MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Your name

Your address.....

Your home telephone number.....

Your business name.....

Your business address.....

Your business telephone number.....

Your email address.....

Your website address.....

MEMBERSHIP FEE

due 1st March each year (or part thereof) £20

Fee enclosed already paid (please circle as appropriate)

Please return form to Treasurer:

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PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

CONSTITUTION

(FOUNDED MARCH 1989) (REVISED APRIL 2006)

- 1) **NAME:** PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
- 2) **AIM:** To promote and safeguard the trading and commercial interests of Presteigne and to encourage new trade for the benefit of the area.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** Shall be open to persons engaged in trade, commerce and industry and any other persons interested in contributing to Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry.
- 4) **OFFICERS:** To be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5) **SUBSCRIPTIONS:** To be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting. To be payable by 1st May each year. The Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry reserves the right to remove members who have not paid their subscription fees from the register.
- 6) **NEW MEMBERS:** New members do not need to be elected. Anyone interested in joining may attend meetings and will become members on payment of subscription fees.
- 7) **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:** Shall be held on the first Monday in April each year.
- 8) **CHEQUES:** To be signed by two of the three officers, i.e. Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.
- 9) **CONSTITUTION:** Any changes or amendments shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 10) **HONORARIUM FOR SECRETARY:** Shall be reviewed annually and agreed by members.