



Egham Chamber of Commerce
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Business Pack Index

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At a Glance

Membership of Egham Chamber of Commerce is your passport to your local business network.

■ Why join?

The Egham Chamber has a direct link to Runnymede Borough Council, a voice that is heard. Even the most successful company is subject to influences over which it has no control. Egham Chamber membership gives you a voice, the chance to be heard and an opportunity to influence.

■ What are the benefits?

- Excellent networking opportunities
- An opportunity to make business contacts
- A direct link to your local council
- A voice in local and national government for your business
- A relaxed forum to promote your business
- Help and advice on business matters
- Up to date local information and an opportunity to shape business in the area
- A strong link to the Runnymede Business Partnership

■ What is Egham Chamber?

The Egham Chamber of Commerce is an independent organisation, which seeks to represent the interests of all businesses and to promote trade and commerce in and around the Egham area.

■ Who can join?

Egham Chamber membership is open to all businesses, of any size, from sole traders to large corporate businesses who either are situated in or trade in the Egham area. Our membership comprises of businesses in a variety of sectors of the economy, both small and large.

■ How does it work?

The Egham Chamber has an Executive Committee who work hard, on a voluntary basis, to lobby for it's members interests on local and national issues.

The Committee keeps members up to date with developments in the area, issues that are raised at meetings, social and networking events, Council initiatives and change of policy.

■ Why do we succeed?

The Egham Chamber is run by business, for business. It is an independent organisation, funded through member subscriptions, and is keenly attuned to members' needs. Our local knowledge and contacts cannot be rivaled.

Contacts made through the Egham Chamber of Commerce lead to great business opportunities

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Membership Benefits

As a Member of the Egham Chamber of Commerce you will receive a range of benefits to support, develop and improve your business.

■ Meet & Network to Fellow Business People

Chamber Members value the opportunity to meet, exchange views, both business and personal, and to network with other local business people, particularly from outside their own sector.

The Egham Chamber offers access to local business people, varying from sole traders to the area's largest businesses.

Contacts made within the Chertsey Chamber lead to business development opportunities.

■ Chamber Meetings

The Egham Chamber Committee meets monthly, except for August and December, usually on the last Wednesday of each month, in the meeting room of Wilkins Kennedy Offices, Egham.

The Chairman encourages members to bring items to the agenda, prior to any meeting, of concern to local business.

The agenda of any meeting is always full with issues concerning local business and the local area.

For the current meeting dates please visit the website: www.eghamchamber.org.uk

■ Business Benefits

Some of our members offer business benefits to their fellow members; these benefits are detailed in this pack.

■ Social Events

Please visit the website forthcoming events.

■ Monthly Network Lunches

The Chamber monthly lunches are open to all members of the three Chambers in Runnymede and are usually held on the last Friday of each month rotating the lunches between the three towns of Chertsey, Egham and Addlestone.

The dates and venues can be found on our website at www.eghamchamber.org.uk

■ Get Your Voice Heard

The Egham Chamber is the independent voice of local business. Our lobbying influences the agendas of our local authority, keeping the interests of local businesses uppermost in the minds of decision makers.

Members gain the chance to be heard and the opportunity to influence decisions and development of their local area.

■ Protect your business

Members use the Egham Chamber to reinforce their own efforts to counter business threats: from European legislation to local parking and planning issues, when you have a problem, you need the voice of business behind you.

■ Runnymede Business Partnership

The RBP run various breakfast forums, seminars and social events throughout the year.

For further information or to book places on these events please contact Joanna Swatridge on 01932 425272 or email: joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk



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Services for Members

As a Member of the Egham Chamber of Commerce you have the opportunity to the following services.

■ Events

We currently have a calendar of events both social and business for you to have the opportunity to meet and to do business with fellow like minded people in the Runnymede Area.

The Egham Chamber is working to improve and increase these opportunities for it's members.

Currently available are:

- Monthly network lunches
- Invitation to Runnymede Business Partnership breakfast forums
- Social events

Please see our website for current details.

■ Business Information

Answers to your business queries, using the Egham Chamber resources, knowledge and contacts.

■ Promotion & Sponsorship

The opportunity to advertise your business alongside the Egham Chamber on local events, publications and member offers via sponsorship. This gives you the publicity amongst fellow member companies and to the wider area of Runnymede business sector.

■ Export Documentation & Credit Checks

Although this is not currently available the Committee is working on providing this service to members, updates on progress will be available on our website when appropriate.



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■ **Runnymede Business Partnership**

In partnership with Runnymede Borough Council the Egham Chamber is one of the foundation members of the Runnymede Business Partnership, along with both Addlestone and Chertsey Chambers, with the main objective being to encourage economic activity in the Runnymede area.

As a member of the Egham Chamber you will be included in the Runnymede Business Directory, which is published annually and made available to every business and organisation in the Runnymede area as well as being available on line.

The Runnymede Loyalty Card

The Loyalty Card scheme was set up by the Runnymede Business Partnership to encourage shoppers to support their local retailers, restaurants and other businesses. Durable plastic cards are provided free of charge to everybody that asks for one. They are not just for Runnymede residents but for anyone who wants to shop in the area. The Runnymede Business Partnership is made up of representatives from local businesses, the Chambers of Commerce, the Borough Council and other organisations. The loyalty card is one of a number of initiatives to support businesses in Runnymede.

For more information please contact the Joanna Swatridge, on 01932 425272 or email: joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk

Or you can visit the Runnymede Borough Council website at www.runnymede.gov.uk and click on 'business' from the menu at the top of the page.

■ **Fellow Member Business Benefits**

Please see attached schedule detailing member companies who are offering benefits to fellow members.



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Contact & Information

**As a Member of the Egham Chamber of Commerce
you not only affiliate with other Runnymede Chambers
but also create a growing alliance of membership businesses.**

Egham Chamber of Commerce Contact Information

Administrator: Anna Barry
Address: c/o Strode's College, Egham, TW20 9DR
Phone: 01784 460108
Email: admin@eghamchamber.org.uk
Website: www.eghamchamber.org.uk

Committee & Representatives to Outside Organisations

Please visit our website for information on the Egham Chamber Executive Committee Members and our representatives on other organisations.

Current Egham Chamber Membership List

Please visit our website for our current membership information.

The Chamber Constitution is available on our website

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Application for Membership

It could not be simpler to start benefiting from everything that the Egham Chamber of Commerce has to offer you and your business.

■ What is the Cost

The membership subscription level is based on the number of employees in your organisation.

Membership Fees

New Businesses: £20

Businesses trading for under 2 years: £20

Sole Traders: £25

2-9 employees: £50

10-24 employees: £60

24 or more employees: £100

Your annual subscription renewal fee payment becomes due on 1st April of each year.

You are welcome to call our Administrator, Anna Barry, to discuss your business or any questions you may have, as well as, how we can help you become a member of Egham Chamber.

If it would help you budget for your membership subscription we can arrange Direct Debit payment, spread over 12 months or in one annual payment. Or if you would prefer you can pay your fee by bank transfer.

■ What You Do Now

Call Anna Barry for more information or to arrange a meeting to discuss any aspects of joining your Egham Chamber.

Email or write to us and we will contact you to help you through the process of joining our membership.

Or fill in our application form, either from this pack or from our website and send this in to us with your cheque for the correct fee.

■ What Happens Next?

Once your application for membership has been received it will be authorised by the Committee, you will then be contacted by letter, welcomed to our membership and given all the current information available.

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Application to Membership FORM

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Full Company Name:

Trading Name:

Nature of Business:	Number Employees:
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Address:	Post Code:
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Telephone Number:	Fax No:
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Email Address:

Web Site Address:

Nominated Representative's Name:

I/We hereby apply for membership of the Egham Chamber of Commerce and, if accepted, agree to abide by the rules and constitution of the Chamber.

I/We agree to pay on demand an annual subscription as agreed by the Chamber (currently £20 for start up businesses or those businesses who have been trading for under 2 years, £25.00 sole traders, £50 for small companies (employee head count 2-9), £60 for small companies (employee count 10-24) and £100.00 large companies (employee head count over 24). A cheque for this amount should accompany the application made payable to 'Egham Chamber of Commerce'. Cheques will not be cashed until approval is notified.

Applications are received subject to Chamber approval. The Chamber accepts applications on the basis that the Executive Committee does not give reasons for refusal of membership.

Members will automatically appear within the Chamber Directory and on the website. Please ensure the above business description is correct, as it will appear in that form in the next directory and on the website.

Signed:	Date:
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Name in block letters:

The following have agreed to act as proposer and seconder of my/our membership.
(The Committee will fill this in the following section unless you already have a proposer).

Please print name and sign.

Proposer:	Company Name:
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Seconder:	Company Name:
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For Office Use Only:	
Date of meeting membership was proposed	
Accepted	Chairman
Date member informed	



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Current Chamber Projects

The following are some of the Chamber projects that have either been achieved, or are work in progress or are to be done in the near future.

■ Projects Achieved

In 2002 Egham Chamber got involved in the **Runnymede Chamber Network Lunches**, these are going from strength to strength and are a valued way to network your business to other business people in the area.

The Committee has produced this **business pack** to encourage new members to our organisation as well as to aid our current members.

The Chamber successfully erects the **Christmas lights** in Egham town centre each year, but raising the funds needed for this each year is getting harder to do, any support or help with this would be gratefully received.

The Chamber, with the help of the Runnymede Business Partnership, produce the Egham **Town Centre Guide** on a bi annual basis, which is widely distributed in the area, for example, to many local businesses, Royal Holloway and Strodes Colleges, the library, etc.

To sponsor two business prizes at **Strodes College Prize Giving** Evening each year.

■ Work in Progress

The Chamber Committee are working hard to increase the membership of the Chamber, which will ensure that the Chamber continues to be seen as a valid business organisation in Runnymede. We would welcome help with this initiative and would welcome new Committee members.

The Chamber work closely with Runnymede Borough Councils planning department to ensure that the retail core of the town centre is retained and no planning application is passed that will reduce commerce growth in the area.

The Committee helped with the completion of the Local Development Framework and made a presentation to RBC to ensure that it's views were represented. The new LDF can be viewed on RBC website: www.runnymede.gov.uk

The Chamber is encouraging it's members to work to improve the image of the working and social environment in the area; ideas are being forwarded and reviewed for action. The main objective is to ensure the image of Egham is one of a place to do business in.

The Committee are working with a market company with the hope of introducing occasional farmers market and specialist markets to visit our town on a regular basis to encourage people into the town, to provide them with a greater variety of retail outlets and so ensure the economic growth of the town.

■ Future Projects

To increase it's provision of services for businesses.

To continue to support and help with the organisation of the Magna Carta Day, which is growing in size year on year and is seen as a vital annual event for the town.

To continue to work with all local business, Council, Police and community organisations to ensure the continued growth and prosperity of the area in every aspect.

