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& DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Our latest newsletter shares details of:

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- Networking Event - Maidenhead Rowing Club
- Biennial Inspection at Claire's Court
- River Arts Club - Retreat
- Helping to connect local communities with Thames Hospice
- Prize giving at Windsor Boys School
- Meeting with Sorbon Estates to discuss helping local hospitality businesses
- Meeting with Lord Karan Bilimoria - Founder of Cobra Beer

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- Thames Hospice News & Sunflower Walk Event

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- Norden Farm Forever Gala
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EVENTS FROM LAST MONTH



**Networking Event - Maidenhead Rowing Club - Cllr Karen Davies, Lead member for Climate and Biodiversity and Heather Mynott, Climate Partnership Coordinator
John Steers - Chairman of Maidenhead Rowing Club**





River Arts Club - First Retreat



Helping to connect local communities with Thames Hospice



Prize giving at Windsor boys School with Windsor MP Jack Rankin and Mayor Mandy Brar



Meeting with Sorbon Estates to discuss helping local hospitality businesses



Meeting Lord Karan Bilimoria Founder of Cobra Beer



Member News



Thames Hospice

Thames hospice

**Katharine Horler OBE
announced as new Chair**



[Katharine Horler OBE appointed Chair of Trustees | Thames Hospice](#)

New Trustees appointed to Thames Hospice Board



Andy Burgess



Dr Lalitha Iyer



James Breckenridge



Dr Adrian Hayter



[New Trustees appointed to Thames Hospice Board | Thames Hospice](#)

Thames Hospice Sunflower Walk



Location: Thames Hospice, Windsor Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2DN

What: Sunflower Walk - 2.5k, 10k or half marathon

Thames Hospice Invites Community to Walk with Purpose at Annual Sunflower Walk this September

With summer now in full swing and National Sunflower Day approaching on August 2nd, **Thames Hospice is delighted to announce its annual Sunflower Walk, taking place on 14 September 2025.** This much-loved event offers the community an opportunity to celebrate life, remember loved ones, and support vital local hospice care.

Sunflowers, with their unwavering gaze towards the sun, beautifully represent hope, resilience, and the positive spirit that underpins hospice care. The Sunflower Walk encourages individuals, families, and groups to draw inspiration from these powerful flowers by taking part in the fundraiser, whether it's a gentle stroll in nature or a more ambitious trek.



"The Sunflower Walk is more than just a fundraiser; it's a chance for our community to come together, reflect, and share in the powerful message of hope that sunflowers embody," said **Emma Andrews, Events Fundraiser.** *"Every step taken and every penny raised at the Sunflower Walk ensures we can continue to provide compassionate care and support to families like Ollie's."*

In 2023, Thames Hospice cared for Ollie's dad, David. Ollie shares his experience: "My dad was everything to us and without the support of Thames Hospice we wouldn't be where we are today. There are no words big enough to describe what Thames Hospice gave us."

Ollie and his family (image included) are taking part for the second time and encourage others to sign up. *"Honestly, if you're thinking about signing up for the Sunflower Walk, just do it, it's such a great atmosphere! You'll feel amazing knowing you've helped keep the Hospice running, and that's what truly matters."*

Participants are encouraged to register online and set their own goals.

Join Thames Hospice this September for a walk with purpose. To register or find out more visit <https://www.thameshospice.org.uk/sunflower-walk>

Berkshire Business Survey - Don't miss your chance to have your say

Deadline Extended to 16th August 2025



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The new government's **Get Britain Working white paper** sets out a different approach to the employment support system, based on the unique needs of local communities. This work also links to the central mission of driving economic growth, by ensuring that there is a pipeline of skilled workers to fuel business success, and also supports the long-term government ambition of an 80% employment rate.

As a result the Berkshire councils are working together to understand the priorities and concerns of businesses, as well as to introduce the opportunities around Connect to Work and get your feedback.

With this in mind, we are asking:

1. For your **views**
2. If your business could be an **employer champion** and **support people** facing barriers into work?

[Complete the Business Survey now \(will take approx. 10mins\)](#)

Connect to Work is one of the government programmes in England and Wales underpinning this ambition. It is designed to **help disabled people**, those with **health conditions** and **people with complex barriers** to employment, to find sustainable work.

We will be working closely with the DWP, health services and local businesses to identify **suitable employment opportunities for candidates**. We hope that by working closely with employers we can not only create meaningful work opportunities but that we can help businesses across Berkshire address their staff shortages.

Did you know that by providing a flexible and inclusive workplace you can:

- **Reduce recruitment** and **increase staff retention**
- **Boost staff morale** and **employee engagement**
- Tap into **alternative markets** (e.g. the purple pound) and **deliver** against your corporate social responsibilities



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Waterside Quarter: Maidenhead's Destination for Dining, Fitness & Corporate Socials

Looking for somewhere local to grab a great lunch, impress clients, or plan your next team get-together? Look no further than Waterside Quarter, Maidenhead's vibrant riverside destination.

Conveniently located in the heart of town, Waterside Quarter is home to an exciting mix of restaurants, cafés, and bars, perfect for everything from a quick bite during the working day to evening drinks with colleagues – or even hosting a full-blown corporate function. Several venues also offer catering services, ideal for meetings or team events.

sessions, it's the perfect way to fit fitness into your routine.

Whether you're planning lunch with clients or a night out with your team, Waterside Quarter has you covered. Discover all the amazing venues here: <https://waterside-quarter.co.uk/>

Councillor Geoff Hill on the completion of the new Holyport Roundabout



"The roundabout was built with £1.3m of Government funding that was ring fenced to that project only. The key reasons it was built was to increase the capacity of the existing roundabout due to all the development taking place in Maidenhead and on the A308 end for safety reasons. Over the last ten years, there have been twelve accidents with fourteen injuries on the roundabout. Some of them involving cyclists. The new roundabout is a higher capacity than the old roundabout. With clearer sidelines, better deflections entering the roundabout for safety to slow motorists, down and very importantly, there are cycle lanes all round the roundabout to take cyclists off the roundabout and to also clear areas for pedestrian access to cross the roundabout. I hope you enjoy using the new roundabout and please take care and drive safe out there".

Norden Farm Forever Gala

Norden Farm Centre for the Arts invites you to save the date for an amazing variety show and gala dinner to celebrate our 25th anniversary and benefit future generations by supporting the Norden Farm Forever Fund.

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

Courtyard Theatre, Norden Farm, Altwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 4PF

For more information - T: 01628 682555 E: admin@nordenfarm.org

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Norden Farm **25TH**
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Swim Networking - Gardner Leader & UK Business Advisors

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Second Wednesday in Maidenhead

Join Gardner Leader and UK Business Advisors at their monthly SWIM event, where you can foster meaningful connections and showcase your business in a laid-back and friendly networking environment.

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Venue: Norden Farm, Altwood Rd, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4PF

We are happy to include the news, offers and events of our Chamber members in our regular newsletters. If you would like to include something in the next or a future newsletter then please email a summary of the details, with a photo to marketing@maidenheadchamber.com

Your Chamber is always here to support you. If you would like to talk through your business issues with somebody who will understand and provide good advice, either write to president@maidenheadchamber.com or telephone 01628 670573 and our President, Julian Dale, or one of the other directors or executive team will phone you to see how we can help.



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