



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Quick guide to:

# Business support



## We offer a wide range of services and information to support businesses including:

- starting a business
- sources of funding
- commercial property
- networking with other businesses
- procurement opportunities
- licensing
- planning
- food safety and environmental health
- tourism promotion and development
- trade waste and recycling
- pest control
- grounds maintenance and cleansing

**For more information SEE INSIDE or contact us:**

 01993 861000

 [www.westoxon.gov.uk/business](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/business)

# Business advice

There are a range of organisations delivering business support in Oxfordshire:

## Oxfordshire Business Enterprises

Free advice on all aspects of starting and running a business including unlimited one to one meetings with an experienced business adviser.

info@oxonbe.co.uk

www.oxonbe.co.uk

01865 703075  @oxonbe

## OxLEP Business

Growth Hub for Oxfordshire. Runs a series of business support events and Elevate grant scheme for small businesses.

enquiries@oxfordshirebusinesssupport.co.uk

www.oxfordshirelep.com/business

03452 411196  @OxLEPBusiness

## Jennings Business Mentors

Free mentoring to owner-managed businesses in Oxfordshire provided by those who run their own businesses.

hello@jenningsbusinessmentors.org

www.jenningsbusinessmentors.org

 @jenningsmentor

## Enterprise Nation

Flourishing small business community creating an inspirational environment for business owners and entrepreneurs.

hello@enterprisenation.com


www.enterprisenation.com

 @e\_nation

## Funding Circle

Peer-to-peer lending service allowing investors to lend money directly to businesses. Loans of £5k - £500k are available. Check your eligibility and apply online within 10 minutes.

www.fundingcircle.com/uk

 @FundingCircleUK

## Federation of Small Business (FSB)

A non-profit making and non-party political membership organisation offering a wide range of vital business services and a powerful voice in government. The FSB's mission is to help smaller businesses achieve their ambitions.

www.fsb.org.uk

 @FSB\_Policy

## Oxfordshire Soup

Crowdfunding initiative where the local business community comes together to support and fund new businesses.

www.oxfordshiresoup.org

 @OxfordshireSoup

## Innovate UK

Offers support and funding to help businesses develop new technologies, bringing them closer to market.

support@innovateuk.ukri.org

www.innovateuk.org

03003 214357  @innovate\_uk

## Startup Loans

Government backed scheme that lends money to people starting a new business or those trading for up to 24 months.

hello@startuploans.co.uk

www.startuploans.co.uk

 @StartUpLoansUK

## MarketInvoice

Flexible funding platform that allows growing firms to release funds from outstanding invoices without a contract.

info@marketinvoice.com

www.marketinvoice.com/wodc

020 3784 4450  @MarketInvoice

## Business is GREAT

Government sponsored campaign offering support, advice and inspiration for growing businesses, including a comprehensive support website and helpline.

www.greatbusiness.gov.uk

0300 4563565  @businessisgreat

## Shell LiveWIRE

UK's biggest online community for young entrepreneurs aged 16-30 working to meet the energy and resource needs of a fast-growing population. Offers free online business advice and funding.

enquiries@shell-livewire.org

www.shell-livewire.org

 @shelllivewireuk

## Prince's Trust

Helps young people (aged 18 to 30) who have a business idea with planning, training, funding and mentoring to give them the best chance of success possible.

[www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)  
0800 842842  @princestrust

## Abingdon & Witney College

Offers a variety of courses for businesses including degree programmes, accredited professional courses, vocational training, part-time courses and a wide ranging apprenticeship programme.

[employer.training@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:employer.training@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)  
[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk)  
01235 216216  @AbWitCollege

## Oxfordshire Apprenticeships

Find out how apprentices could benefit your business, get help on taking on your first apprentice and get advice on expanding your existing apprenticeship programme.

[info@oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk)  
[www.oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk)  
01865 323477  @OxonApprentice

## WRAP

Helps businesses save money by cutting waste and recycling more. Support includes sector specific advice, events and a series of tools to help you identify and implement savings.

[info@wrap.org.uk](mailto:info@wrap.org.uk)  
[www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)  @WRAP\_UK

## Low Carbon Hub

LCH is a social enterprise that helps businesses to save costs and to generate clean energy for Oxfordshire.

[info@lowcarbonhub.org](mailto:info@lowcarbonhub.org)  
[www.lowcarbonhub.org](http://www.lowcarbonhub.org)  
01865 246099  @LowCarbonHub

## WOBA

Flying the flag for business and entrepreneurship in West Oxfordshire. The WOBAs give local businesses a platform to promote their success both locally and further afield.

[info@woba.org.uk](mailto:info@woba.org.uk)  
[www.woba.org.uk](http://www.woba.org.uk)  @wobateam

## Networking

Some of the best support is likely to come from your fellow business people, whether it is as a new customer, a referral or exchanging tips from shared experience.

[www.westoxon.gov.uk/networking](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/networking)

## Pest control

We provide competitive rates for dealing with most pests:

- Wasps
- Mice
- Flies
- Bed bugs
- Ants
- Rats
- Fleas
- Cockroaches
- Moths

We will visit your business, investigate and treat the problem (sometimes more than one visit is necessary). Annual contracts available.

All treatments are carried out as humanely as possible and we only use approved products.

Call for a competitive quote!



## From grass cutting to graffiti removal we provide competitive quotes. No job too small...

Work is done to the latest health and safety standards.

All waste is recycled wherever possible.

### Cleaning and clearing work includes:

- events waste and recycling collections
- graffiti removal
- building cleaning
- steam cleaning
- fly-tip removal
- site and car park sweeping
- corporate event cleaning
- litter picking

### Garden and landscaping work includes:

- regular contracted grass cutting
- garden maintenance
- sports pitch maintenance and/or marking - including cricket wickets, mini soccer, football and rugby pitches
- hard and soft landscaping
- applying herbicides and pesticides
- hedge, tree and shrub maintenance
- strimming

## Don't 'waste' your money!



We offer businesses competitively priced, waste and recycling collections, including:

- Commercial recycling (paper, cardboard, tins, cans, glass, plastic bottles/containers).
- Food waste recycling.
- Commercial waste removal.

Various bin sizes and collection frequencies are available to suit your needs.

Alternatively, we offer pre-paid sacks/stickers for your collections.\*

There is no additional cost for bin rental, administration, collection, disposal and duty of care. All necessary legal documentation is provided.

Contact us for more information including costs for 2019/20.

\* Excludes glass and food.

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# GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME



Get the **fastest and most reliable speeds for your business** with help from the gigabit broadband voucher scheme.

- Businesses can claim up to **£2,500** against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project.
- Residents (with businesses) can benefit from the scheme as part of a group project and can claim for a voucher of **£500** each.

One gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits - so it's a big leap forward in connection speeds that could benefit you and your business into the future.

## How do you apply?

The scheme is only accessible through broadband service providers, so if you are interested in receiving a voucher:

1. Check whether you are eligible for a voucher on the website.
2. Find a local supplier through the postcode checker on the website.
3. You can also ask whether your existing supplier can supply full fibre to your premises.

Need help understanding the scheme?  
Contact: [broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

For full details about whether you are eligible for a voucher and to connect you to a full fibre broadband supplier, go to:

[gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk](http://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk)

 [#GigabitVoucher](https://twitter.com/GigabitVoucher)

Please note: Vouchers are issued to the supplier only to offset the cost of installation to your premises.