

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Business Link East

The main government funded business support service offering advice and guidance for a wide range of business issues.

☎ 08457 171615

🌐 www.businesslink.gov.uk/east

East of England Development Agency

EEDA's new 'Business Map' helps businesses navigate the network of business support services available in the region.

🌐 www.bizmapeast.co.uk

East of England International

International business support for companies seeking to grow their businesses by exporting services or products.

☎ 01223 450450

🌐 www.eei-online.com

Enterprising Women

Provides a broad range of services specifically aimed at women looking to start-up or grow a business.

☎ 0800 012 1365

🌐 www.enterprising-women.org

Manufacturing Advisory Service East

Delivers measurable performance improvements to manufacturing businesses.

☎ 0845 300 4443

🌐 www.mas-east.org.uk

Norfolk & Waveney Enterprise Services

Advisory services, business start-up programmes, training and development courses for self-employed individuals, employees and existing businesses.

☎ 0845 6099991

🌐 www.nwes.org.uk

UK Trade & Investment

Helps UK-based businesses to break into international markets and understand overseas regulations and practices.

☎ 020 7215 8000

🌐 www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

INCREASING PROFITS

Business Envestors

Helps organisations to increase profits by reducing their environmental impacts.

☎ 01733 897780

🌐 www.businessenvestors.co.uk

Carbon Trust

Helps to develop commercial low carbon technologies by providing strategic and business development advice e.g. finance and energy-related market research.

☎ 0800 085 2005

🌐 www.carbontrust.co.uk

Eastex – materials exchange

An online surplus and redundant stock and materials matching service for businesses and other organisations.

☎ 01733 569875

🌐 www.eastex.org.uk

Envirowise

Envirowise offers free, independent advice to business on becoming more resource efficient and saving money.

☎ 0800 585 794

🌐 www.envirowise.gov.uk

National Industrial Symbiosis Programme

Identifies mutually profitable links between members to utilise unused or under utilised materials and resources.

☎ 0845 094 9501

🌐 www.nisp.org.uk

NetRegs

Environmental advice for small and medium-sized businesses to find savings through increased efficiencies.

☎ 08708 506506

🌐 www.netregs.gov.uk

takeITon

Free IT support and advice to businesses to improve their efficiency and effectiveness.

☎ 01727 733889

🌐 www.takeiton.org.uk

Travelchoice

A service for businesses looking to increase productivity by developing travel plans to reduce costs.

☎ 01733 864594

🌐 www.travelchoice.org.uk

SKILLS AND TRAINING

Business for People

Vocational career and workplace guidance for individuals and corporate clients.

☎ 0845 017 9951

🌐 www.businessforpeople.org.uk

Jobcentre Plus

Recruitment-related services for individuals and employers.

☎ 01733 297600

🌐 www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Learning and Skills Council

Provides individuals and employers with high quality learning and skills training needed for economic and social success.

☎ 0845 019 4165

🌐 www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland

nextstep

Free impartial help and advice on training and learning.

☎ 0845 603 1059

🌐 www.nextstepeastofengland.org.uk

Peterborough College of Adult Education

The 'Skills for Business' service provides an extensive range of flexible training and support services.

☎ 01733 761361

🌐 www.pals.ac.uk

Peterborough Regional College

Provides work-based training and guidance. Business advisers offer impartial advice on all aspects of business development.

☎ 0845 872 8722

🌐 www.peterborough.ac.uk

Train to Gain

The national skills programme offering advice and support to all employers to improve the skills of employees to improve business performance.

☎ 0800 387326.

🌐 www.traintogain.gov.uk

FINANCE

Business Debtline

Free and confidential financial advice for small businesses.

☎ 0800 197 6026

🌐 www.bdl.org.uk/englandandwales.asp

HM Revenue and Customs

The Revenue and Customs Advice Team help with business taxation enquiries.

☎ 01223 442499

🌐 www.hmrc.gov.uk

VentureNavigator

An online service to help small and start-up businesses.

🌐 www.venturenavigator.co.uk

RECRUITMENT AND REDUNDANCY

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service

An employment relations service supplying independent advice and high quality training.

☎ 08457 474747

🌐 www.acas.org.uk

Business for People

Vocational career and workplace guidance.

☎ 0845 017 9951

🌐 www.businessforpeople.org.uk

Jobcentre Plus

Recruitment-related services for individuals and employers.

☎ 01733 297600

🌐 www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Response to Redundancy Programme

Redundancy advice, guidance and support for businesses and re-training opportunities for individuals facing redundancy.

🌐 www.bizmapeast.co.uk/people/training/response-to-redundancy/default.aspx

PREMISES

Eco Innovation Centre

Specialised support to the Environment Goods & Services (EGS) sector, offering flexible working space, meeting rooms, advice, and networking opportunities for small and start-up companies in this sector.

☎ 01733 294520

🌐 www.ecoinnovationcentre.co.uk

Opportunity Peterborough

The Business Engagement team provide local companies with the information and support needed to find suitable business premises in Peterborough.

☎ 01733 317417

www.opportunitypeterborough.co.uk

Peterborough Workspace Limited

Low cost business premises, offices and workshops, for start-up companies or businesses working from home who want to move to the next level.

☎ 01733 390707

🌐 www.peterboroughworkspace.co.uk

NETWORKS

Business Club, the

A business network aimed at providing its members with useful information and resources to help build better businesses.

☎ 01733 564167

🌐 www.the-businessclub.org/Peterborough

Chamber of Commerce - Peterborough

Works with member businesses to provide a forum for dealing with relevant business issues.

☎ 01733 370809

🌐 www.cambridgeshirechamber.co.uk

EnviroCluster

Support for environmental sector businesses, promotes skills development, knowledge sharing and networking capabilities.

☎ 01733 311644

🌐 www.envirocluster.net

Federation of Small Businesses

Provides its members with a wide range of business services, practical information and advice on business issues.

☎ 01522 688070

🌐 www.fsb.org.uk/102

i10

Connects businesses to expertise and facilities available from the region's universities.

☎ 0845 234 2314

🌐 www.i10.org.uk

Institute of Directors

A network for directors; members receive a variety of benefits to help them maximise their potential.

☎ 01223 421665

🌐 www.iod.com

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Carbon Trust

Helps businesses develop commercial low carbon technologies by providing strategic and business development advice.

☎ 0800 085 2005

🌐 www.carbontrust.co.uk

Prince's Trust, The

Programmes for 14-30yr olds to develop key skills enabling young people to move into work, education or training.

☎ 0800 842842

🌐 www.princes-trust.org.uk

A guide to business support services in Peterborough



In this time of economic uncertainty the Greater Peterborough Partnership wants to ensure that local businesses receive as much help as possible.

This guide provides details of national and local organisations that can advise and support you and your business in these difficult times. These organisations offer a broad range of services for businesses and for people wanting to start a business or acquire new skills.

Why not try **Business Link** as your first port of call?

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The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership, bringing together representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sectors together to work collectively towards building a bigger and better Peterborough.

For more information please visit the GPP website:
www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/business-support