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COMMERCE

*Autumn 2023 edition*

# CHAMBER CHATTER

*by local business. for local business*

All the latest news from the Taunton business community

Thanks to **Craig Stone Photography** for capturing not only the iconic Market House, but also our members Buses of Somerset, Taunton Chaplaincy Trust and Tone FM!

*In this edition...*

- Read about the fantastic local businesses taking up Taunton Chamber of Commerce membership
- Book your tickets for our upcoming events: opportunities to network, make new connections and pick up some top business tips from fellow Chamber members
- Catch up with good news from across our membership

# Join us for our Events

Don't miss out on the following opportunities across to meet with fellow members, make new connections and learn something new!



THE GREAT  
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## Cuppa & Cake Relaxed Networking

**2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 11AM**  
**£8.50 members' price**

Join us for our ever-popular relaxed networking events at the **Great Western Hotel** - an easy stroll from the town centre and with parking nearby at Kilkenny Car Park. A relaxed opportunity to enjoy delicious refreshments, catch up with all the latest from the local business community and to make some new connections at the same time.



## Quantocks Networking Walk



**21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 5PM**  
**£9.50 members' price**

Join us for our Quantocks Networking Walk where we'll start at **The Rocking Horse Cafe at Crowcombe** and take a circular hour's walk through stunning countryside, returning to the cafe to enjoy delicious sharing platters and refreshments. Why not bring your furry friend(s) with you - both the walk and the cafe are dog friendly!

Catch up with members of the local business community as we enjoy the stunning countryside for an hour, followed by delicious sharing platters and refreshments back at the cafe. Your ticket price includes the walk and sharing platter, there will be a wide range of drinks available for you to purchase separately, as well as water provided for four legged friends of course!



BLACKDOWN  
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## FINANCIAL FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST



**19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 7.30AM**  
**£8.50 members' price**  
*(Half price due to sponsorship)*

Join us for the next of our regular breakfast sessions where we share expertise from across our Taunton Chamber membership, plus the opportunity for relaxed networking over a hearty breakfast at the same time. Our September event is kindly sponsored by **Blackdown Financial**, making tickets for this session not to be missed!

**Neil Rossiter from Blackdown Financial** will be presenting "Planning Lifetime Income in Retirement". An informative insight into the changing pension world, and the opportunity for us all to reflect on our own retirement figure, to answer the question "How Much is Enough?"

In addition to Traditional Breakfast, Vegetarian and Vegan Full English Breakfasts are also available.

All Taunton Chamber of Commerce events are bookable via the following eventbrite link:  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/taunton-chamber-of-commerce-15354648391](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/taunton-chamber-of-commerce-15354648391)

...plus, you can click to '**follow**' our eventbrite page, which means you'll get a handy notification into your inbox whenever we add a new event!



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Many of our Chamber members hold regular events throughout the year - visit our online events calendar to see what is on offer  
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*Coming soon...*

# WELCOME TO OUR New Members



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**Cocktails by the water.**

**Date night burgers.**

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**Study Sharpe works across the UK providing consultancy services as well as offering commercial and private training provision with a focus on helping individuals, local services and businesses understand their obligations to the Equality Act 2010 and more recently, the British Sign Language (BSL) Act 2022.**

In the last few years, we have developed a range of quality bespoke courses designed to educate organisations on how to provide accessible and inclusive workplaces, adopting a D/deaf friendly environment, enabling staff and management to adopt Deaf Aware practices, supporting them to be able to effectively communicate in BSL at a basic, introductory level with their D/deaf employees and clients/customers. We are also proud to hold registered Centre status with Signature, the UK's premier Awarding body for BSL qualifications.

With her expertise and commitment, Emm Sharpe remains loyal to her ambitions to provide excellence, passion and enjoyment at all levels of education, whether that be through commercial or mainstream teaching, and she continues to support, and differentiate for, learners to gain an invaluable insight into the amazing language of British Sign Language, encompassing a solid grounding in the cultural aspects of the Deaf Community at the integral start of their Sign Language journey.

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**Heritage Independent Financial Consultancy is a family-owned business established by Jonathan Hutchins in November 2000. The company has been serving clients in Taunton, Somerset, and the South West region for more than twenty years, providing excellent financial services to individuals and businesses. The team of financial advisers at Heritage comprises experts in various areas of finance, who prioritise each client's personal interests and offer unbiased advice tailored to their specific needs and goals.**

In addition to financial planning, Heritage offers a wide range of services, including will writing, powers of attorney, and close relationships with preferred estate agents and solicitor companies.

One of the significant strengths of Heritage is its commitment to building long-term relationships with clients. The team takes the time to understand each client's unique financial situation and goals and works closely with them to create a customised financial plan that will help them achieve their objectives. Whether you need help with retirement planning, investment management, or estate planning, Heritage Independent Financial Consultancy provides the support and guidance you need.

Overall, Heritage Independent Financial Consultancy is a trusted and reliable partner for those looking to secure their financial future. With a proven track record of success and a team of experienced professionals, this company is well-equipped to help you navigate the complexities of the financial world and achieve your goals.

[www.heritage-ifc.com](http://www.heritage-ifc.com)



**Inspired is a family and friends run business based very near the Tesco Express garage on East Reach, Taunton.**

We offer different services around the world of crafts and crafting. Our crafts include: machine sewing, dressmaking, hand sewing, hand embroidery, knitting, crochet, macramé, needle felting, wet felting, glass painting, ceramic painting, vinyl printing, pin art, pyrography (wood burning), T shirt and bag designs, fabric Painting, mosaics and stone painting.

Adults, teenagers, children, families and friends can come into our workshop and do any of the above with support as required from our team. Sessions can be pop in or booked online in advance. We offer lessons in all the above but particularly machine sewing, dressmaking, crochet and knitting allowing all ages to learn a new skill. Anyone can book a hen party, birthday party, Christmas party, work team building session or get together and enjoy a glass of bubbly or cocktail (we have a alcohol license) whilst crafting, and we can provide food too!

In a time when many people work from home and rarely see their team, businesses have been coming to us for team days either here in the workshop or via video to grow and learn and talk through arts and crafts. We would love you to use our services, but we are very happy to network and advertise your business to our many customers too - we look forward to meeting our new Chamber of Commerce Colleagues and working with you.

[www.inspiredtaunton.co.uk](http://www.inspiredtaunton.co.uk)

# not monkeys

Recruitment

**Not Monkeys Recruitment was formed to offer solutions, advice, and guidance, to companies with staffing requirements. We understand firsthand, the impact and expense, to your company and to the bottom line, of not having the right employees in the right roles.**



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Amanda, our Head of Recruitment, has a diverse business to business background, with over 30-years in recruitment and a strong history in operations, sales, and business development.

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## orchard shopping centre

**Orchard Shopping Centre, in the heart of Taunton, is home to a community of eclectic retailers and cafes/restaurants, banks, hairdressers, opticians, plus a gym.**

Originally developed on the site of the former Pig Market in 1982, the scheme was refurbished and rebranded in 2009 to become Orchard Shopping Centre. It does still incorporate several historic buildings, for example, the County Hotel, plus units in Cheapside and on High Street/Fore Street. The part-covered Orchard Centre sweeps through the town's core retail pitch, with entrances on High Street, East Street, and Fore Street.

The team at Orchard aim to offer a city shopping experience in a market town. You can take your pick of national brands, and independent stores, then watch the world go by relaxing in Pig Market enjoying a coffee or a bite to eat. Shopping is available 7 days a week.

In addition to the shopping experience, Orchard Centre engages with the local community by hosting events, competitions, and live music. There are active partnerships with local charities, and the town centre in promotional campaigns.

**The latest news on stores, offers, competitions, and events, can be found on the centre's website**  
**[www.orchardtaunton.co.uk](http://www.orchardtaunton.co.uk)**  
**and via Facebook Instagram**  
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## AXE SHACK MEMBERSHIP STEP UP AND TAKE YOUR SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Sign up for membership at Taunton Chamber members Axe Shack and take advantage of a ridiculously good deal. So good in fact that owner Matt had to lay down for a while after he agreed to it!

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# Member Good News

## CREATIVE INNOVATION CENTRE CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

CICCIC Directors Andrew Knutt and Richard Holt invite you to help the CICCIC community celebrate 10 years of Arts and Culture at Paul Street: *"Join us as we celebrate 10 years of CICCIC with this special CICCIC birthday bash event. Your ticket includes a free drink worth £4-5, nibbles, plus amazing live music from soul funk jazz 5-piece band The Curve. There will be a short presentation of the past 10 years (it's actually 11 years but we couldn't afford a birthday bash last year), plus there will be some fundraising on the night with an amazing raffle and the night has been extended to 1.00am.*

*We'd love see old faces and new attend and, as always, the directors and staff will be around to chat and even dance with you as we celebrate a decade of supporting and delivering great arts and culture in Taunton"*

**Doors open at 7.30pm, live music at 8.45pm, finishes at 1.00am.**

**Advance tickets £12  
On the door ticket £15**

**[www.creativeinnovationcentre.co.uk/  
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We appreciate a commercial building is more than just a place to work, it creates a statement about your business and should provide a space for people to feel motivated and inspired.

We offer flexible spaces across the South West in prime locations with the opportunity to tailor the space to your business' individual needs.

## SUMMERFIELD AND TAUNTFIELD CELEBRATE 200 YEARS AS A FAMILY BUSINESS

SUMMERFIELD, the Taunton based property development company and Tauntfeld, the founding family business, previously Stansell Builders, has marked a special anniversary with events for partners, suppliers and employees in a year when it is joined by the eighth generation of its founding family.

Summerfield grew out of a business started 200 years ago by William Stansell who moved to Taunton from London offering his services as a painter, plumber and glazier – 14 years before Queen Victoria began her reign.

In the years since, the company has left its mark across Somerset and the South West, working on many famous buildings and more recently creating new communities and business parks in key locations.

William's son Alfred inherited his father's skill as a heraldic painter and gilder with one of the gold vanes on the tower of St Mary's Minster, Taunton still bearing his name. Running the business from his home in Billet Street, Alfred's son William lived above its showroom and offices. He took an interest in lighting and Taunton was the first town in England to benefit from electric street lighting.

Charles Stansell took over the company around the time of his father William's death and concentrated more on building and joinery. After World War II, Stansell worked with the local

authority on some the area's first council houses. Known as 'young governor', William (Bill) Stansell moved the growing business into its current offices at Tauntfeld and as chairman oversaw its restructure. In 1987 Summerfield Developments was founded. His daughters Elizabeth and Julia joined the holding company Board with Julia's son James Holyday starting at Stansell in 1992 and grandson, Chris, joining Summerfield in 2023 as the eighth generation.

Stansell Builders and the name was sold in 1996, but the business based at Tauntfeld that has been developing property throughout the South West for generations, is operating with two distinct divisions of the Summerfield Developments limited company; building residential property with Summerfield Homes, and building and managing workplaces with Summerfield Commercial across the region. Residential projects have included Killams Park, Taunton; Blackdown Meadows, Wellington and Liddymore Park, Watchet. Commercial schemes include Blackbrook, Taunton; Vantage Point, Exeter and Westpark 26, Wellington.

James Holyday, Managing Director at Summerfield said: *"I am delighted to be able to share this remarkable and special milestone in our company's history with over 170 people who work with us and support us now, as we remember with gratitude and pride all the amazing hard work of previous generations of the family"*



## CLEANING SOLUTIONS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ASSOCIATION WITH HINKLEY POINT POWER STATION

Taunton Chamber of Commerce members Cleaning Solutions UK Ltd are excited to announce that they have been selected to supply Hinkley Point B Nuclear Power Station with seven brand new Numatic Battery Powered Scrubber drier machines through a partnership with Equans.

Equans provides mission critical engineering, technical and safety services to all of Britain's active nuclear power stations. As part of their longstanding partnership with EDF the company provides civil, mechanical and electrical project services along with total facilities management, maintenance and emergency response equipment to the nuclear fleet.

**Cleaning Solutions UK Ltd.'s MD Richard Williams said:** *"We are absolutely delighted to be working in conjunction with Scott Gammon, Soft Services Manager of Equans on the supply of these Numatic machines and batteries. As a small business this is a huge deal for us, and we are extremely grateful to Scott for putting his faith in our business."*

*"We pride ourselves that the team's technical knowledge about our range of products is second to none, giving our customers total peace of mind and clarity when they buy from us. This major purchase also demonstrates that what we are doing as a business within the industry isn't going unnoticed."*

**Scott Gammon, Soft Services Manager of Equans Nuclear added:** *"This is a big deal for us at site - since moving into defueling after generating for 47 years we are at a stage where we have a legacy to safely defuel and decommission the station. Site maintenance is still very important at Hinkley Point B and having the right tools to do that is essential. Cleaning Solutions UK Ltd have provided us with equipment and supplies for a number of years and this large investment in equipment is something we can all be proud of."*

*"Given that we have had very good relations with Cleaning Solutions UK who provided the station with high grade chemicals throughout the pandemic, we have every confidence in them delivering a new investment to the station as we continue to support the local economy and business."*

Expanding on the 'Support Local' theme, **Cleaning Solutions UK's Head of Sales William Pettitt explained:** *"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Scott on this and other projects, and we are thrilled that we are supplying Numatic machines that are manufactured just down the road in Chard. This deal truly is a great advertisement for businesses in Somerset working together."*

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# STEPHENS SCOWN OPEN NEW TAUNTON OFFICE AT FELLOW MEMBERS BLOCK TAUNTON

Taking over the lease of a spacious open plan office across one floor of Bonville House in the thriving Blackbrook Business Park in Taunton, this move is in large part thanks to the successful development of professional and client relationships in the Somerset marketplace over the past 12 months.

Managing Partner, Richard Baker explains the thinking behind the decision: *“As the region’s only B Corp™ Certified and employee-owned law firm, we believe we have much to offer businesses and individuals in Somerset and the Greater South West.”*

*“Our people are passionate about the sectors and clients they work with and devote time and energy to developing a deeper understanding of their challenges and aspirations, whether supporting the future plans of a multi-generational farming family or boosting business growth for a tech start-up. For our clients, we are seen as more than just lawyers, we are trusted advisors and part of their community, and we look forward to meeting up with existing and new contacts as we embed ourselves further into the Somerset business community.”*

Stephen Wray, who has been leading Stephens Scown’s Somerset development plans since joining the firm in 2021, says: *“We will be building on our existing cohort of people known in the local market, including Alistair Tudor who joined us from Somerset Chamber, Ellie Hibberd, Tom Chartres-Moore, Amy Ralston, Helen Wallwork and Simon Morris, as well as introducing some exciting new people to the organisation to further add breadth and depth to our offering.”*

As a B Corp™, it was also important to support Stephens Scown’s journey to Net Zero by 2025 that BLOCK offered a sustainable working solution. Carbon neutral, BLOCK has worked with sustainability consultants to continually find ways to be as green as possible and improve its eco credentials across every aspect of the business.

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## GOOD NEWS FROM TIMEFORGE...

We're really happy to be letting you know that we've got two new fantastic associates on the team ready to help even more business owners with personal/executive assistant services, business administration, and customer support services.

Mikayla has already been working with us for 3 months and has hit the ground running in supporting an accountant in Somerset with multiple offices so that he can free up his time, stay focused on growing his business, and delegate the things that take him away from achieving his goals. Mikayla has an English degree, a background as being a teacher, and is also a specialist in working with neurodivergent business owners.

Nicola joins us and brings her experience of managing a team of 40! Her strengths shine especially in Personal Assistant/Executive Assistant support, handling diary/email management and providing top-notch client support.

With this boost in capacity, it means we can now help even more people and businesses.

- **Flexibility to Grow and Adapt:** As your business evolves, our services evolve with you, ensuring continuous support tailored to your changing needs.
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## EVERYS SOLICITORS SCOOP 'LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR' AT THE DEVON AND SOMERSET LAW SOCIETY'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Taunton Chamber members Everys Solicitors LLP are thrilled to share their professional team photograph following the firm's success winning "Law Firm of the Year" in the £3m+ turnover category at the recent Devon & Somerset Law Society's 2023 Annual Awards Dinner.

A fantastic evening was enjoyed by everyone at The Great Hall, University of Exeter, to celebrate and recognise the achievements of those in the legal profession across the region, as well as opportunity to hear from Shaun Wallace, Barrister and best known as one of the Chasers on TV's 'The Chase', who was a terrific guest speaker on the night. Everys would like to send their congratulations to all the other winners and finalists - what a fantastic evening full of celebration!



WINNER



## TAUNTON PROFESSIONALS TAKE TO THE HOCKEY PITCH IN THE NAME OF CHARITY

On Monday 14th August Porter Dodson hosted the first Taunton Professionals Hockey Tournament at Taunton Vale Sports club in aid of Children's Hospice South West, who provide hospice care for children and young people living with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Nine teams took part in the tournament from businesses across the local area including fellow Taunton Chamber members **AC Mole, Albert Goodman, Cooper Associates, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Milsted Langdon** - plus the team from **Porter Dodson**.

Games were played throughout the afternoon to finish with a Porter Dodson v Albert Goodman final, with Albert Goodman taking the win.

A fantastic afternoon was had by all, brushing off the shin pads in the name of charity. The event raised £700 for the hospice and plans are in place to repeat the event, making it bigger and better for next year.

Kate James, Managing Partner at Porter Dodson said: *"It's great to see so many local professionals out on the hockey pitch, and even better to see their competitive nature take hold - who knew what depth of hockey talent there is in Taunton professional services!"*

*It has also helped us continue to raise money for Children's Hospice South West, one of our chosen charities for the year. We are already looking forward to next year's event and I would encourage Taunton based professionals who are interested in taking part, to get in touch."*



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## THE OUTSOURCED RECRUITMENT COMPANY - NEW NAME AND OFFICES REINFORCE THE MINDSET OF SUCCESS THROUGH COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY.

In the early days of commerce, the importance of business and community linking together was clear. Even the word 'company' is derived from the Latin words 'com', meaning 'together', and 'panis' meaning 'bread'. Traders would come together, share stories, eat and do business. They were communities.

For Taunton Chamber of Commerce members The Outsourced Recruitment Company, who have recently moved to standalone offices on Paul Street in the heart of Taunton's town centre - this ethos has underpinned not only their recent change of company name and branding as a truer reflection of how they do business, but has also influenced their decision to relocate, as well as the manner in which the move has taken place.

*"Local procurement comes as standard here at The Outsourced Recruitment Company", explains Founder and MD Laura O'Driscoll. "Using local partnerships for the products and expertise we need to service our large national projects means that more firms in our area benefit from the landing of these contracts. This is also true of the move to our new standalone offices, where we have been determined to use as many local companies as possible. The ideology that 'it takes a village to raise a child' is certainly true of both our rebrand and our physical move and we are indebted to the businesses on whose know-how and can-do attitudes we have depended on"*

Taunton based PCN Computer Services, Taunton PAT Testing and Taylor Made Solutions provided electrical, safety and IT expertise, with The Perfect Mop carrying out a deep clean to enable works to commence. Large format print experts Carly Press have been on hand to create impactful signage and Renwick's removals pulled their weight - literally - to get the team and their furniture moved. As the company now moves away from a managed office scenario, fellow Chamber members Costgard will be offering utilities set up and monitoring.

Perhaps the most rewarding collaboration though, is that The Outsourced Recruitment Company will

be using Crescent Cleaning Services to keep the offices clean and tidy. The core goal of this Taunton social enterprise is to increase employment opportunities and eliminate barriers for anyone who has experienced homelessness, through access to high levels of training and support to aid continued long-term employment. Founded in 2021 by local homelessness support charity Arc, Laura and the team helped with the recruitment of key team members to allow the enterprise to get going.

Employer Brand Consultant Kim Draper, whose work for The Outsourced Recruitment Company sees her liaising closely with employers and recruiters on building, fostering and capturing employee outlook and work-place experience has been delighted that the move to the new office will allow ORC team members physical and head space - ensuring time in the office is both productive and enjoyable. *"Our time at Collar Factory, where we were previously located, helped us to understand how place and space can have such a positive effect on workplace wellbeing and we've taken this ethos with us to Paul Street."*

*"Here we have plenty of space for collaborative projects, plus additional rooms to allow quiet working, and confidential phone and video calls. We're thrilled that our new town centre location also provides an outdoor patio area, which is perfect for staff to enjoy breaks outside and a space which our four-legged team members certainly appreciate!"*

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