

Collingham Business Club

Notes for the Collingham Parish Meeting

Background

1. The Collingham Business Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month between 6:00pm and 7:30pm in the Royal Oak pub
2. Originally set up in 2006 having been put forward as a proposal in the Collingham Village plan
3. We had our 93rd meeting last night which was attended by 14 members
4. Our 100th meeting will be held in October
5. Email data base of over 60 members
6. We estimate there to be over 200 businesses or self employed individuals in Collingham

Purpose

1. Networking opportunity for local business people to discuss their businesses and potentially do business with each other
2. A point of contact for organisations to get in contact with businesses which are local to the Collingham and Meering villages
3. A forum for business people to share knowledge with each other and support each other in the development of their businesses
4. To support Village activities
5. Good excuse for a pint and a chat

Achievements

1. We have run a fundraising fete game at every May fair since we set up nine years ago – Sumo Wrestling to skittles raising over £100 each time for the Village hall funds
2. Through getting speakers to highlight grant opportunities to members, businesses have benefitted from many £1000s in grant supporting helping to create employment and safeguard jobs
3. We initiated the formation of the Collingham village trust which was an idea that came from the Village plan. The trust has subsequently helped support the funding of the Skate park, the Phoenix centre, the community film nights and the Collingham poet book. After a dormant period the trust is now the vehicle being used for the Collingham Mayfair which is supported by a wide mix of village groups and charities
4. We have representation within the Notts Business Engagement Group, which helps to ensure that Collingham is on the map when it comes to initiatives such as the rural broadband initiative.
5. We have seen a number of businesses grow from start ups to become good size employers, generating much needed employment and local businesses activity through offering excellent services within the local community.