

New Business Competition

Are you a new business or thinking of starting up?

£3000 in prize money ...

... plus a range of free services, discounts on business products and support from your Calne Chamber and Wessex Chamber of Commerce.

If you started your business after the 26th September 2008 or are planning to start trading before 30th November 2009, you are eligible to enter this competition.

Calne Chamber of Commerce is a membership organisation run by local business members for local businesses within our district. Our members include many local manufacturers, service organisations, retailers and professionals from Compton Bassett to Pewsham, and Bromham to Hilmarton. The Chamber provides a huge range of benefits to its members for the small annual membership fee of £65.

Calne Chamber is a member of the Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce, which exists to sustain and strengthen the Chamber movement in the region. It intends to be recognised as the leader of business opinion in the region through an efficient network between the Chambers and their members and a proactive relationship with external organisations.

To encourage young and new businesses in our community, the competition gives each applicant the following benefits:

- 1 Each applicant must become a member of the Calne Chamber of Commerce.
- 2 Support from the business mentor team within the Chamber – this is a team of solicitors, accountants and other business professionals who will provide support and advice.
- 3 Member to member benefits and discounts throughout the Calne business community.
- 4 Regular networking opportunity to help grow your business.
- 5 Help and advice from the Calne Chamber members and from Business Link on preparing your competition entry and your business plan.
- 6 Discounts from the competition sponsors including printers, banks, and training.
- 7 £1000 prize for the winner of the Calne new business of the year and local press publicity.
- 8 The winner of the Calne new business competition enters into the Wessex competition with a further £2000 prize and £500 of free advertising, £500 media awareness training course, three day business start-up course and £250 of free printing for the winner, and there are even cash prizes for the 2nd and 3rd places.

Closing date for entries is 25th September 2009, and further details and entry forms available by calling Mick Devonport on 01249 818620 or Mark Barrett on 01249 816810.

