

NETWORKING EVENTS IN STOCKPORT

Networking Opportunities - Business to business

Stockport Breakfast Club

Location: Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport
am

Timings: 2nd Thursday every 2months, 7:15 am - 9:00

Held by the Chamber of Commerce - Breakfast Club is an informal gathering held bi-monthly for business people to network. After a full English Breakfast there is the opportunity to hear a presentation on a topical issue.

Cost: Non-member: £36.00 +VAT

Member: £18.00 +VAT

Eligibility: Open to Chamber Members and non-members

Contact Details:

Telephone: 0161 393 4321

Email: info@gmchamber.co.uk

Web: www.gmchamber.co.uk/events



Federation of Small Businesses

Federation of Small Businesses is a campaigning pressure group, promoting and protecting interests of the self-employed and owners of small firms. The Greater Manchester South Branch covers Stockport and they run regular events in the evening.

Contact details:

Contact: Robert Downes

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Web: www.fsb.org.uk



Federation of Small Businesses

The UK's Leading Business Organisation

The Business Growth Hub

The Business Growth Hub is part of the Manchester Growth Company. The Hub was set up in 2011 and has helped thousands of businesses across Greater Manchester to grow, develop and reach their full potential. They work with ambitious businesses that want to grow their bottom line, boost their profile, and create new business growth. The aim is to help people to think differently about their business and explore different ways of developing their company.

They hold events and workshops at various venues in Greater Manchester. They are designed to deliver both hands on help and virtual online support for businesses in the region. For a list of their events and workshops visit www.businessgrowthhub.com

Contact details:

Contact: Business Growth Hub

Telephone: 0161 359 3050

Email: info@businessgrowthhub.com

Web: www.businessgrowthhub.com



Marketing Stockport

Location: Various throughout Stockport

Timings: Monthly

We are an independently owned membership organisation with different levels of membership designed to suit different business needs and objectives.

Our website keeps users and members up to date with the business news affecting and impacting on business.

Cost: Business Directory entry is FREE. Membership levels are Bronze, Silver & Gold

Eligibility: Monthly network meetings open to Gold & Silver members

Contact details:

Telephone: Helen White or Richard Higginson - 0161 451 0770

Email: enquiries@marketingstockport.co.uk

Web: www.marketingstockport.co.uk



BNI

BNI (Business Networking International) founded in 1985, is the world's largest referral marketing organisation. Every week 170,000 people attend over 7,000 BNI networking meetings in 60 different countries across the world. Each of the Chapters meet at different times, and at different locations within the town. The details are as follows:

BNI Pyramid (Stockport)

Location: Bramhall Golf Club

Timings: Weekly Friday 6:30 am - 8.30 am

Cost: Guests are welcome to attend the meetings and the cost is £10.00

Eligibility: Members & Non-Members

BNI Royal (Cheadle)

Location: Gatley Golf Club

Timings: Weekly Thursday 6:45 am - 8:30 am

Cost: Guests are welcome to attend the meetings and the cost is £10.00

Eligibility: Members & Non-Members

BNI Enterprise (Stockport)

Location: Bramhall Golf Club

Timings: Weekly Tuesday 6.45 am - 8:30 am

Cost: Guests are welcome to attend the meetings and the cost is £10.00

Eligibility: Members & Non-Members

BNI (Heaton Moor)

Location: Kro Bar, Heaton Moor

Timings: Weekly Wednesday 1200 pm - 2.00 pm

Cost: Guests are welcome to attend the meetings and the cost is £10.00

Eligibility: Members & Non-Members

Contact Details:

Telephone: 0161 667 6607

Contact: Janey Leonard-Myers

Email: janey@bnionline.co.uk

Web: www.bnionline.co.uk



SK and Away

Location: Various throughout Stockport

Timings: Quarterly

SK & Away is for anyone wanting an opportunity to relax after work, socialise with peers and develop business opportunities. The events are held at various landmark buildings throughout Stockport. SK & Away is sponsored by the Stockport Business Awards.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to all Stockport based businesses

Contact Details:

Contact: Chelsea Maher

Telephone: 0161 495 4700

Email: chelseam@clarkenicklin.co.uk

Web: www.skandaway.co.uk



County Business Club

Location: Edgeley Park, Stockport

Timings: Thursday mornings

CBC is non-profit making networking business club. Members actively look for opportunities to recommend CBC colleagues wherever possible. The network takes place every Thursday mornings and include includes a full English breakfast. features regular guest speakers who are given the opportunity to introduce themselves and their businesses. One meeting a month is also allocated for New Visitors.

Cost: CBC Membership is £100 per year

Eligibility: Open to only one member of each business category

Contact Details:

Email: enquiries@cbc4me.co.uk

Web: www.cbc4me.co.uk



County Business Club

Simply Networking

Location: Various throughout Stockport

Timings: Bi Monthly 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Simply Networking meetings offer you 'no nonsense' business networking, with no membership fees or commitments. The events are relaxed, informal, have no hidden agendas and attract large amounts of delegates. There is never any pressure to give referrals or to public speak, but each offers you the opportunity to meet many other businesses.

Cost: £10.50 - No additional membership fees

Eligibility: Open to all members of the local business community

Contact Details:

Contact: Mark Greenwood

Telephone: 0844 858 9099

Email: enquires@networking4business.com

Web: www.networking4business.com/



4 Networking

Location: Bamford Arms Pub/Restaurant, Stockport, **Timings:** Fortnightly Friday meetings, 8 -10 am

4 Networking - the social business networking. The events offer businesses the opportunity to network and make new contacts in a relaxed environment.

Cost: £12 incl. breakfast

Eligibility: Open to all members of the local business community

Contact Details:

Telephone 0845 123 4444

Email: supportdesk@4networking.biz/

Web: www.4networking.biz



Moxie Mingle

Location: various locations in Stockport

Timings: vary in the evenings

Moxie is a social gathering point for people to informally meet, find potential contacts to work with, share work or simply stories over a drink – whether that's an evening chardonnay or a morning cappuccino!

It's a networking group with a difference – no hard sell, no referrals required, no membership, no commitment... open to all sectors of business, from sole traders to large organisations...Moxie is about making connections. From sunrise to sunset...pick the Moxie meeting to your taste.

Cost: £15 per person

Eligibility: Open to all members of the local business community

Contact Details:

Contact : Wendy Green

Telephone: 07920 024100

Email: wendy@moxie-mingle.com

Website: www.moxie-mingle.com



Dynamic Networking

Location: The Old Rectory, 48 Churchgate, Stockport

Timings: Monthly 2nd Tuesday 6.00 pm–8.00 pm

Dynamic Networking is a business to business networking organisation which provides free, informal business networking opportunities.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to all Stockport based businesses

Contact details:

Contact: Natalie Lewis

Email: natalie@dynamicnetworking.biz

Telephone : 07775 588 900

Web: www.dynamicnetworking.btz



Network Cheshire

Location: Various throughout Stockport & Cheshire

Timings: Varied

Network Cheshire host a programme of informal networking and training events with the aim of giving businesses the opportunity to meet face-to-face and network.

Cost: Varied depending on the event

Eligibility: Open to all Stockport based businesses

Contact Details:

Contact: Lyndsey Meredith

Telephone: 0161 426 7885 or 07793 124005

Email: lyndsey@meredithcs.co.uk



Strategic Alliance Network

Location: Stockport Plaza Tea Room

Timings: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 8am-10am

The Strategic Alliance Network aims to bring together entrepreneurs and business owners, to build a supportive business community and offer business networking with a purpose. Creating a relaxed environment for structured yet purposeful networking. The network group is pay as you go, with no membership commitment.

Cost: £5.00

Eligibility: Open to all Stockport based businesses

Contact Details

Contact : Caitlin Phillips

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Web: www.youronlinemechanic.co.uk/events/



Stockport Business Club

Location: Various Venues

Timings: 3rd Tuesday of every month 6.00 - 8.30pm.

The Stockport Business Club, is a friendly, enjoyable group of like-minded local business owners who meet at different venues.

A non-profit organisation who believes strongly in supporting the local business community. Our aim is to continually develop an environment of mutual trust, friendship and knowledge of each members business offering, a proven formula which leads to increased business opportunities. If your sector is not represented, you're very welcome to come along and join us as a guest.

Cost: Non-member: £20 Members: Free

Contact Details:

Contact: Amjad Shakeel

Telephone: 0161 820 8980

Email: amjad@comms-byte.com

Web: www.stockportbusinessclub.com



Cherchez Networking

Location: De Vere venues, Cheadle Royal, Cheadle

Timings: Monthly 12pm—2pm

Cherchez's monthly events are open to women from all sectors of the business community. The events are organised with the aim of presenting businesses with the best networking opportunities possible.

Cost: Non-member: £12.50

Member: £1.00

Eligibility: Open to female members of the local business community

Contact Details:

Telephone: 08451645044

Contact: Sarah Batten

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Creative and Digital Industries

Creative Stockport

Location: Various throughout Stockport

Timings: Evening events and coffee mornings

Stockport has a growing and flourishing creative industries sector and in recognition of this Stockport Economic Alliance hosts events to provide regular networking opportunities for members of this sector across Stockport. The network has been established to give attendees the opportunity to meet with each, as well as to listen to presentations from key note speakers focused on different topics of interest to the sector. Whilst the informal coffee mornings provide opportunities to meet together and network.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to businesses working in the Creative and Digital sector

Contact details:

Contact: Stockport Council Growth Team

Telephone: 0161 474 3737

Email: growthteam@stockport.gov.uk

Web: www.stockport.gov.uk/business



The **Stockport** Economic Alliance

Financial & Professional Services

South Manchester Financial and Professional Services Network

Location: Deanwater Hotel, Woodford

Timings: Quarterly 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Stockport Economic Alliance hosts a breakfast network to provide a regular networking opportunity for members of the Financial & Professional sector across South Manchester. The Financial and Professional Services network has been established in order to support this growing sector, which is key to the South Manchester economy. The network encourages interaction between companies and assists in creating an environment where innovation and collaboration can flourish.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to businesses working in the Financial/Professional Services sector

Contact details:

Contact: Stockport Council Growth Team

Telephone: 0161 474 3737

Email: growthteam@stockport.gov.uk

Web: www.stockport.gov.uk/business



The **Stockport** Economic Alliance

SK8 Networking

Location: Café Unity, Heald Green

Timings: Fortnightly Wednesday 7:30 am

SK8 Networking was founded by local business owners to support our growing business community in Heald Green and the surrounding areas. They promote the services of companies operating in the area and provide a network forum for its members.

Members can refer potential business opportunities to each other within an informal but purposeful networking environment as well as pass on helpful ideas and contacts. This is particularly useful if you are a start up company or about to expand your business.

Eligibility: Membership is restricted to one company per business category

Contact: Chris Jones

Telephone: 0161 437 5999

Email: enquiries@sk8networking.co.uk

Web: www.sk8networking.co.uk

Traders Associations

Various locations throughout Stockport - District Centres

The District Centre Partnership are voluntary organisations that have been established to allow local people to come together to discuss local issues. The partnerships run at a range of locations throughout Stockport including Bramhall, Hazel Grove, the Heatons, Marple and Romiley.

Meetings cover a range of issues including supporting the local business community, car parking, policing etc. Meetings are held at varying frequencies across the different locations. For more information on any of the networks please feel free to contact us using the details below.

Cost: Free to network members

Eligibility: Open to local, public and private sector District Centre stakeholders

Contact details:

Contact: Stockport Council Growth Team

Telephone: 0161 474 3737

Email: growthteam@stockport.gov.uk

Web: www.stockport.gov.uk/business



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Area Business Groups

Various locations throughout Stockport

The Area Business Groups run in 5 key employment sites across Stockport - Bredbury Industrial Estate, Bramhall Moor Lane, Bird Hall Lane and Heaton Mersey Industrial Estate.

The groups are tailored to meet the local needs of businesses and aim to offer opportunities for networking, collaboration and for other partner organisations to share information with businesses.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to local business located in the area

Contact details:

Contact: Stockport Council Growth Team

Telephone: 0161 474 3737

Email: growthteam@stockport.gov.uk

Web: www.stockport.gov.uk/business



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Stockport Town Centre - Town Centre Business and Retail Forum

The Town Centre Business & Retail Forum (TCBRF) is a key business & retail sector group where members co-operate and collaborate to influence and secure positive developments, activities and initiatives and attract new businesses & investment into the town centre.

The TCBRF meets monthly to exchange information and provide an opportunity for members to network between themselves and with supporting agencies.

Cost: Free to TCBRF members

Eligibility: Open to all businesses and retailers operating within Stockport Town Centre.

Contact details:

Contact: Graeme Vout

Telephone: 0161 474 4562

Email: graeme.vout@stockport.gov.uk

Web: www.stockport.gov.uk/towncentremangement



Online networking

#Stockporthour

Location: Twitter

Timings: Weekly Monday 8:00pm -9:00pm

#Stockporthour is a networking event based on Twitter. Like-minded business owners get together every Monday to network and engage with each other from the comfort of their own home. If you have a computer or mobile phone, grab a brew and begin tweeting!

Due to the success of #Stockporthour they have started running face-to-face networking events that take place every quarter. Information is circulated through their Twitter sessions.

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Open to everyone who has a Twitter account

Contact details:

Contact: Dan Cahill

Email: enquiries@creativebatch.com

Web: www.creativebatch.com/stockporthour

