



**BRAINTREE CHAMBER OF  
TRADE AND COMMERCE**

## ***Why be a member of Chamber?***

***Because it is the only independent organisation for representing Braintree and the needs of trade, industry and all businesses to decision makers at local and national level***

**Chamber gives you the opportunity to share your views about local issues and influence outcomes by being heard where it counts!**

- 1) Discover information about local issues and potential changes from a reliable source**
  - at FREE breakfast meetings and through our website
  - come to hear speakers on local issues and have your say directly
- 2) Get early notice of changes in our locality including hearing about the early detection of trends**
- 3) Be part of our direct contact with our local authorities, police and business support groups**
- 4) Be part of an influential local body**
  - Add your strength to our joint body
  - Influence Chamber strategies
- 5) Be listed in the Braintree Chamber Directory on our website, which is available to everybody and have direct access to other members who are potential suppliers and customers**
- 6) Have access to the Members Benefit Package – which can save your business money on essential services**
  - FREE Business checklist for new or expanding businesses
  - Employment Law information packages through Smith Law Partnership
  - Premises security package – MonitoredShop, MonitoredOffice and MonitoredUnit
  - Discounted subscription to Essex Life with its new B2B Section
  - Discount on package from Daniel Robinson, Braintree
  - Presence on the Braintree Chamber website
  - Mention in the e-mail news bulletin sent to all Members

Braintree Chamber is **focused** on

: retail : industry : commercial  
: planning : marketing: **Business Crime**  
: small businesses : large businesses



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Braintree Chamber is **actively representing you** in these organisations

**Braintree Business Council**

**Economic Development Partnership**

**Freeport Consultative Committee**

**Braintree Town Centre Strategy Group Association of 4 District Chambers**

**Braintree District Council committees including:**  
Cabinet Working Group for London 2012 Olympics

### ***At the moment :***

Braintree Chamber is **actively discussing** the proposal put forward by Braintree District Council for a town centre development: "3 Towns: One Vision"

The Chamber Committee is **organising a programme of interactive Breakfast Meetings** – the first was in August 2008 and the second in October. The next will be in February 2009.

The Chamber Annual dinner will host the presentation of the Derek Salmon Retailer of the Year Awards in July 2009.

**Other projects for this year** include work on Town Centre signage and Town Road signage.

We are seeking to ***make Chamber even stronger*** by developing an active recruitment campaign, particularly in relation to SME and businesses on the Springwood Industrial Estate.

### **Braintree Chamber supports Community activities:**

Derek Salmon Retailer of the Year Awards

F7 Braintree District Arts Festival

BARC Braintree Against Retail Crime



## **Members Benefit Package**



**Access to knowledge and information**



**Save money on essential services**

- **Presence on the Braintree Chamber website**
- **Free or discounted invitations to Chamber events – Breakfast Meetings, Annual Dinner & networking events**
- **Mention in the e-mail news bulletin sent to all Members**
  - **FREE Start Up business checklist & information about Braintree Development Services**
  - **FREE Business Law checklist for new or expanding businesses**
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***Talk to Brenda Baker if your business could offer a benefit to Chamber Members***