

MEMBERSHIP OF WORCESTERSHIRE AMBASSADORS

We welcome membership enquiries and trust that you will find this information helpful.

WHO ARE WORCESTERSHIRE AMBASSADORS, WHAT DO WE DO?

Worcestershire Ambassadors was established in 2000 as an initiative by Worcestershire County Council. In 2003, the members took over control of the organisation and it has grown steadily to the current membership of over 150.

The original aims and objectives of the organisation have not changed; they are, quite simply to promote everything that is good about the county and to encourage inward investment, tourism and prosperity. All of our members carry substantial commercial or civic responsibilities and are committed to the success of the Worcestershire Ambassadors scheme and the success of Worcestershire. Members are drawn from the professions, sport, manufacturing, engineering, retailing, healthcare, finance, local and national government and so on.

We work in partnership with other organisations to encourage business growth and tourism, and have instigated trade links overseas. An annual presentation of Corporate Social Responsibility awards is made, and we recognise outstanding personal achievements with our Pride of Worcestershire award. We are consulted by, and work closely with, our County Council regarding a range of matters.

Our members hold networking events at their business to showcase their achievements, and these are opportunities for all members to be kept up to date with developments in the county and the achievements of county businesses. We also hold regular social events, lunches and dinners to provide information. The most important event is our annual ball, held normally in October, and this has become a substantial fund raising event that supports our charitable giving to one or more selected charities each year. Our 2011 ball enabled us to make a donation of £50,000 to the Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign. Past donations have been made to St. Richards's Hospice, Acorns Hospice, the Noah's Ark Trust, Worcestershire Community Foundation, the Swan Theatre, Walk Like a Warrior, Primrose Hospice and many other charities that provide support for residents of our county.

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Worcestershire is president of the organisation

The scheme is managed and administered by a management group of 13 members, all of whom have specific responsibilities. A chairman is appointed for a two year period by ballot of the membership.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF OUR MEMBERS?

There are very few “rules” of the scheme. We have a constitution that sets these out fully, but a brief guide is:

- Membership is personal and with few exceptions, is not ex-officio.
- Membership applications are considered by the management group who meet at least every two months. If membership is agreed, an annual subscription of (currently) £100 is payable by bankers order. The subscription covers each calendar year and is payable on 1st April. New members subscriptions cover them from the date of membership to 31st December in their first year
- Each member is provided with a place at the annual ball. This place is not transferable and not refundable and is for the sole use of the member.
- Members receive an exclusive lapel badge, framed membership certificate and leather folder when they join
- Members are expected to attend at least one networking event and one social event each year
- We encourage all members to host networking events and showcase their achievements, and to provide information for our monthly e-magazine, and to our publication, Heartbeat.
- Where a member’s experience is relevant, we expect contributions to consultation exercises and focus groups that help shape the future of the county
- We expect members to support the principles of the organisation and behave with probity
- Member’s details are displayed on our website

If you would like clarification of any of the above points, or any other relevant issue before deciding whether to apply for membership, please contact us by e-mail at membership@worcestershireambassadors.com

To apply for membership, please complete the form on the next page and send it with your C.V., a digital photograph and your subscription using the bankers order form below to the membership secretary at P O Box 2725, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8QN. We will contact you if any further information is required before the application is considered. If membership is not agreed, we will destroy the bankers order mandate or return it to you.

WORCESTERSHIRE AMBASSADORS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name	
Home Address	
Business Name	
Position	
Business Address	
Preferred Correspondence Address	Home / Business

Website Address
E-mail Address
Home phone
Business phone
Mobile phone

Photograph enclosed? Yes / No	C V enclosed? Yes / No
Standing Order enclosed? Yes / No	

I apply for membership of Worcestershire Ambassadors and agree that, if granted I will observe and comply with the rules of membership, and with the aims of the organisation, which I have read. I give permission for the inclusion on the Worcestershire Ambassador's website, newsletter and Heartbeat magazine of my details and photograph

Signature	Date
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Membership Number	<input type="text"/>	Bankers order remittance date	<input type="text"/>		
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BANKERS ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager,.....Bank

Address.....
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I /we authorise you to debit my / our account with you by standing order, the amount of £100 (One hundred pounds only) on 1st April annually, commencing on 1st April 20..... or as soon as practical after that date. Payment should be made until I give instructions to cease.

Payments under this order are to be for the credit of:
WORCESTERSHIRE AMBASSADORS account at National Westminster Bank, 26 High Street, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8BF

Account number: 46503854. Sort code: 60:20:54.

Signed

Account Name

Account NumberSort Code

Date: / / 20.....

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Bank Please quote reference	when making payments under this order
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