

Look back at last year's winners



On Kew: Anne Newton

Chamber events

This week's Chamber events included a 10am business coffee morning with Kew Gardens' executive team in their Cambridge Cottage and grounds. Science is the focus for Kew and achieving the banking of 25 per cent of the world's seeds.

Ms Newton said: "They are already at 17 per cent and so well on track. If you could be a donor or corporate supporter of this iconic and cornerstone world environmental institution based in the borough do let Kew or us at the Chamber know."

Upcoming events – for more information visit richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk.

□ Tuesday, October 13 – Chamber coffee morning at Richmond, the American International University in London

□ Monday, October 12 – Digital marketing seminar

□ Tuesday, October 20 – Chamber digital marketing masterclass: Strengthen your digital marketing

□ Thursday, October 22 – Chamber business breakfast with UK Trade and Investment at The Park Hotel in Teddington

□ Tuesday, November 3 – Chamber coffee morning at St Mary's University Twickenham

□ Monday, November 9 – Digital marketing seminar

□ Tuesday, November 10 – Exclusive members only – Chamber group mentoring programme (six sessions) at Richmond upon Thames College

□ Friday, November 13 – Richmond Business Awards black tie gala evening

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Several local businesses have been lauded by Sir Vince Cable and Zac Goldsmith MP for appreciating how crucial it is for businesses to succeed in a broader social and environmental context such that the measure is not only profits; this is the way forward and businesses ignore this at their peril.

Richmond Business Awards' corporate social responsibility winner the Lensbury Club impressed the judging panel with a wide ranging strategy which comprised best practice

in their business and environmental practices, employee diversity, equal opportunities, community involvement, charity fundraising and supporting the disabled.

All in all, a thoroughly deserved win.

MP for Richmond Park, Zac Goldsmith, said: "Corporate social responsibility should be a cornerstone of every company's strategy – we owe it to our communities and our planet, and it increasingly makes good business sense too."

So go on share with us your successes and allow us to shine a light on the good work you and your team do.



Cormac Bourne, of sponsor Haymarket, Vince Cable, Zac Goldsmith and Lensbury chief executive Lacy Curtis Ward



Top shop

Kooks Unlimited of Richmond proved to be the best shop in the area according to the Business Awards judging panel in October last year.

Chamber of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton said: "They were praised for their good business sense in consolidating to one large shop in Eton Street, the functionality of their website, excellent customer retention and fabulous customer service."

You're a winner: Lynn Thomas, Kooks director, Vince Cable, Zac Goldsmith and former RTT editor David Rankin

Call goes out to businesses to enter the exporter award

Richmond Chamber of Commerce is challenging businesses to win its best exporter award by entering via richmondbusinessawards.com. Last year's winner, Minesoft, went on to

win the Queens Award for Exporting.

Former MP for Twickenham and Business Secretary Sir Vince Cable said: "The task of rebalancing Britain towards exports is a work in

progress as we can see from the yawning trade gap.

"We badly need export success. The borough has a variety of companies who use technology and marketing skills to penetrate overseas

markets and I want us to celebrate their achievements."

The chamber is also inviting business owners to attend an international business breakfast in Teddington on October 22,

where last year's highly commended exporter FT Technologies will share how they have gone from strength to strength. For more information visit richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk.

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