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Introduction

We are currently trading with two of our contracted suppliers who have agreed to be pilot e-traders. The pilot is going well and electronic orders and invoices have been passed between Bristol City Council and these suppliers. This pilot is nearing completion so we will then be looking to trade electronically with our Bristol e-Business suppliers.

Please take the time to check your web listing so our purchasers are fully aware of all your services and products that can be ordered online. Any problems please contact the Kick Start Team.

Another breakfast briefing was held on 30 January 2004, which was attended by 32 companies... all registered their interest in trading online with us. A special thank you to Tristram Symons of County Tyres who kindly spoke about his experience of the Bristol e-Business project.

FREE Training

As part of the Bristol e-Business Initiative many of you are using or thinking of using SAGE Line 50 Version 10. You can now access **FREE** training through **learndirect** on SAGE Line 50.

learndirect's 'Introduction to Bookkeeping with Sage Line 50' is a 12 hour online course, which explains key bookkeeping and accounting principles using small business examples. The course provides an introduction to some key functions in Sage Line 50 through practice exercises. You will see how regular bookkeeping tasks are performed and get an excellent introduction to bookkeeping and Sage.

If you enrol on the course now you will receive a FREE copy of the 6-month Sage Line 50 Trial CD by post.

The course is FREE to all companies aiming to trade with Bristol City Council and can be done in bite-sized chunks to fit in with your work and home life. Call or e-mail the Kick Start Team to register interest.

This is just one example of over 500 courses available through **learndirect**.

Visit www.virtualcentre.org.uk to view the full range of courses.

Supplier News

Here are the latest companies who have now signed up to the Bristol e-Business portal. As always we have offered these companies the opportunity to let everyone else registered with the Bristol e-Business project know what their company can offer.

Remember you can order electronically from them by logging on to www.bristolebusiness.co.uk

A & E Fire Equipment Ltd are a BSI quality approved, and IIP accredited Company. We are able to design, supply, install and maintain ALL aspects of fire equipment, extinguishers, emergency lighting, fire alarms, signage, gaseous systems etc.

Acorn Restorations Ltd specialises in the design, manufacture and installation of architectural metal work for both new build and restoration projects. Such projects include old-fashioned lighting, railings, gates, staircases, balconies and gazebos.

Applause Digital Media Ltd is a company dedicated to applying a professional yet personal approach to all its business activities. We provide digital video, IT romcards, web Development, digital graphics and CD rom. We will meet our client's media and marketing requirements with rapid, professionally implementing and competitive solutions.

Avdon Bristol Limited is a specialist manufacturer and installer of windows, doors, curtains, walling and frameless ground floor glazing to the commercial construction market.

C & R Fencing was Formed in 1981 the company has specialised in local authority works in the Bath and Bristol area, and has built up a strong client base in the immediate vicinity of the two cities.

Charles Saunders Ltd are the largest fresh fish wholesalers in the west also stocking over 5000 frozen food products for sale and distribution within a 50-mile radius of our Bristol base

Clarks Wood Company Ltd was established in 1798 and started trading in those early days importing hardwoods. The Company continues to be a family owned business following a successful management buyout on May 31st 1986. The Company takes pride in its policy of quality and service, has achieved BS EN ISO 9002:1994, and rigorously maintains its environmental purchasing policy.

County Tyres supply and fit all makes and types of tyres, we also supply and fit replacement exhausts as well as MOT's and vehicle servicing at selected sites.

Durston Waste Management Limited is one of Bristol's leading skip hire and waste disposal companies, with a justifiably high reputation for excellent service levels, and a modern fleet of vehicles.

East Bristol Enterprise Ltd operates two business centres in Easton, with some 80 small-managed enterprise units, on an easy-in easy-out basis with economical rents, full reception facilities, and free on-site business support.

George Carr & Sons (Saws) Ltd, established 1858, incorporating George Carr Power Products, specialise in supply to both trade and retail customers nationally. Supplying Stihl, Viking, Honda & Countax garden machinery and spares. Combining comprehensive stocks and knowledge.

Harris Maintenance Services (HMS) do general building maintenance and repair and also servicing and repair of floor cleaners.

Head Projects is a multi-disciplinary building consultancy combining a strong core of professional property services with a wide range of expertise. We bring a practical approach resulting from the wealth of experience of our staff, along with the creative ideas of a company which enjoys finding innovative solutions to property problems.

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Initially Yours - Business wear, leisure wear, schools, teams and clubs - we supply a vast range of clothing and can embroider your name, logo or personalised design. Free catalogue. In house design. "You name it - we stitch it"

Natural Soft Drinks Co. Ltd. is a wholesale distribution company, supplying a variety of outlets, such as garage forecourts, shops, schools, and gyms with a range of products including soft drinks, water, crisps, confectionery and grocery items.

Pattersons are distributors of catering, bar janitorial and paper products. Established since 1889 with over 8000 products, large showrooms in BRISTOL and EXETER a stockholding in excess of £1,000,000. We have built a strong reputation within the southwest as a supplier you can trust.

Contact with Kick Start

If you have any queries regarding the Bristol e-Business project then please contact the Kick Start team by:

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