

# Business Support in Swindon & Wiltshire

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Supporting Business in Swindon & Wiltshire

## SME Growth project partners

Business West	<a href="http://www.businesswest.co.uk">www.businesswest.co.uk</a>	Free business support as well as a range of paid-for services. Access to SME Growth funding.
Cool Ventures	<a href="http://www.coolventures.co.uk">www.coolventures.co.uk</a>	Free business support as well as a range of paid-for services. Access to SME Growth funding.
Inspire (Wessex Chambers)	<a href="http://www.inspirebiz.co.uk">www.inspirebiz.co.uk</a>	Free business support as well as a range of paid-for services. Access to SME Growth funding.
Oxford Innovation	<a href="http://www.oxfordinnovationservices.co.uk">www.oxfordinnovationservices.co.uk</a>	Free business support as well as a range of paid-for services. Access to SME Growth funding.
TEN	<a href="http://www.theenterprisenetwork.co.uk">www.theenterprisenetwork.co.uk</a>	Provides flexible workspaces including offices, hot-desks & virtual office addresses, plus meeting, training and conferencing facilities.

## Other support organisations

Business Companion	<a href="http://www.businesscompanion.info">www.businesscompanion.info</a>	Trading Standards law explained online
Business is Great	<a href="http://www.greatbusiness.gov.uk">www.greatbusiness.gov.uk</a>	Support, advice and inspiration for growing your business:- online information and helpline
Business Support Finder	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder/search">www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder/search</a>	Over 500 schemes listed and linked through the gov.uk portal
Community First	<a href="http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/community-first-services/grants-and-funding">www.communityfirst.org.uk/community-first-services/grants-and-funding</a>	Information, advice and support to tackle and promote rural community issues, also funding for community projects.
Community Grants (Wiltshire Council)	<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme</a>	Grants up to £1000 linked to local priorities - find out more from your nearest area board: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards</a>
Enterprise Nation	<a href="http://www.enterprisenation.com/">www.enterprisenation.com/</a>	Information, events & networking organisation with helpful online business blogs
Enterprise Wiltshire	<a href="http://www.enterprisewiltshire.co.uk">www.enterprisewiltshire.co.uk</a>	Aims to develop and improve the economy and wellbeing of the county.
Fredericks Foundation	<a href="http://www.fredericksfoundation.org/wiltshire">www.fredericksfoundation.org/wiltshire</a>	Business loans of up to £20,000 and business mentoring.
FSB	<a href="http://www.fsb.org.uk">www.fsb.org.uk</a>	Membership organisation offering legal information, services & insurance, health and safety information, & more.
GOV.UK	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/topic/business-tax/self-employed">www.gov.uk/topic/business-tax/self-employed</a>	Free introductory guides to starting your own business
GOV.UK	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/business-support-helpline">www.gov.uk/business-support-helpline</a>	Business support online and helpline
Growth Showcase	<a href="http://www.growthshowcase.com">www.growthshowcase.com</a>	Invitation-only web platform that showcases high-growth SMEs to the investment community.
Horizon 2020	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/horizon-2020">www.gov.uk/horizon-2020</a>	Aims to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.
Innovate UK	<a href="http://www.innovateuk.gov.uk">www.innovateuk.gov.uk</a>	Funding opportunities & advice to help early-stage and small companies carry out science, engineering and technology research and development projects.

LEADER	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-development-programme-for-england-leader-funding">www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-development-programme-for-england-leader-funding</a>	Grants provided through Local Action Groups for business development in priority areas. For local priorities, find your nearest LAG here: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/european-funding-to-boost-rural-employment-through-leader-local-action-groups-29-may-2015">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/european-funding-to-boost-rural-employment-through-leader-local-action-groups-29-may-2015</a>
Rural Development Programme: Growth Programme	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme">www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme</a>	Grants for food processing, business development and rural tourism infrastructure.
Rural Development Programme: Countryside Productivity	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/rpa/countryside-productivity-scheme">www.gov.uk/rpa/countryside-productivity-scheme</a>	Funding for projects that improve farm productivity e.g. woodland management equipment, creating on-farm reservoirs and using water more efficiently.
Small Business Research Initiative	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-business-research-initiative">www.gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-business-research-initiative</a>	Supports businesses to develop and demonstrate technology to public bodies
Sources of Funding Bulletin (Wiltshire Council)	<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/businesssupportandadvice/businessadvice/sources-of-funding-bulletin-anchor">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/businesssupportandadvice/businessadvice/sources-of-funding-bulletin-anchor</a>	
Start Up Loans	<a href="http://www.startuploans.co.uk">www.startuploans.co.uk</a>	A government funded scheme to provide advice, loans and mentoring to start-up businesses.
SWAIN	<a href="http://www.swain.org.uk">www.swain.org.uk</a>	Helps SMEs find equity finance and business angels.
SWELP	<a href="http://www.swlep.co.uk">www.swlep.co.uk</a>	Business-led public/private partnership tasked with driving economic growth in the Wiltshire area, including Swindon.
Swindon & Wiltshire Growth Hub	<a href="http://www.wiltshirebusinesshub.co.uk">www.wiltshirebusinesshub.co.uk</a>	A gateway to national and local business support for business in Wiltshire.
Swindon Council	<a href="http://www.swindon.gov.uk/business">www.swindon.gov.uk/business</a>	Business advice and support portal.
Switch on to Swindon	<a href="http://switchontoswindon.com">switchontoswindon.com</a>	Swindon Ambassador networking and free resources. Promoting what is great about business in Swindon.
South West Manufacturer Advice Service (SWMAS)	<a href="http://www.swmas.co.uk">www.swmas.co.uk</a>	Manufacturing and business development experts helping transform south west manufacturers into world class businesses
UK Crowdfunding	<a href="http://www.ukcfa.org.uk">www.ukcfa.org.uk</a>	An umbrella group which aims to promote crowdfunding as a valuable and viable way for UK businesses, projects or ventures to raise funds.
UKTI	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-trade-investment">www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-trade-investment</a>	Provides information on exporting to overseas markets.
Wiltshire Council	<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support</a>	Business advice and support portal.



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