

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils

West Suffolk
working together



“Our support is free and we could save you time and money so you can get on with what you’re good at – running your business.”

Well supported

We have local knowledge and the right contacts to help you succeed – whether you want to explore an idea or have plans to develop an existing business.

Business parks, commercial premises and development land

There are business parks with industrial and office space in the towns, in many of the larger villages and converted barn complexes in rural areas, providing a wide choice of type and size of premises. There are full details of locations on our websites.

The councils West Suffolk Property Services has industrial, commercial and

retail units to let across St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath in Brandon, Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Mildenhall and Newmarket. You can find out about availability on our website where there are also links to commercial agents.

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/property

In planning for future growth, three large employment areas have been identified in West Suffolk – in Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and at Red Lodge, on the A11 near Mildenhall.



Economic sectors

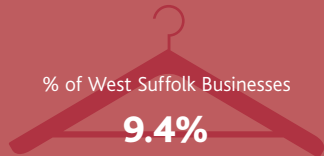
Professional, scientific & technical



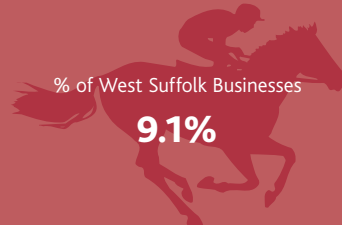
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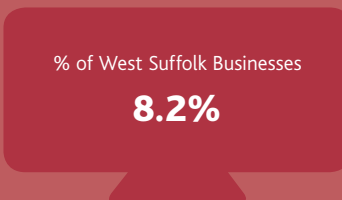
Retail



Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services

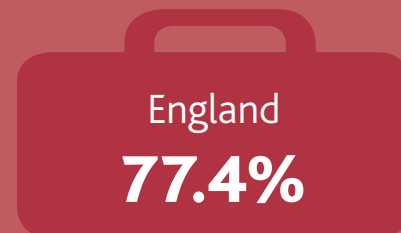
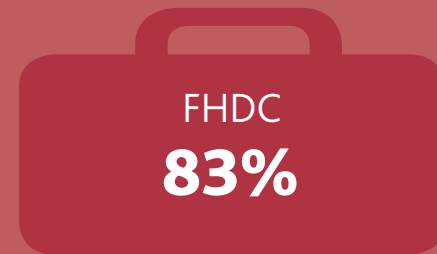
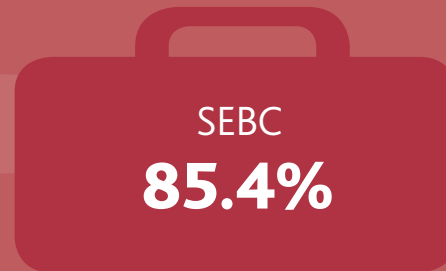


Business administration & support services



Economic activity

The proportion of economically active people aged 16-64 is high in West Suffolk



Facts and figures

You can find information about West Suffolk on various websites.

Office for National Statistics

www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html

UK National Statistics

www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/index.html

Suffolk Observatory

www.suffolkobservatory.info/

Cambridgeshire Insight

(East of England forecasting model)

www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/EEFM

BBC economy tracker

www.bbc.co.uk/news/10613201

In Bury St Edmunds a 68-hectare site will be an extension to Suffolk Business Park, providing space for light industrial, research and offices. At Haverhill the government has recently provided funding to develop a 12-hectare site at the Research Park and a 22-hectare site at the Haverhill Business Park. Red Lodge, the 14-hectare Kings Warren Business Park has land for offices, industrial and warehousing.

This is in addition to more commercial land being made available or proposed at existing sites in other towns and villages across West Suffolk.

Please contact the Economic Development and Growth team for details of all these sites.



Advice, funding, training and support

We can introduce you to other people who can help.

They include the Local Enterprise Partnerships; West Suffolk is covered by two LEPs, Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough and New Anglia.

The LEPs provide investment for infrastructure to create the right business environment and grants and loans to help businesses buy buildings and machinery, increase productivity and start exporting.

Growing and start-up businesses are the specialist area for the two local enterprise agencies serving West Suffolk. They have small units and offices to rent on flexible, low-cost terms.

The New Anglia Growth Hub offers free support for growing businesses through face-to-face meetings with local Business Growth Advisers to help businesses access specialist support.

Menta, the award-winning Suffolk enterprise agency, offers advice, runs courses and holds networking events. It has business units in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill and a training centre in Haverhill. www.menta.org.uk

Business support is also available from many professional organisations and networking groups including the Institute of Directors and chambers of commerce.

Events

The West Suffolk Economic Development and Growth team is a founding partner in the annual Bury St Edmunds and West Suffolk Business Festival. The festival is a 10-day celebration with seminars, presentations, working lunches and networking events to bring together the business community and highlight opportunities.

www.businessfestival.org

Planning for jobs

Encouraging new businesses is a priority for Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury, the two councils working together under the West Suffolk banner. We have a Six Point Plan for Jobs and Growth which sets out how we will increase opportunities for businesses to thrive.

A summary leaflet or a full version of the plan can be found on our website:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/sixpointplan

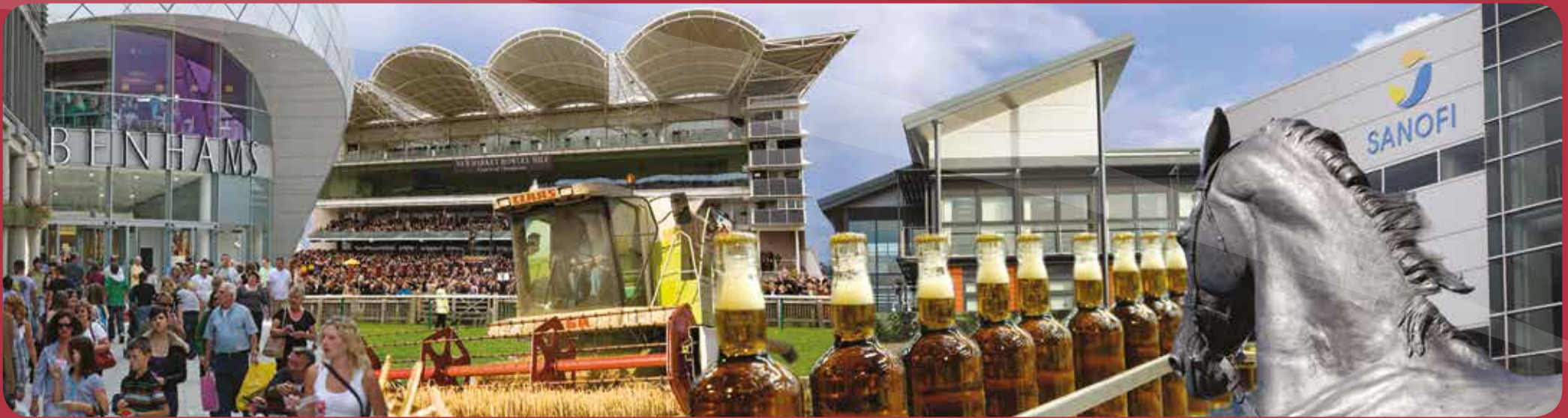


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The West Suffolk Economic Development and Growth team helps businesses to remove barriers to relocation and growth by:

- finding land and premises – commercial units and offices;
- understanding the 'red tape' – including planning and legal matters;
- broadband connections;
- highlighting funding opportunities;
- finding staff;
- improving your workforce's skill levels;
- developing new supply chains;
- identifying opportunities for exporting; and
- encouraging visitors by creating vibrant town centres.