Business Alliance

The 2026 Programme

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THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP

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Programme of Activity

Through an extensive series of events, which include flagship events such as Windsor Debates, Business Alliance members represent the business interests of the Thames Valley and beyond, driving local engagement, regional representation, and global opportunity. Business Alliance members include many of the longest established and most recognised global brands in the region.

Business Alliance and Annual Dinners

We host three Business Alliance Dinners each year, giving members the opportunity to hear from and engage with influential leaders on topics including skills, leadership, and international trade. These dinners take place at some of the region's most prestigious venues, and Business Alliance members are entitled to two complimentary places at each event. In addition, our Annual Dinner is held within the historic walls of Windsor Castle, where each Business Alliance member receives one complimentary place.

Thames Valley Assembly (TVA)

The TVA sits in the centre of the Chamber's independent, non-political status and plays a key role in identifying and dealing with issues that matter most to business. It is the region's bellwether for the economy, and helps shape both the policy response of the Chamber and our annual Business Manifesto. Our goal is to ensure that actions and outcomes will help drive real change and champion the needs of local and international businesses during these uncertain times. Participation in the TVA is inclusive of BA membership.

Windsor Debates

Held in March and September, Windsor Debates formulates clear and decisive messages that help shape and frame TVCC's strategic policy direction and wider programme of activity. Taking place in the historic surroundings of Windsor Castle, Business Alliance members receive one free place at each of the Debates. The themes for the upcoming debates are Infrastructure in March and The Commonwealth in September.

Parliamentary Question Time & Political Working Lunches

Our Parliamentary Question Time (PQT) provides an invaluable opportunity for Business Alliance members to engage with national and regional Parliamentarians. We learn more about their ambitions for the region and perspectives on what has made this region so successful. Business Alliance members receive two places.

Conferences & Business Awards

Business Alliance members are invited to two conferences in 2026 - the Thames Valley Growth Conference in May and a State of the Region Conference in October. Business Alliance members receive one free place, with a 50% discount on further tickets (maximum 2). Our Business Awards are the largest Awards of their kind in the region and celebrate the successes of businesses from across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Swindon.

Date & Time	Details	Location
26th February 6:30pm - 9:30pm	BA Dinner Speaker: Matthew Martin, Managing Director, of Oxford NanoScience Limited	Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
6th March 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Political Working Lunch Sarah Green, MP for Chesham and Amersham	De Vere Latimer, Chesham
20th March 9:30am - 9:30pm	Windsor Debates Topic: Infrastructure	Vicars Hall, St George's House, Windsor Castle
26th March 9:00am - 11:00am	Thames Valley Assembly (TVA) Chair - Robert Van De Noort CBE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Reading	Virtual
17th April 9:30am - 11:00am	Quarterly Economic Survey Briefing Yuan Yang, MP for Earley & Woodley	Oracle HQ, Reading
24th April 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Political Working Lunch Jack Rankin, MP for Windsor	Konami, Windsor
8th May 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Political Working Lunch Greg Smith, MP for Mid-Buckinghamshire	Craftyard Wendover, Aylesbury
12th May 9:30am - 2:00pm	Thames Valley Growth Conference Chair - Phil Smith CBE	Becton Dickinson HQ, Reading
18th June 6:30pm - 9:30pm	BA Dinner Speaker: Paul Lindley, Chancellor, University of Reading	Cliveden House, Taplow
26th June 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Political Working Lunch: Josh Reynolds, MP for Maidenhead	To be confirmed
2nd July 6:00pm - 11:00pm	Thames Valley Business Awards	Easthampstead Park, Bracknell
30th July 9:00am - 11:00am	Thames Valley Assembly (TVA) Chair - Robert Van De Noort CBE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Reading	To be confirmed
18th September 9:30am - 9:30pm	Windsor Debates Topic: The Commonwealth	Vicars Hall, St George's House, Windsor Castle
15th October 6:30pm - 9:30pm	BA Dinner Speaker: Tomer Feffer, CEO, Bayer	Danesfield House, Marlow
23rd October	State of the Region	To be confirmed
20th November 1:00pm - 3:30pm	Parliamentary Question Time and TVA Chair - Robert Van De Noort CBE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Reading	The Meadow Suite, University of Reading
27th November 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Annual Dinner	Vicars Hall, St George's House, Windsor Castle

Creating Real Change

Together, our work focuses on creating real change to fulfil our ambition of a more prosperous, healthier and greener Thames Valley. We provide a combination of exclusive activities, coupled with bespoke strategic support that is tailored to the most pressing business objectives.

Business Alliance members benefit from exclusive invitations to Business Alliance Dinners and Windsor Debates, and a free place plus discounted tickets to the Thames Valley Growth Conference in May and the State of the Region Conference in October.

Attendance at monthly business networking events, as well as special interest events such as Political Working Lunches and Business Leaders Forums, is also included in Business Alliance membership.

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