

## Dee Bateman elected chair of Wealden Business Group

Ashford-based credit controller and book-keeper Dee Bateman has been elected chair of the Wealden Business Group.

The Group is a networking organisation for local professionals which meets each week at The Little Silver Hotel, Tenterden for business referrals over breakfast, has regular guests speaking on business topics, organises trips, and enjoys regular social occasions to raise funds for charity.

After a career as a financial controller and fashion buyer, Dee founded her business four years ago offering bookkeeping, credit control, invoicing, payroll, monthly management accounts, P&L, and supplier negotiations for clients ranging from sole traders to companies turning over more than £4m.

A mother of two, and grandmother of four, Dee lists her interests as family, music, reading and travel.

Says Dee: "I am delighted to have been elected, and am looking forward to recruiting more female members and young people in business.

"With the economy improving, I anticipate a year of increasing referrals, mutual business support and continuing our social and charitable activities – we have raised almost £20,000 for local good causes in the past four years."

Wealden Business Group welcomes applications for membership from local businessmen and women.

Further information visit the website [www.wealden-business-group.co.uk](http://www.wealden-business-group.co.uk) or call secretary Peta Ashby on 01580 763911 or 07843 270228.

