

## HELPING BUSINESSES TO GROW AND PROSPER

## Wealden Business Group adopts Kent Foundation for young entrepreneurs as charity of the year

The Wealden Business Group has adopted the Kent Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs as its Charity of the Year.

WBG, which meets weekly to help members maximise their business opportunities and exchange information, sales leads and referrals, also has an active social calendar including charity fundraising events, and in the past two years has raised almost £10,000 for local good causes.

Explains WBG chairman David Meredith: "We believe that we can be of real help to young people starting their careers, and wanted to offer practical support to those who will own and manage the Kent businesses of tomorrow."

The Kent Foundation was founded in 1985, and provides tailored support through business mentoring, specialist enterprise training and access to finance through the Start Up Loans initiative. It strives to offer a personal service and match the enthusiasm of the young person.

Kent Foundation director Paul Barron was delighted by the news: "Having attended WBG I was inspired by their appetite for business and their enthusiasm to support the local economy.

"There is synergy between WBG and Kent Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs, this opportunity will help us reach out to more young people with potential to be innovative and contribute to their business success"