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## SIMON HAMMOND ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF WEALDEN BUSINESS GROUP



Commercial insurance broker Simon Hammond has been elected chairman of the Wealden Business Group.

Simon, 44, is principal of commercial insurance specialists The Hammond Consultancy, which he founded in 2002 after a successful career with Royal Insurance, Provincial Insurance and AXA.

Says Simon: "With 34 members, all from different trades and professions, the Group is the premier business networking organisation in the area, and has never been healthier or more vibrant.

"My goal is to continue growing the membership, recruit more women members, enhance the already impressive number of business referrals, and continue to support our social and charitable activities — we have raised almost £15,000 for local good causes in the past three years."

Educated at Oakwood Park Grammar School, Maidstone, Simon is married with one daughter and lives at Westwell near Ashford. His hobbies include cricket – he is vice chairman and opening bat for Hollingbourne CC – and golf.

Wealden Business Group welcomes applications for membership from local businessmen and women. Further information via the website www.wealden-business-group.co.uk or call secretary Dee Bateman on 07958 612937.