

## Plumpton VAP Business Team

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The VAP Business Team is one of 11 teams formed to develop the issues raised by the community in the Village Action Plan ([www.plumptonvap.co.uk](http://www.plumptonvap.co.uk)). The Business Team was set 2 objectives: to promote the Post Office and shop; and to highlight and encourage local businesses.

If you would like to join the team or have any ideas on how we can fulfil our objectives we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to anyone of the team or contact Paul Nicholson [business@plumptonvap.co.uk](mailto:business@plumptonvap.co.uk)

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- **South Downs National Park Authority:** [www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)
- **Business in the Community:** [www.bitc.org.uk](http://www.bitc.org.uk)
- The Rural Coalition's "Rural Challenge Report": [www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/2010/08/16/the\\_rural\\_challenge](http://www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/2010/08/16/the_rural_challenge)



## South Downs National Park

The South downs National Park is now a reality and will increase the number of visitors to the area. With the now very attractive station and new train services Plumpton businesses have a real opportunity to benefit from the additional visitor numbers.

## Plumpton Business List on Line

We now have a list of businesses and we want to advertise them on line. To do that we need permission to comply with the Data protection Act. So please help us to help you by encouraging all to give their permission by emailing [Kathy@HerPlace.co.uk](mailto:Kathy@HerPlace.co.uk).

## The Rural Economy

In addition to the businesses that manage the landscape which include farmers, forestry and woodland owners and other countryside managers, the rural economy is made up of a large number of small micro businesses. Some of these are working from home within the villages that make up the rural hinterland of Sussex; others are working from the many units that have developed using redundant farm buildings.

## Businesses in Plumpton

We have now identified over 100 local businesses in Plumpton from sole traders through to the two largest employers here - Plumpton College and Plumpton Racecourse. Trades vary widely from IT services, bookkeeping, accountancy, plumbing and heating services, electricians, food producers, garage services, architectural services and many many more. This is the local, rural economy, a dynamic business place. These businesses could work together more by sharing information, resources and knowledge. They could join together to share purchased resources to gain economies from scale. There are many opportunities for these businesses.

## Your Doodle Space

### Many thanks to The Half Moon for hosting the first Plumpton Business Breakfast.

Also to Holmansbridge Farm in Barcombe for the breakfast sausages and bacon.

Check out the great Christmas and New Year menus at The Half Moon: [www.halfmoonplumpton.com](http://www.halfmoonplumpton.com).

Your £5 donations today will go to wonderful community-run scheme for local children: the Plumpton Honeybees Playgroup and the Plumpton Activity Scheme.