

# UKSPF

## PROJECT #9

## SUPPORTING BUSINESS



### AT A GLANCE

- Bringing together business partners to support business growth and entrepreneurship in the district.
- Delivered by local business support agencies.  
[BusinessSupport@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:BusinessSupport@nfdc.gov.uk)
- £74,455 budget

### AIM

To work with local business support organisations to provide support to business start ups and established businesses including those in the local retail and hospitality sectors.

### ACTIVITIES

- Shop Doctor – raising standards and improving the customer experience of retail and hospitality businesses through a 'mystery shopper' programme with confidential feedback.
- 'Start a Business' programme – providing pre-start, start up and early stage enterprises with 1:1 support and mentoring.
- Business Boost – providing free training to businesses to improve resilience and productivity.
- Apprenticeship and Skills Hub – providing dedicated advisors to assist New Forest employers with recruiting apprentices, improving the skills of their workforce and accessing the Transfer to Transform programme (part of the national apprenticeship levy transfer scheme).



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