



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Retford Business Forum welcomes new treasurer and communications team**

Retford Business Forum (RBF) announces its new leadership line-up and welcomes new treasurer, John Price. John is a trustee of Uniper UK Electricity Supply Pension Scheme and has recently retired from a career in the energy generation sector.

The new line-up at RBF includes Rick Brand (Chair), Alison Leckenby (Membership Secretary), John Price (Treasurer), Sharon Richardson (Secretary), Marie Walker (social media), and Steve Walker (Vice-Chair). They are pictured at their initial meeting held 'Covid-safely' outside.

RBF has continued to provide information and updates to individuals and organisations on its mailing list throughout the pandemic and continues to provide helpful information – to be included in the mailing list please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk)

The website ([www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](http://www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk)) has been improved to include a space for members to link from, and further initiatives for members are being worked on. Membership has been held at only £24 per year. RBF relies entirely on its members, donations and grants and is not regularly funded by anyone. Members include both individuals and organisations – all are welcome - if you would like to hear more about membership, please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).

Plans for the Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on for 2021 are underway. This year's Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on will be held on Sunday, November 21st 2021, and booking forms will be available early in September. RBF is very grateful for the support it is receiving from North Notts BID and Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to enable it to stage this landmark event. To register interest please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk)

RBF is currently working in partnership with BDC to develop a Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan, and it is eager to hear from residents, and those working in, or owning, properties in the Town Centre – please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).

Anyone interested in supporting RBF is welcome to attend RBF meetings which are held on the first Monday in each month (except bank holidays) at 6pm, remotely via Microsoft Teams. To receive a link please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk)

#### Notes for Editors

The photograph attached is of the RBF Leadership Team at their first meeting - from left to right Marie Walker (social media), Steve Walker (Vice Chair), Sharon Richardson (Secretary), Rick Brand (Chair), John Price (Treasurer) and Alison Leckenby (Membership Secretary).

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