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Market Harborough Chamber Backs Bid for UK Town of Culture 2028

Market Harborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce has announced its support for the town's bid to become the **UK Town of Culture 2028**, marking an exciting step forward in celebrating the town's heritage, community spirit, and thriving business landscape.

The bid is focused on showcasing what makes Market Harborough a vibrant place to live, work, and do business. It highlights the town's rich history as a traditional trading hub, rooted in agriculture and market commerce, while recognising its evolution into a modern destination known for its strong high street and celebrated independent businesses.

The Chamber is playing a key role in supporting the bid by championing local businesses and helping to amplify the town's unique identity on a national stage. Representatives from across the local business community, cultural sector, and wider partnerships are expected to come together to strengthen the bid and demonstrate the collective ambition of Market Harborough.

The president: Dr Gareth Thomas for Market Harborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce said: *"We are incredibly proud to support Market Harborough's bid for UK Town of Culture 2028. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the very best of our town, our heritage, our businesses, and our strong culture of community driven events and support. The Chamber is committed to ensuring that local businesses are at the heart of this journey."*

The Chamber is particularly keen to use the momentum of the bid to invest in the future of the local economy. This includes creating a culture of skills development, supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs, and strengthening pathways for local talent to thrive.

By building on its strong foundations, the bid aims to celebrate Market Harborough's cultural past and present, share best practice, and to shape a sustainable and ambitious future for the town.

Should the application progress to the next stage, the Chamber will actively engage businesses and stakeholders to ensure broad participation and shared ownership of the initiative.

For further information regarding this bid, please read the article [here](#).

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