

Knutsford Business Club Helpline's first call for Power to the People

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I wonder if you can help me !

I don't know if you are aware but we along with a number of other retailers are experiencing regular electricity outages generally 2-3 per month which always result in loss to our business as sometimes it is for several hours but even short periods result in loss as people cannot finish their meals.

The electricity provider says they need a new sub station and they cannot get a location from the council - I have correspondence from them. They hide behind their terms and conditions that they do not guarantee supply so I can get no compensation and insurance does not cover it for short periods like this.

Net result we lose every time.

I know the Guardian ran a feature a few weeks back but I wonder if there is anything else we can do to spur council/electricity provider into action.

Any help you can suggest would be greatly appreciated

KBC Response.

Firstly the Knutsford Business Club, has identified at least 21 retailers have been affected by the power cuts in King Street, that does not include the businesses above the retail units, of which there are numerous. The Knutsford Business Club will make this subject basis of a lobby group which will be happy to add its weight to the urgency of a solution as we know the power cuts are costing Knutsford Businesses collectively thousands of pounds. Businesses affected by the power supply problem should email info@lithotechonline.com to register their name on the lobby list.

Secondly, to clearly identify where the problem and responsibilities lie, submit, as individual companies, your experiences and we will present this collectively to our local MP, George Osborne, Shadow Chancellor, whose secretary has requested this information to help the Knutsford Business Club lobby the Council and the Energy Supplier to come forward with an action plan and solution to the power cuts.

Woods the Butchers - Proud to Support local Farmers



Woods the Butchers, Princess Street, Knutsford show their support for farmers at a time when the Royal Show at Warwick announces that this is the last show after 160 years. When the organisers of this years Cheshire Show announced that due to the difficult financial considerations that the bus shuttle service to the show from Hartford and Knutsford this year was to be shelved, which the show organisers said "was a very difficult

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decision due to the economic climate and subsequent budgetary constraints," - this surely sounds an alarm that it is proving ever more difficult to make these shows commercially viable.

The Cheshire Show has had to continuously re-invent itself every year introducing new themes and attractions, facing the challenges head on, and that it will no doubt face in the years ahead. It has done this regardless of any obstacles thrown in its path with recession being the cloud on the horizon this year. However, judging by the 80,000 visitors to the Cheshire Show this year over the two day period, and the sunshine that blessed the event, the Cheshire Show has managed to grasp the nettle and turn it into one of the most successful shows yet. Show your support for the future of the Cheshire Show, and the farmers and their families by thinking where the food comes from by

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Shopping Locally