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## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

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Saint Michael's has a range of partnership opportunities to local businesses. These include the thriving Guild of Patrons and the recently launched Business 500 Club, especially created for local SMEs and start-ups looking for a formalised way of giving back to the community in which they are based. These membership schemes are complemented by other activities including charity of the year partnerships, event sponsorship, volunteering opportunities and in-house fundraising support. For more information about the Guild of Patrons or how Saint Michael's can find the right partnership opportunity for your business, just call (01423) 879 687.

The Guild of Patrons are:

- Advanced Health Chiropractic
- Beaucare Medical
- Cardale Asset Management
- Clarity Office Solutions (Pennine) Ltd
- DRP Construction
- C Richard Jackson Charitable Trust
- Engage Mutual Assurance
- EnviroVent
- Harrogate Advertiser
- Interim Partners
- Leeds Bradford International Airport
- Lindam Ltd
- Liz and Terry Bramall Charitable Trust
- Joe Manby Ltd
- Market Town Taverns
- Moores Furniture Group
- The Mike Heelan Practice
- Mr and Mrs C Rycroft
- PeopleCo
- The PPR Foundation
- Procter and Gamble
- Rudding Park
- S&B Utilites
- Sign-a-rama
- Tony Bramall Charitable Trust
- Vantage Toyota Knaresborough

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