

Biggleswade

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

- 2011 was a record year for company registrations in Biggleswade when compared to any year in history.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Biggleswade when compared to any previous December.
- October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Biggleswade when compared to any previous October.

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Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Biggleswade when compared to any year in history.

A total of 109 companies were formed in Biggleswade in 2011. This total is 45.3% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	109	452,870
2010	75	400,358
2009	81	362,675
2008	72	349,203
2007	109	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (109)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



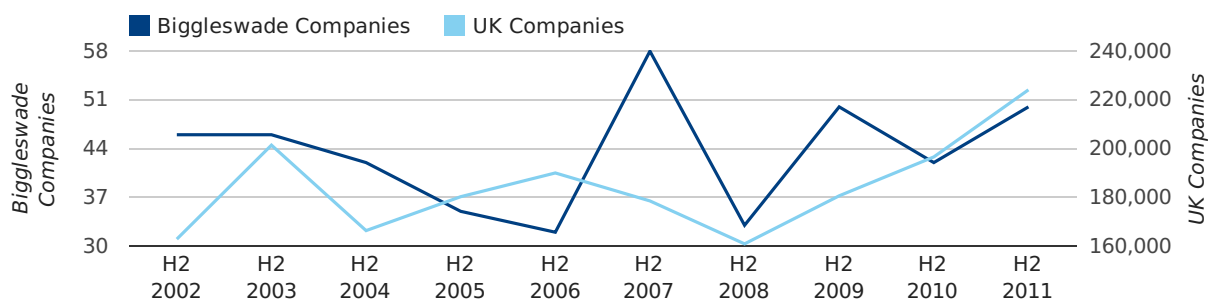
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 50 companies were formed in Biggleswade. This figure is 19.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Biggleswade occurred in 2007 when a total of 58 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	50	224,135
2010	42	196,609
% CHANGE	19.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (58)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



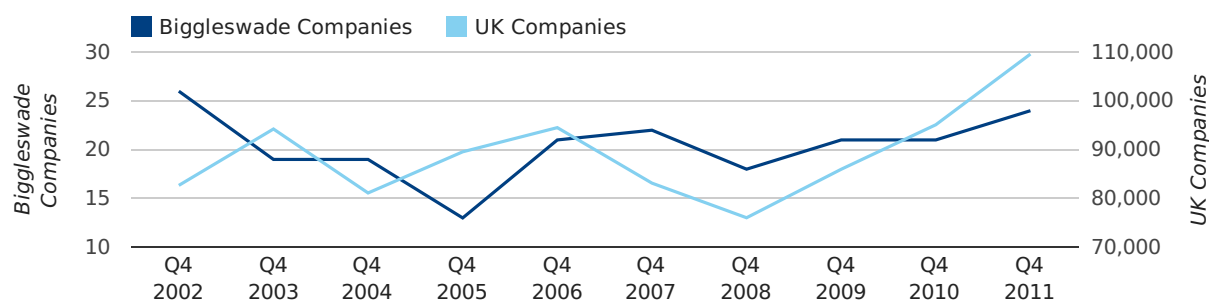
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 24 companies were registered in Biggleswade during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 14.3% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	24	109,623
2010	21	95,117
% CHANGE	14.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (26)	2011 (109,623)

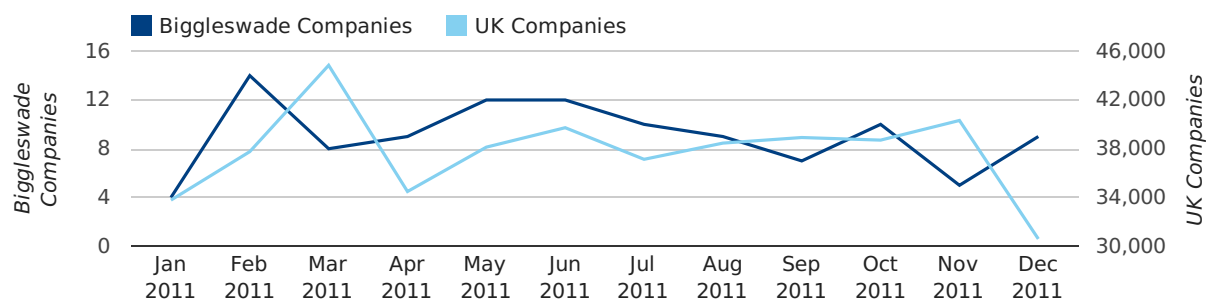
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Biggleswade when compared to any previous December.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	10	5	9
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	4	11	6
% CHANGE	150.0%	-54.5%	50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (11)	2010 (11)	2007 (9)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 57 companies were dissolved in Biggleswade in 2011. This total is 3.6% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	57	314,523
2010	55	342,232
2009	116	533,773
2008	44	237,901
2007	67	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (116)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



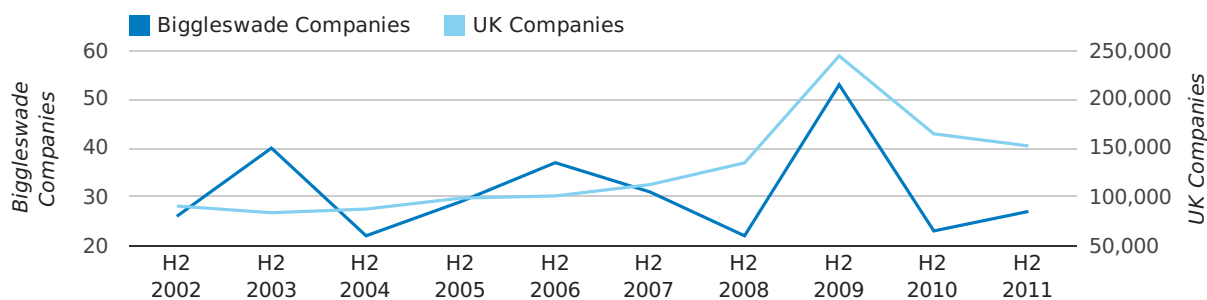
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 27 companies were dissolved in Biggleswade. This figure is 17.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Biggleswade occurred in 2009 when a total of 53 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	27	152,213
2010	23	164,601
% CHANGE	17.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (53)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 13 companies were dissolved in Biggleswade during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 62.5% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

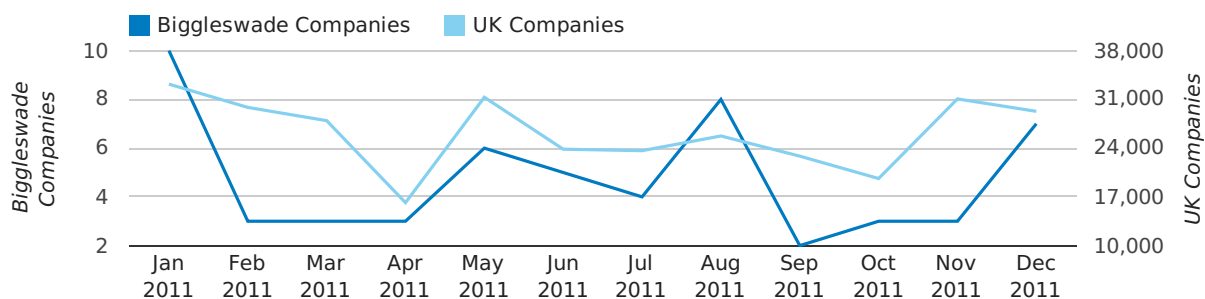
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	13	79,983
2010	8	76,896
% CHANGE	62.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (21)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	3	3	7
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	2	3	3
% CHANGE	50.0%	0.0%	133%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (8)	2006 (7)	2009 (8)

Annual Data (2011)

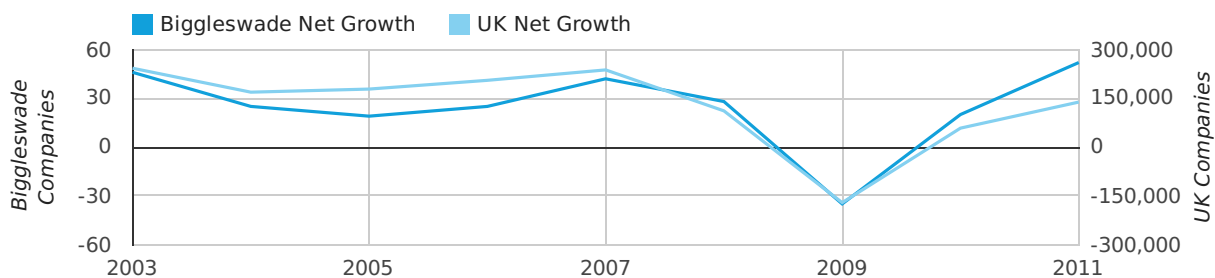
A total of 52 companies were added to the company register for Biggleswade in 2011. This number represents growth of 69.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 32 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 1997 when the Biggleswade company register grew by 58 companies.

YEAR	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	52	138,347
2010	20	58,126
2009	-35	-171,098
2008	28	111,302
2007	42	237,354
RECORD YEAR	1997 (58)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

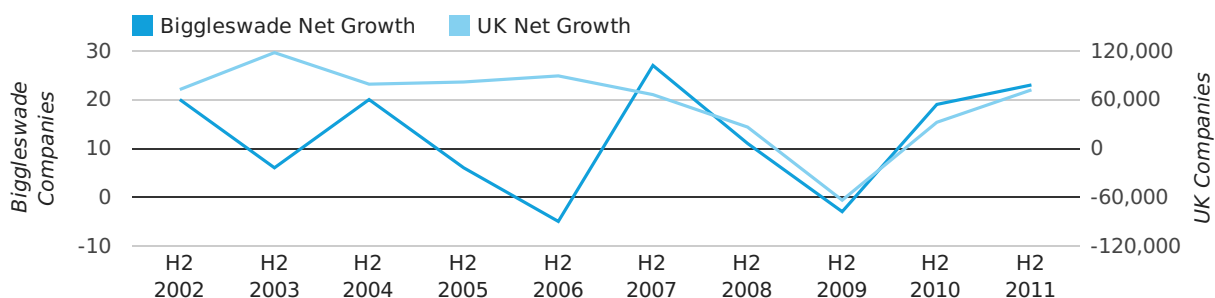


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Biggleswade increased by 23 companies. This figure is 21.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	23	71,922
2010	19	32,008
% CHANGE	21.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



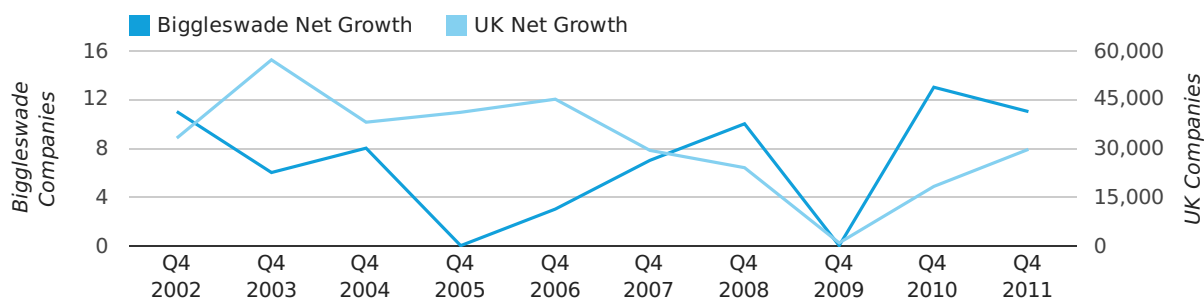
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Biggleswade during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 11 companies.

This represents a decrease of 15.4% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BIGGLESWADE	UK
2011	11	29,640
2010	13	18,221
% CHANGE	-15.4%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (13)	2003 (57,175)

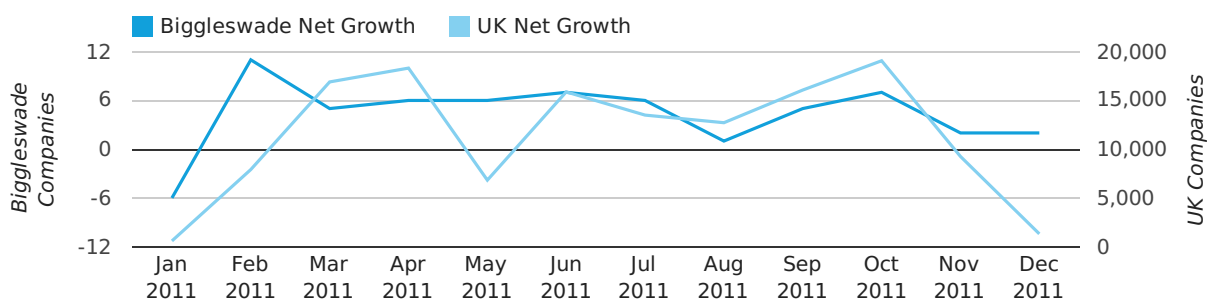
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Biggleswade when compared to any previous October.

net growth by month



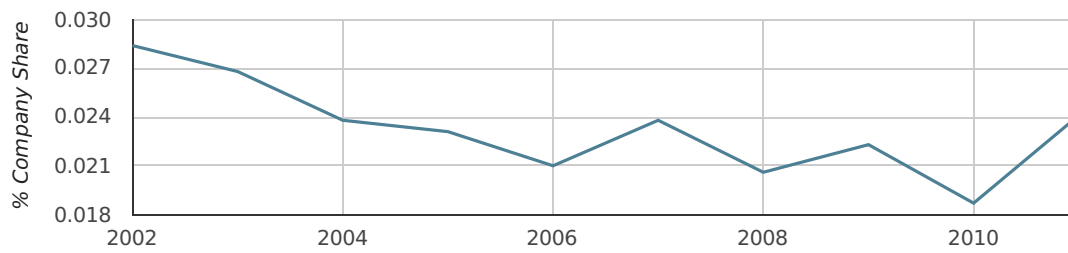
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	7	2	2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	2	8	3
% CHANGE	250.0%	-75.0%	-33.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (7)	2010 (8)	2007 (6)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Biggleswade formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Biggleswade was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BIGGLESWADE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.1%)

company share by year

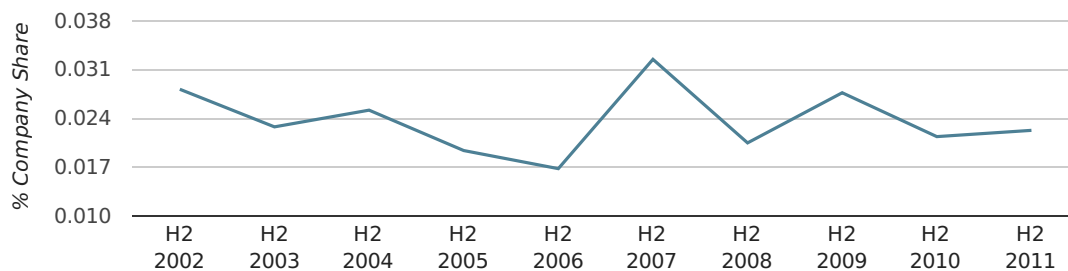


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Biggleswade formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BIGGLESWADE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.1%)

company share by half year

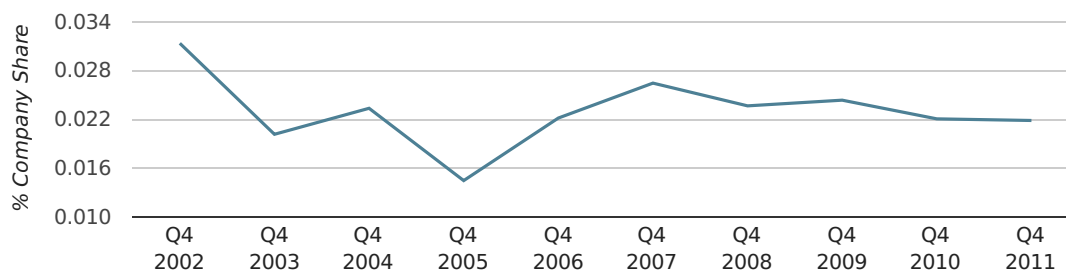


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Biggleswade formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

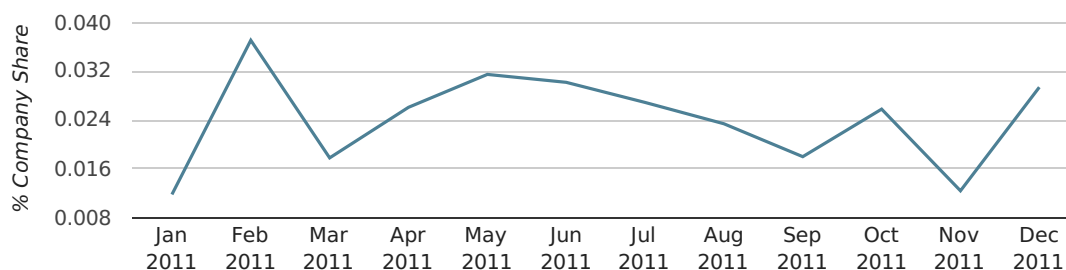
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BIGGLESWADE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	116.8%	-61.3%	33.0%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.1%)	1982 (0.2%)	1960 (0.3%)

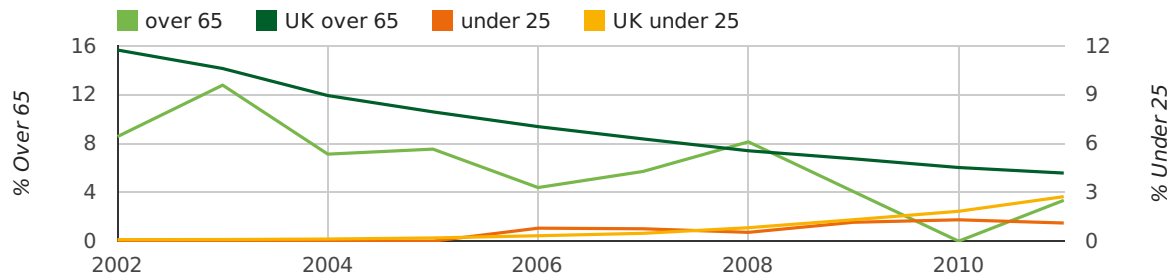
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



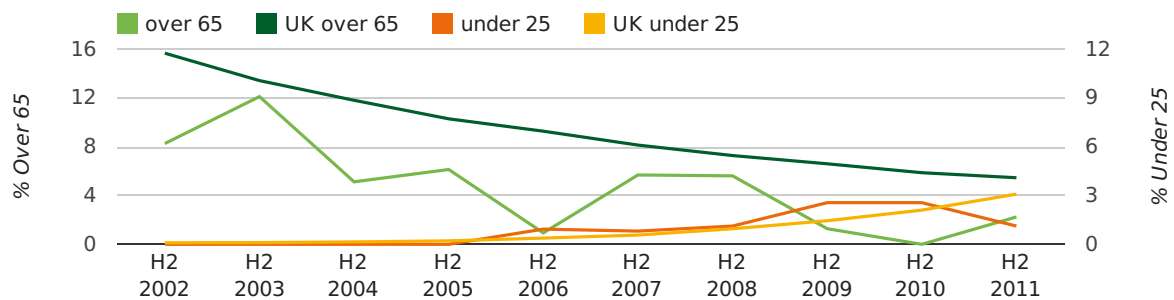
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



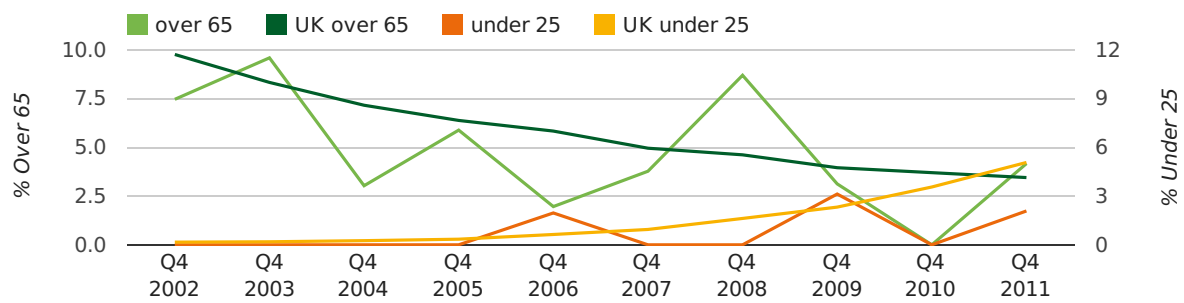
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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

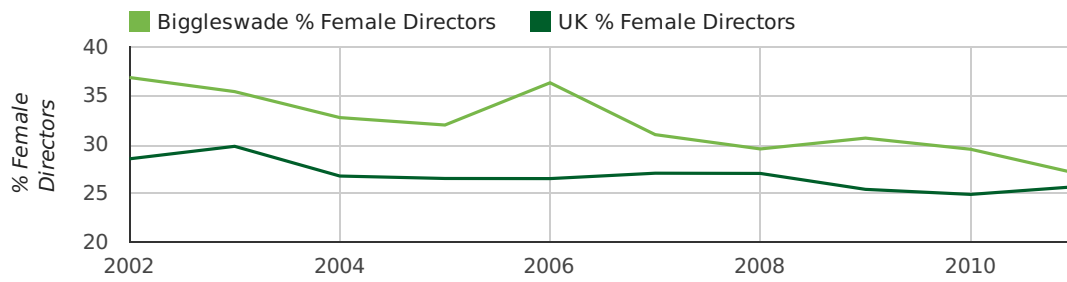


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Biggleswade was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Biggleswade in 2011 was 36.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

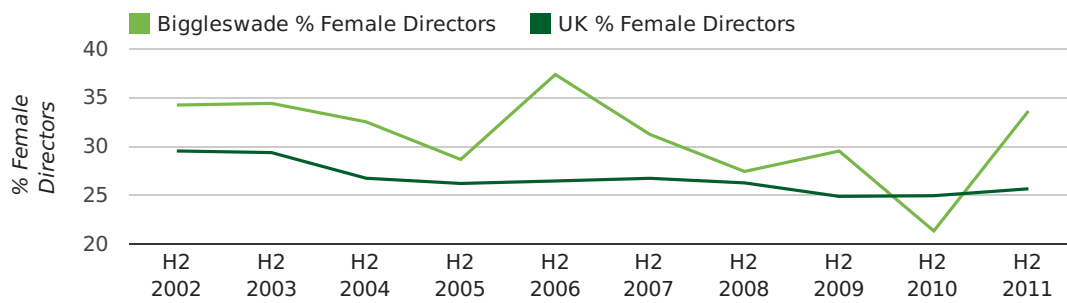


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Biggleswade was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

33.7% of all director appointments in Biggleswade in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

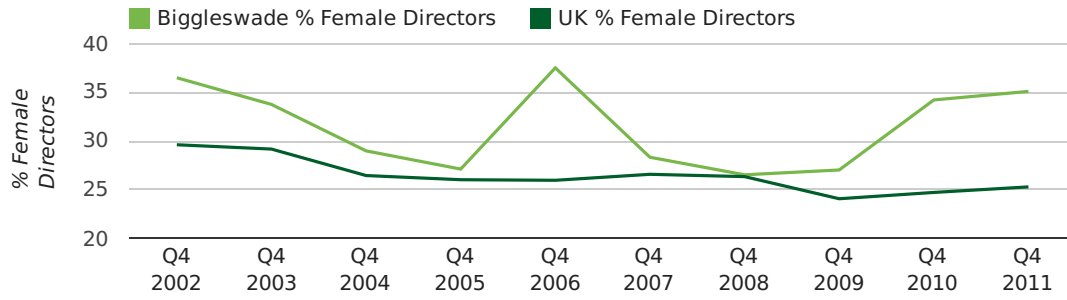


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Biggleswade was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

35.1% of all director appointments in Biggleswade in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.19%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.75%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
D	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
HOUSE	1.32%	PROPERTY	2.37%
J	1.32%	TRADING	2.07%
SYSTEMS	1.32%	DESIGN	1.92%
DESIGN	1.32%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
C	1.32%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
DONICA	0.88%	BUSINESS	1.78%
DISCOFISH	0.88%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PIZZA	0.88%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
RHODES	0.88%	MEDIA	1.71%
DAVID	0.88%	LONDON	1.63%
LEVITAS	0.88%	J	1.51%
EVOLUTION	0.88%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ASSOCIATES	0.88%	GLOBAL	1.46%
MEDIA	0.88%	IT	1.41%
CONSTRUCTION	0.88%	CARE	1.39%
ENGINEERING	0.88%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BUILDERS	0.88%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
INSTALLATIONS	0.88%	M	1.27%
SOLAR	0.88%	BUILDING	1.26%
CIC	0.88%	ENERGY	1.25%
MAINTENANCE	0.88%	S	1.20%
ARAN	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	28	205,525
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	8	17,765
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	8	32,483
7487 - Other business activities	7	57,052
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
99999 - Dormant Company	5	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	4	20,199
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	3	7,398
6024 - Freight transport by road	3	2,280
4525 - Other special trades construction	3	1,651
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	3	3,633
86900 - Other human health activities	3	4,457
62012 - Business and domestic software development	2	3,714
0141 - Agricultural service activities	2	428
85600 - Educational support services	2	1,103
5242 - Retail sale of clothing	2	1,643
43210 - Electrical installation	2	3,175
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	2	12,072
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	2	8,671
73110 - Advertising agencies	2	1,823