

Harrogate

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any previous February.
- Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Harrogate when compared to any previous Q1.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Harrogate when compared to any previous January.

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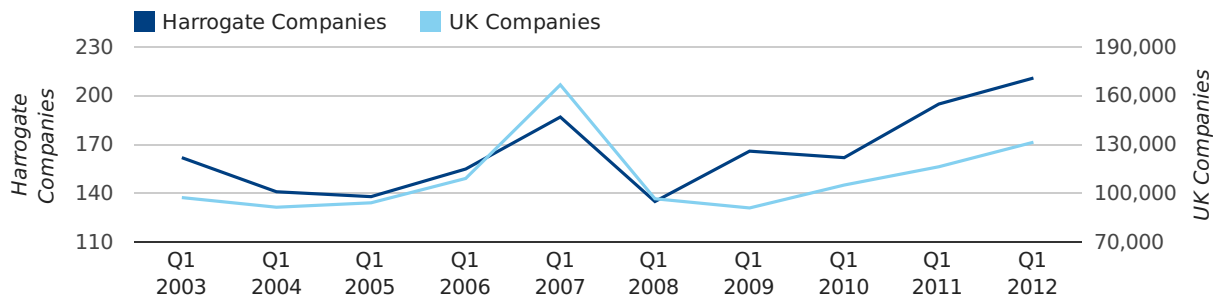
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 211 companies were registered in Harrogate during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	211	131,491
2011	195	116,391
% CHANGE	8.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (211)	2007 (166,814)

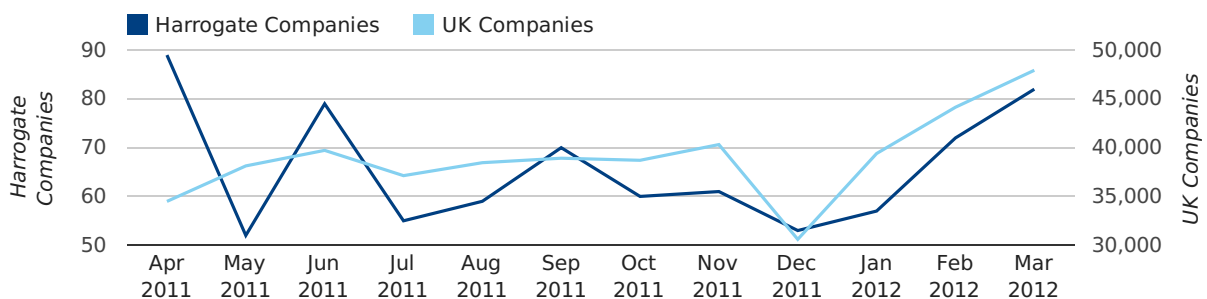
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	57	72	82
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	60	53	82
% CHANGE	-5.0%	35.8%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (60)	2012 (72)	2007 (87)

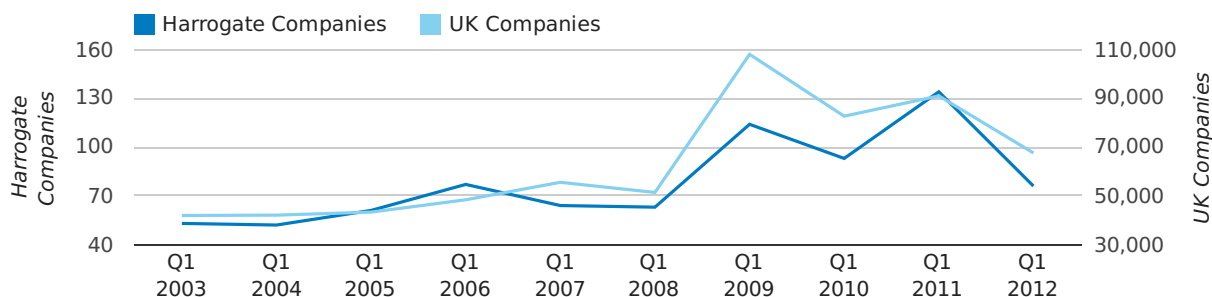
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 76 companies were dissolved in Harrogate during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 43.3% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

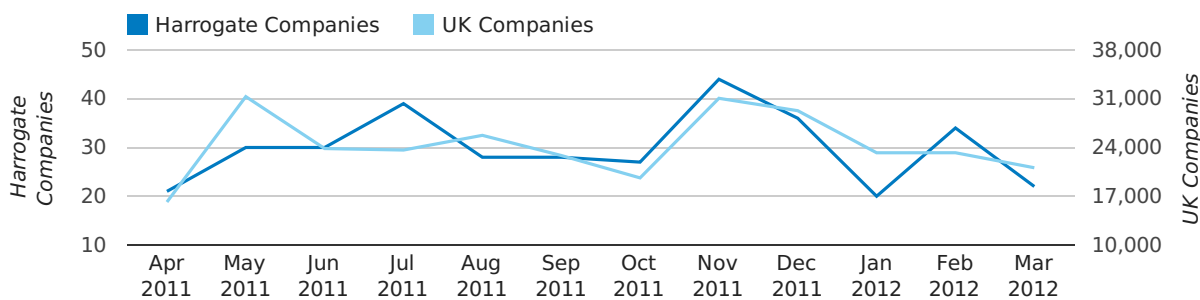
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	76	67,576
2011	134	90,986
% CHANGE	-43.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (134)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	20	34	22
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	50	37	47
% CHANGE	-60.0%	-8.1%	-53%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2008 (41)	2009 (68)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

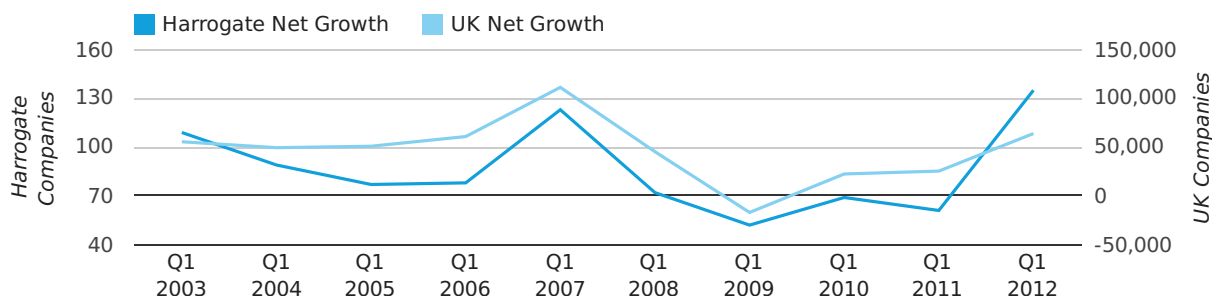
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Harrogate when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Harrogate during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 135 companies.

This represents an increase of 121.3% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	135	63,915
2011	61	25,405
% CHANGE	121.3%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (135)	2007 (111,282)

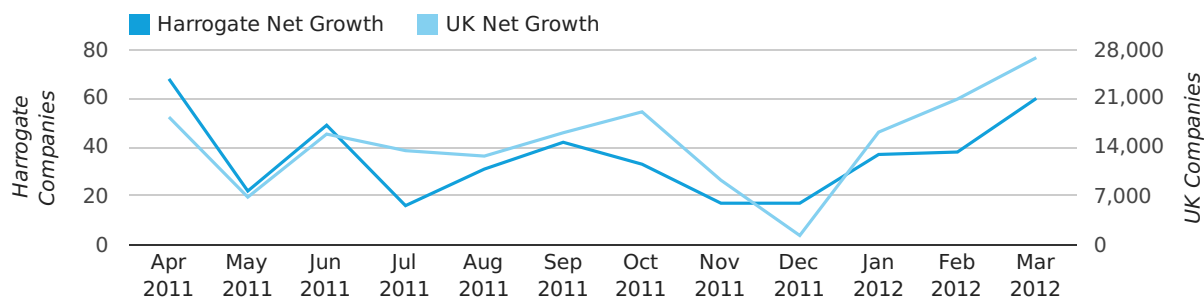
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Harrogate when compared to any previous January.

net growth by month



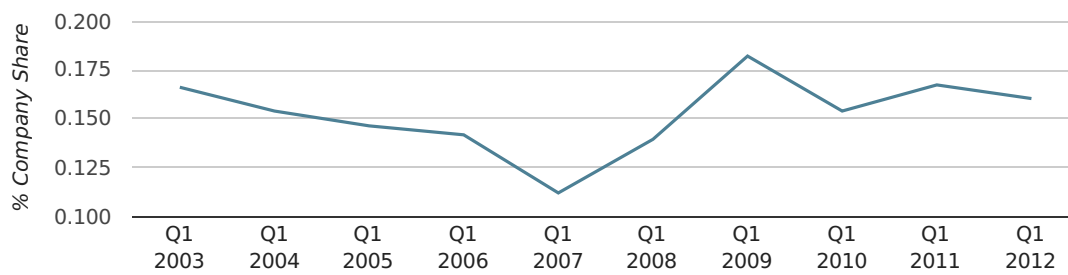
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	37	38	60
NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	16	35
% CHANGE	270.0%	137.5%	71.4%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (37)	2003 (44)	2007 (72)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Harrogate formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

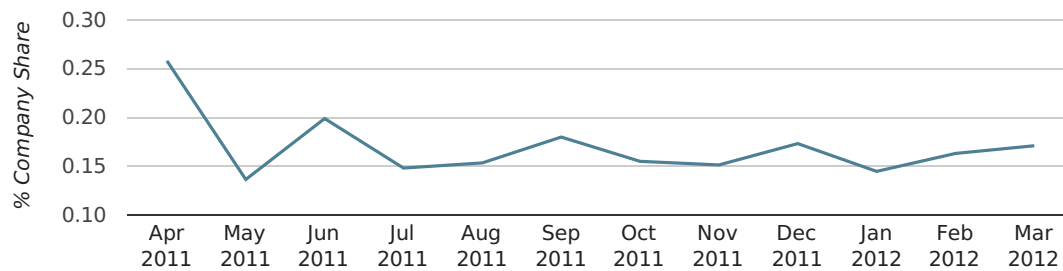
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HARROGATE
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-18.5%	16.2%	-6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.6%)	1968 (0.3%)	1974 (0.7%)

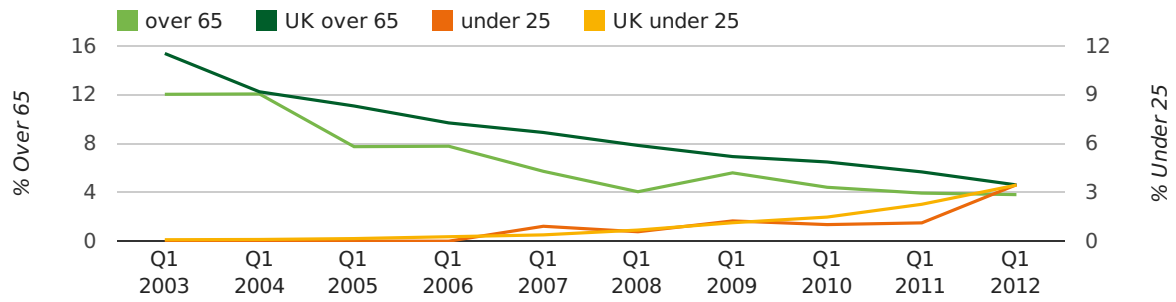
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

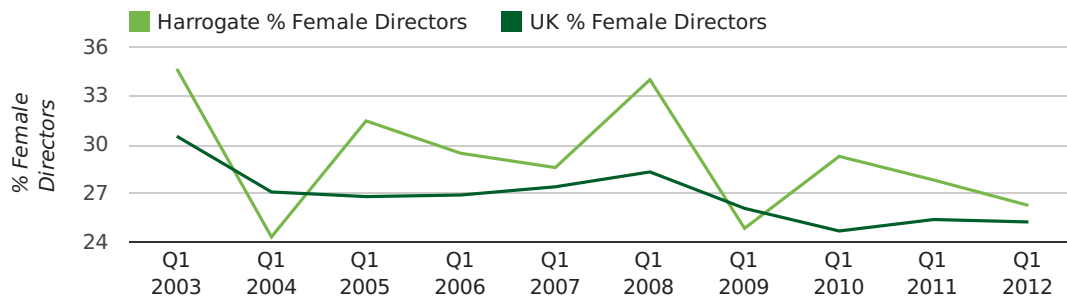


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The record first quarter for female directors in Harrogate was in 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.3% of all director appointments in Harrogate in the first quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
HARROGATE	2.86%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.54%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.47%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
ASSOCIATES	1.00%	PROPERTY	2.37%
YORKSHIRE	0.93%	TRADING	2.07%
INVESTMENTS	0.93%	DESIGN	1.93%
(HARROGATE)	0.85%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
VALUE	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
J	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.73%
FOR	0.62%	MEDIA	1.72%
DEVELOPMENT	0.46%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
MONEY	0.46%	LONDON	1.66%
LOGISTICS	0.46%	J	1.54%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.46%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONSULTANTS	0.46%	GLOBAL	1.50%
WEALTH	0.46%	IT	1.40%
PROPERTY	0.46%	CARE	1.34%
PRODUCTIONS	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
NEWCO	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
M	0.46%	M	1.27%
PARTNERS	0.39%	BUILDING	1.24%
CAFE	0.39%	ENERGY	1.20%
D	0.39%	S	1.20%
DESIGN	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	266	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	73	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	55	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	47	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	36	25,084
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	31	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	23	9,729
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	22	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	22	12,113
9999 - Dormant Company	22	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	13,637
9305 - Other service activities	15	8,818
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	6,934
7499 - Non-trading company	12	9,102
86900 - Other human health activities	11	5,066
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,154
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	4,132
70100 - Activities of head offices	11	2,746
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	11	3,448