

Leatherhead

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leatherhead when compared to any previous February.
- March 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Leatherhead when compared to any previous March.

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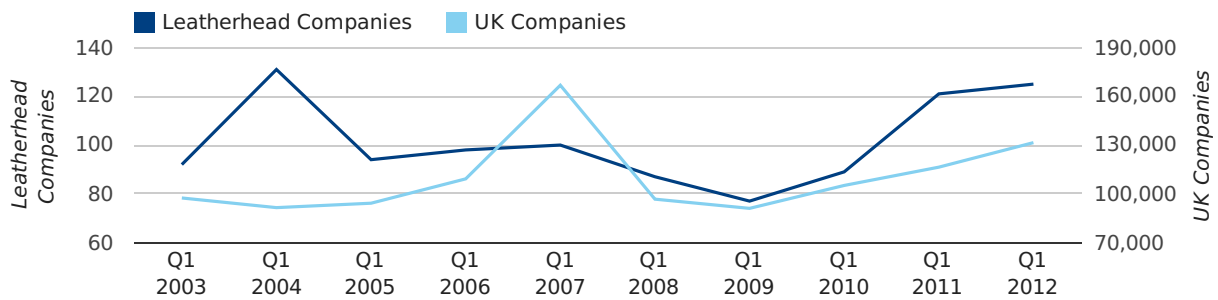
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 125 companies were registered in Leatherhead during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 3.3% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	LEATHERHEAD	UK
2012	125	131,491
2011	121	116,391
% CHANGE	3.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (131)	2007 (166,814)

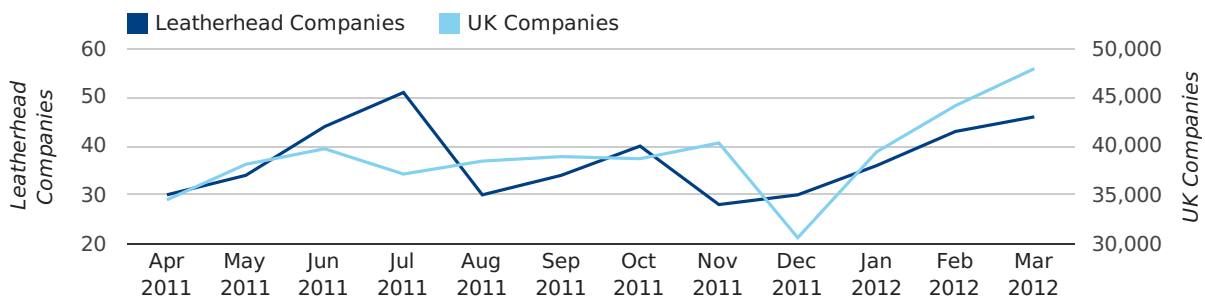
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	36	43	46
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	37	37	47
% CHANGE	-2.7%	16.2%	-2.1%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (48)	2012 (43)	2004 (49)

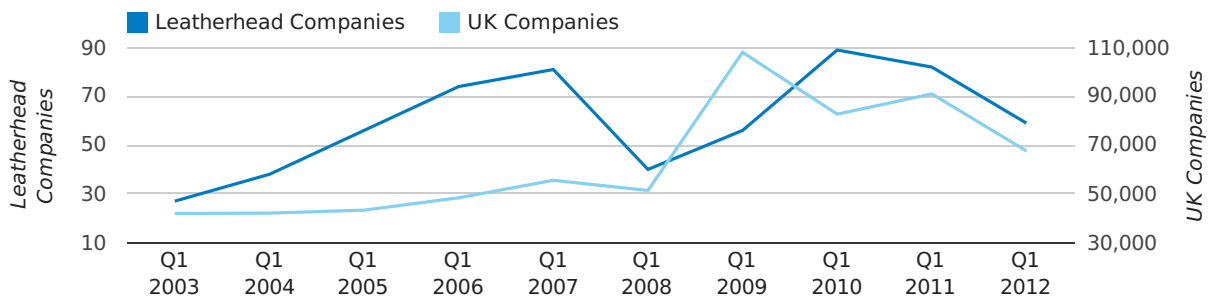
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 59 companies were dissolved in Leatherhead during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 28.0% 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.

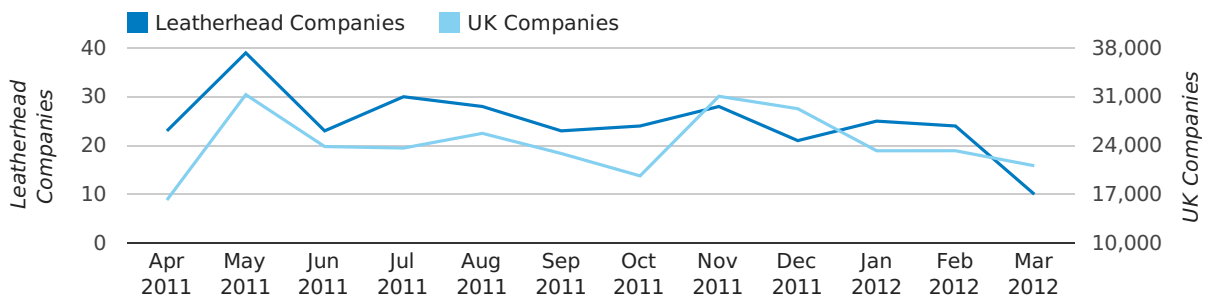
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEATHERHEAD	UK
2012	59	67,576
2011	82	90,986
% CHANGE	-28.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (89)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	25	24	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	34	24	24
% CHANGE	-26.5%	0.0%	-58%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (39)	2010 (28)	2010 (48)

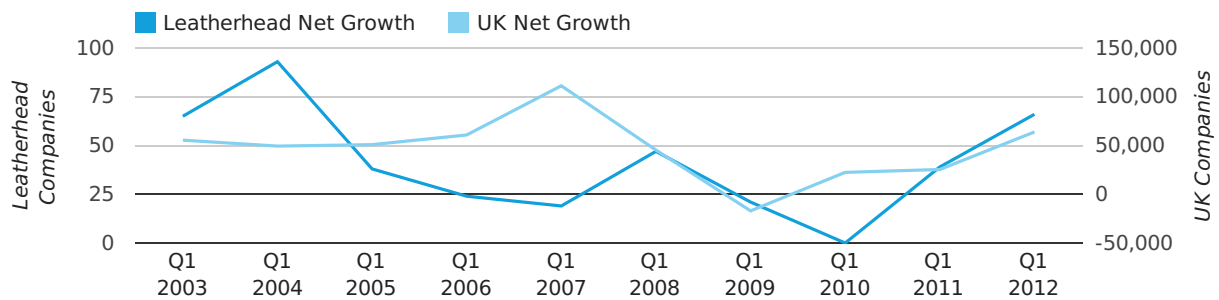
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Leatherhead during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 66 companies.

This represents an increase of 69.2% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEATHERHEAD	UK
2012	66	63,915
2011	39	25,405
% CHANGE	69.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (93)	2007 (111,282)

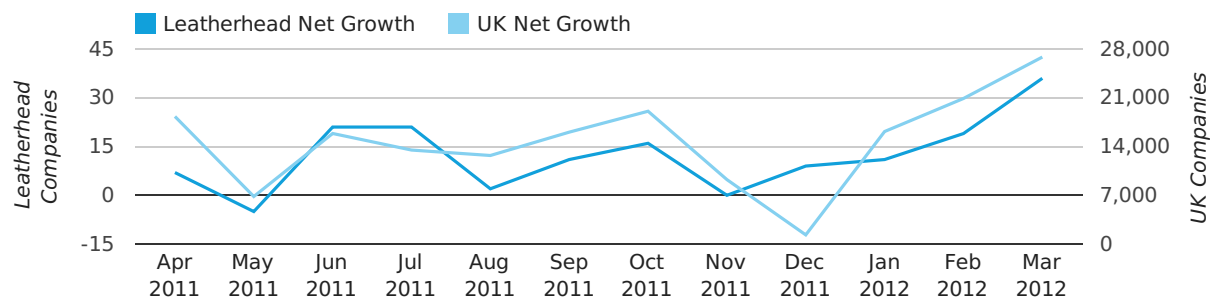
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

March 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Leatherhead when compared to any previous March.

net growth by month



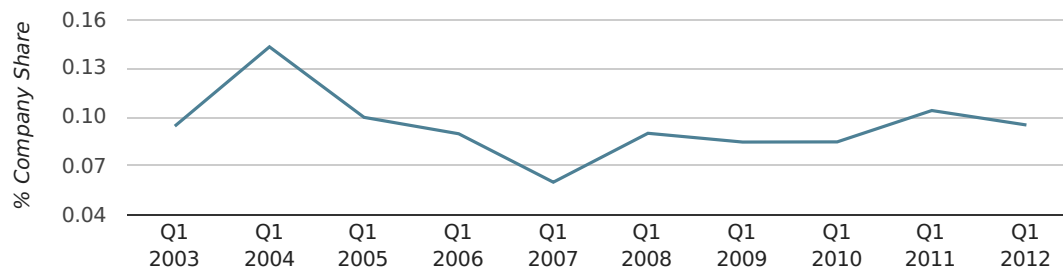
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	11	19	36
NET GROWTH IN 2011	3	13	23
% CHANGE	266.7%	46.2%	56.5%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (33)	2003 (28)	2012 (36)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Leatherhead formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

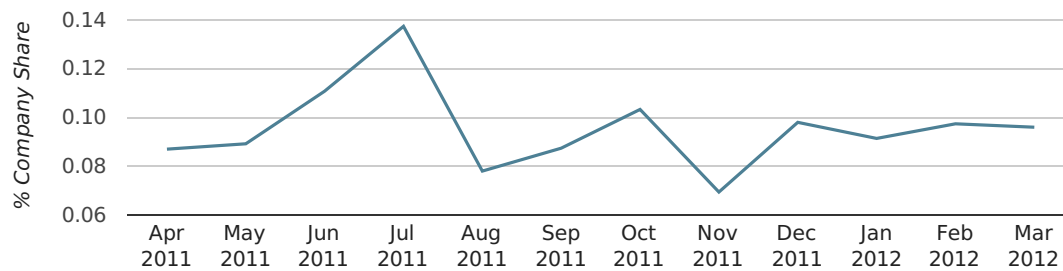
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEATHERHEAD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-16.5%	-0.6%	-8.4%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.6%)	1966 (0.4%)	1970 (0.7%)

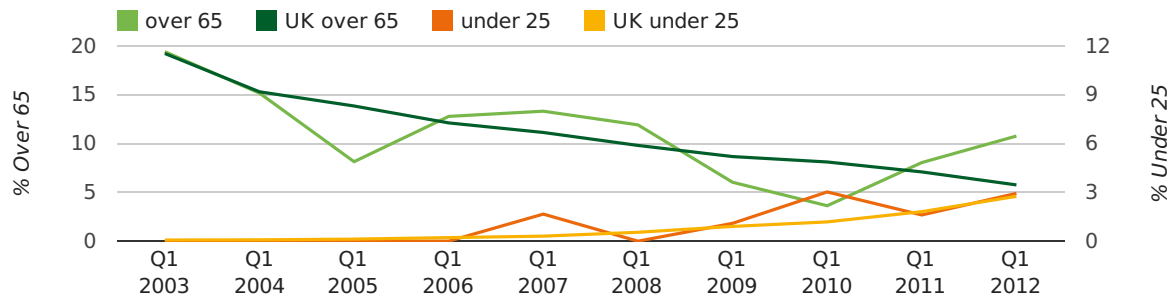
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 49.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 10.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

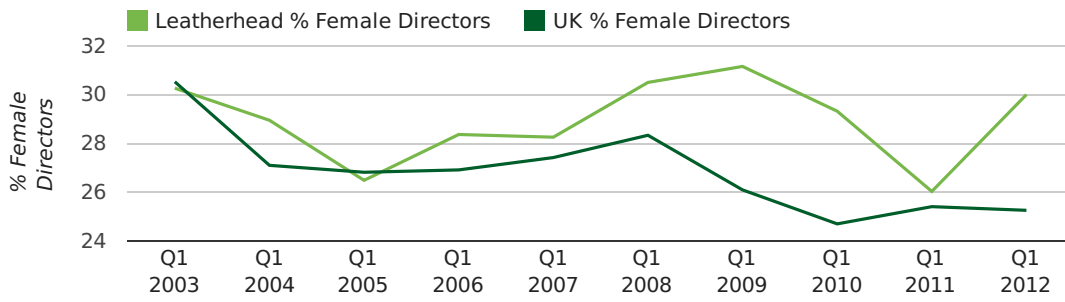


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

30.0% of all director appointments in Leatherhead 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
PLC	3.46%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.82%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	2.30%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.02%	TRADING	2.07%
LEATHERHEAD	0.90%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ASSOCIATES	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
CAPITAL	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
HOLDINGS	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.73%
GLOBAL	0.64%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSTRUCTION	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRUST	0.64%	LONDON	1.66%
SURREY	0.64%	J	1.54%
INVESTMENTS	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONSULTANTS	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.50%
(SURREY)	0.64%	IT	1.40%
BOOKHAM	0.51%	CARE	1.34%
PARTNERS	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LONDON	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SCHOOL	0.51%	M	1.27%
ACCOUNTING	0.51%	BUILDING	1.24%
IT	0.51%	ENERGY	1.20%
ENTERPRISES	0.51%	S	1.20%
RET	0.38%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	162	216,665
74990 - Non-trading company	44	9,729
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	30	35,233
7487 - Other business activities	29	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	19,704
7499 - Non-trading company	24	9,102
99999 - Dormant Company	19	25,084
7414 - Business & management consultancy	18	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	18	14,303
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	9,892
9999 - Dormant Company	12	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	13,637
41100 - Development of building projects	10	4,984
64209 - Activities of other holding companies not elsewhere classified	10	1,214
70100 - Activities of head offices	9	2,746
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,154
9305 - Other service activities	6	8,818
62012 - Business and domestic software development	6	4,356
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	6,934