

Saffron Walden

2012 half year business confidence report



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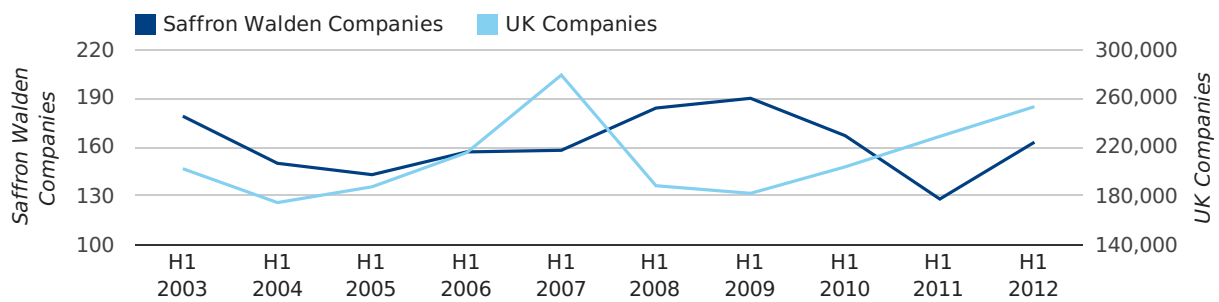
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 163 companies were formed in Saffron Walden. This figure is 27.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Saffron Walden occurred in 2009 when a total of 190 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	163	253,150
2011	128	228,735
% CHANGE	27.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (190)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



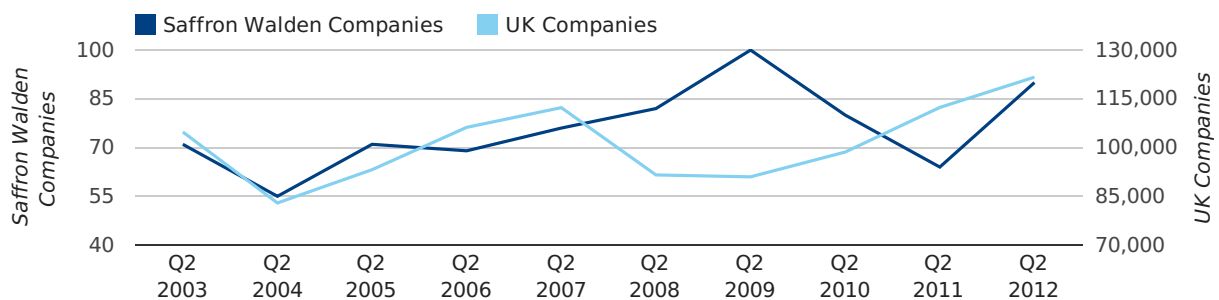
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 90 companies were registered in Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 40.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

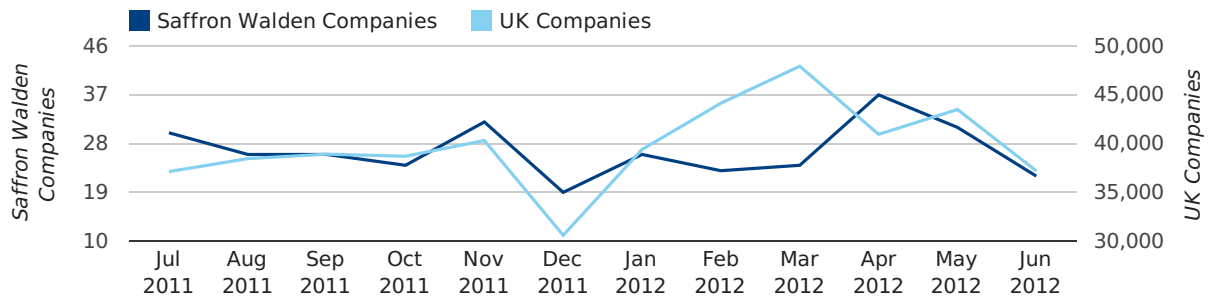
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	90	121,659
2011	64	112,344
% CHANGE	40.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (100)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	37	31	22
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	29	13	22
% CHANGE	27.6%	138.5%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (47)	2009 (38)	2008 (27)

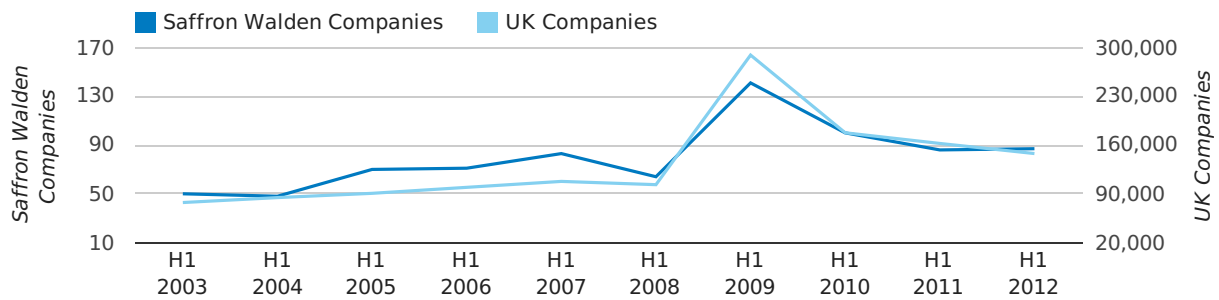
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 87 companies were dissolved in Saffron Walden. This figure is 1.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Saffron Walden occurred in 2009 when a total of 141 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	87	147,793
2011	86	162,310
% CHANGE	1.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (141)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 40 companies were dissolved in Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

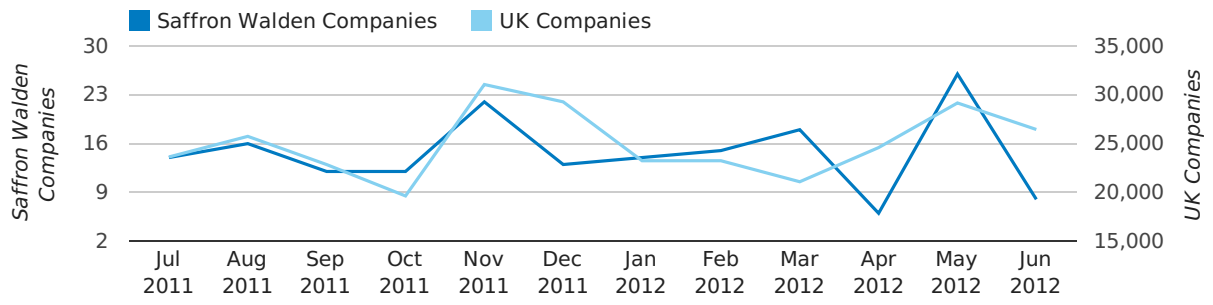
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	40	80,217
2011	41	71,324
% CHANGE	-2.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



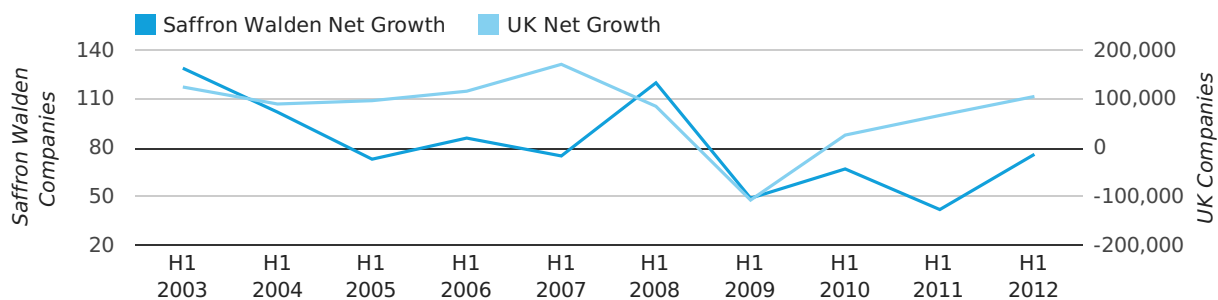
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	6	26	8
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	19	15
% CHANGE	-14.3%	36.8%	-47%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (22)	2009 (47)	2010 (29)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Saffron Walden increased by 76 companies. This figure is 81.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	76	105,357
2011	42	66,425
% CHANGE	81.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (129)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



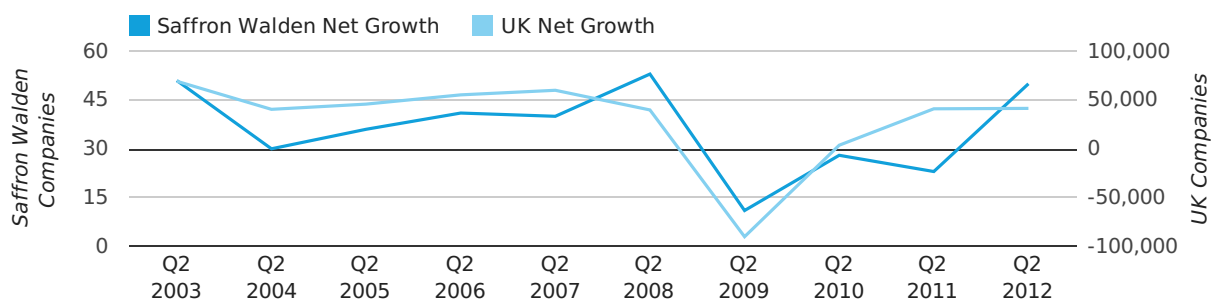
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 50 companies.

This represents an increase of 117.4% on the same period last year.

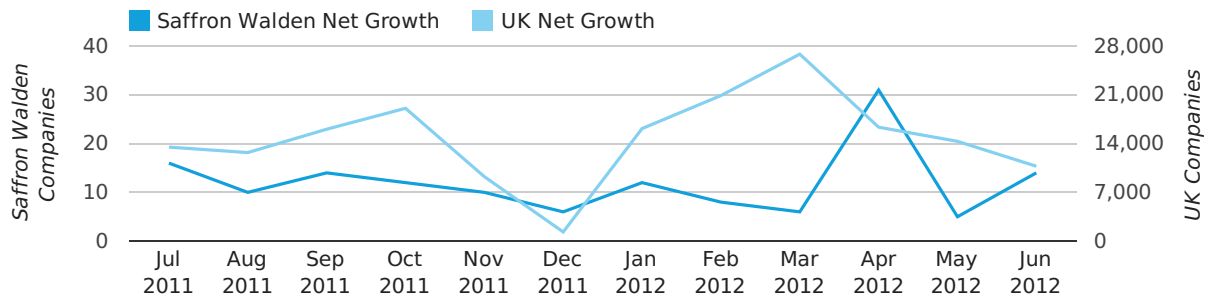
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2012	50	41,442
2011	23	41,020
% CHANGE	117.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (76)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



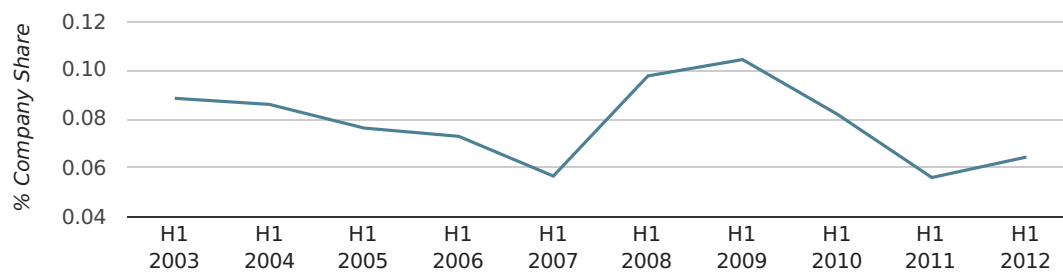
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	31	5	14
NET GROWTH IN 2011	22	-6	7
% CHANGE	40.9%	-183.3%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (43)	2008 (26)	2008 (25)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Saffron Walden formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by half year

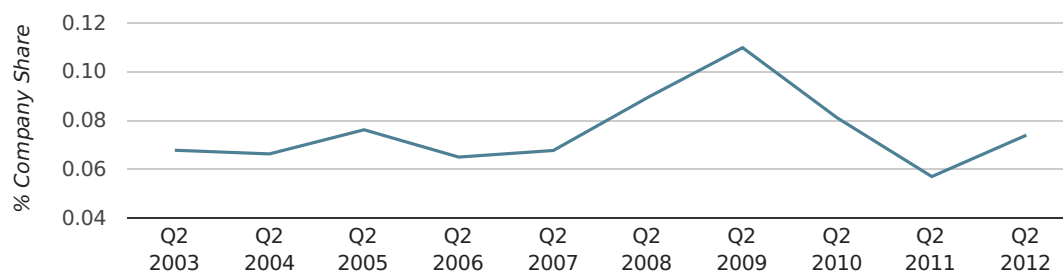


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Saffron Walden formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

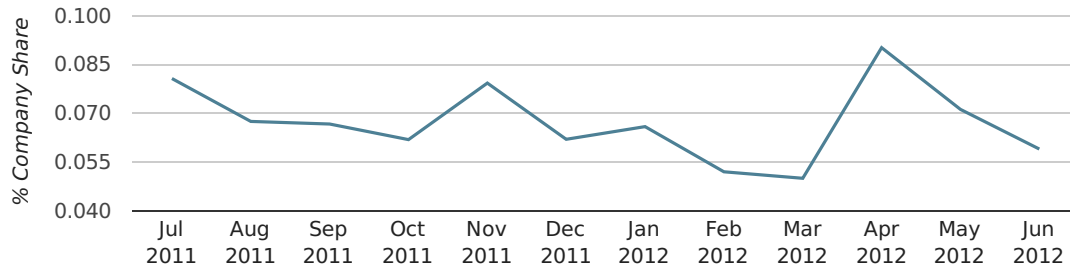
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SAFFRON WALDEN
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	7.4%	109.1%	6.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (0.2%)	1977 (0.3%)	1961 (0.2%)

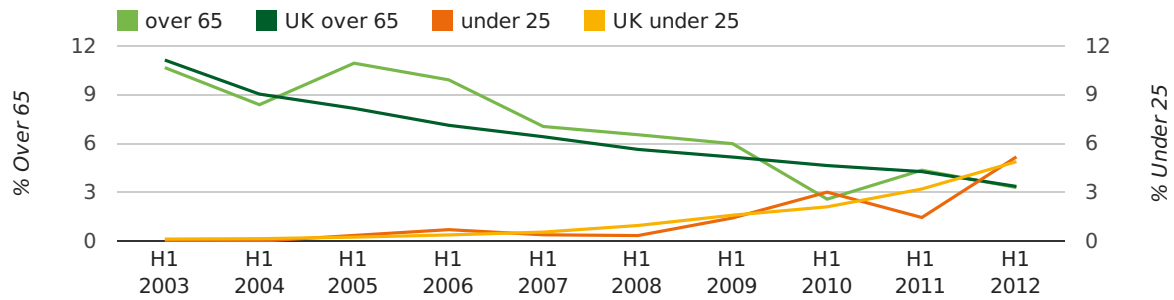
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



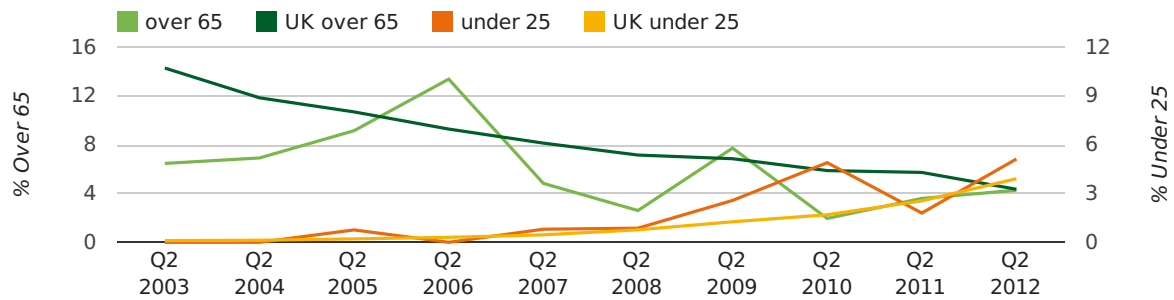
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

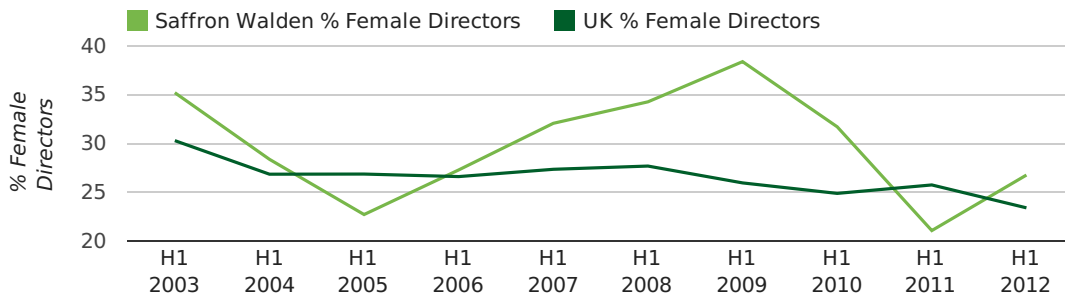


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Saffron Walden was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.7% of all director appointments in Saffron Walden in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

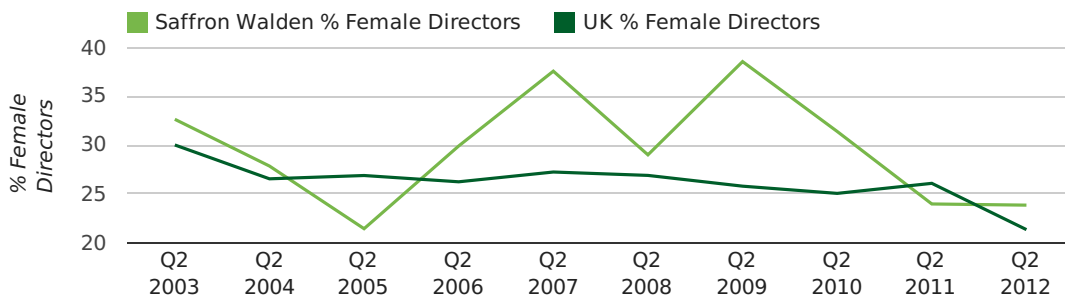


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Saffron Walden was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

23.8% of all director appointments in Saffron Walden in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
SW	2.33%	CONSULTING	5.07%
NO.	2.33%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CO.	2.33%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTING	1.17%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ELECTRICAL	1.00%	TRADING	2.10%
DESIGN	1.00%	DESIGN	1.89%
MANAGEMENT	1.00%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRAINING	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRADING	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
FOR	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
NORTH	0.50%	J	1.57%
ASSET	0.50%	GLOBAL	1.51%
WORLD	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INTERIORS	0.50%	IT	1.42%
MEDIA	0.50%	CARE	1.31%
DEVELOPMENT	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONTRACTORS	0.50%	M	1.26%
COUNTRY	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
AVIATION	0.50%	BUILDING	1.23%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.50%	SECURITY	1.19%
BUSINESS	0.50%	S	1.18%
SAFFRON	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	98	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	59	47,029
9999 - Dormant Company	37	16,469
99999 - Dormant Company	36	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	32	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	23	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	10,978
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,258
41100 - Development of building projects	8	5,149
74100 - specialised design activities	7	2,028
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,271
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	7	3,169
7011 - Development & sell real estate	6	1,921
5530 - Restaurants	6	4,037
74990 - Non-trading company	6	9,706
21100 - Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products	5	92
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	5	2,039
68310 - Real estate agencies	5	2,192