St Neots

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in St Neots when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous May.
- May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in St Neots when compared to any previous May.

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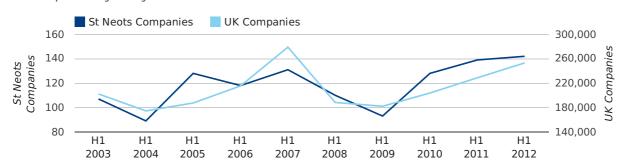
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 142 companies were formed in St Neots. This figure is 2.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Neots occurred in 2012 when a total of 142 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	142	253,150
2011	139	228,735
% CHANGE	2.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (142)	2007 (279,097)



new companies by half year

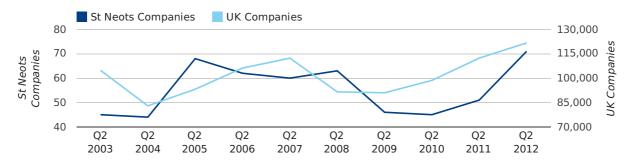
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 71 companies were registered in St Neots during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 39.2% 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)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	71	121,659
2011	51	112,344
% CHANGE	39.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (71)	2012 (121,659)

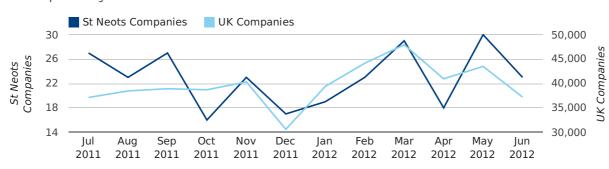


new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous June.

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Neots when compared to any previous May.



new companies by month

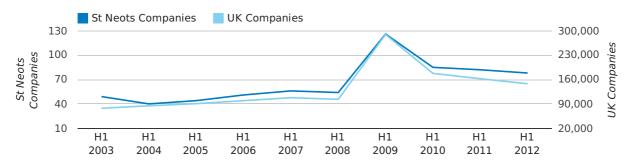
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	18	30	23
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	11	19	21
% CHANGE	63.6%	57.9%	9.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (31)	2012 (30)	2012 (23)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 78 companies were dissolved in St Neots. This figure is 4.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Neots occurred in 2009 when a total of 126 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	78	147,793
2011	82	162,310
% CHANGE	-4.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (126)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



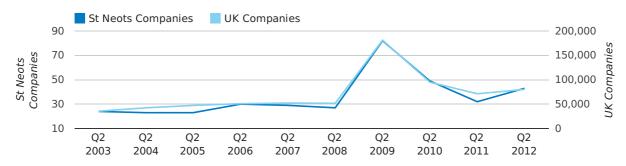
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 43 companies were dissolved in St Neots during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 34.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

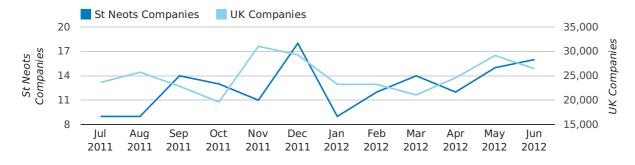
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	43	80,217
2011	32	71,324
% CHANGE	34.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (82)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month

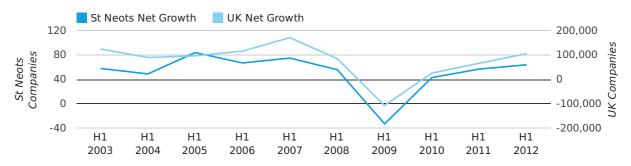


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	12	15	16
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	6	14	12
% CHANGE	100.0%	7.1%	33%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (17)	2009 (36)	2009 (29)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for St Neots increased by 64 companies. This figure is 12.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	64	105,357
2011	57	66,425
% CHANGE	12.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (84)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year

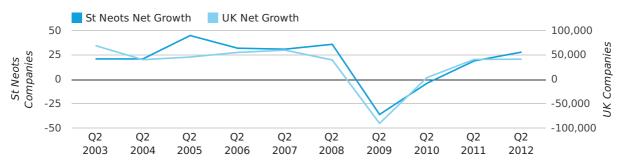


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for St Neots during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 28 companies.

This represents an increase of 47.4% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST NEOTS	UK
2012	28	41,442
2011	19	41,020
% CHANGE	47.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (45)	2003 (69,274)



net growth by quarter

May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in St Neots when compared to any previous May.

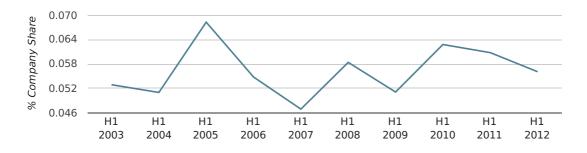


net growth by month

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST NEOTS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.1%)

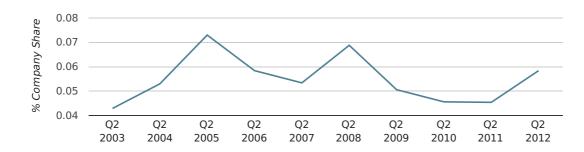
company share by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, St Neots formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

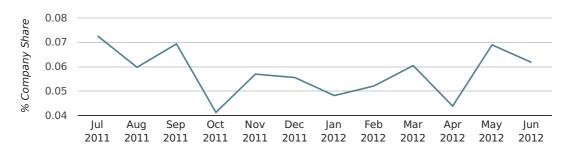
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST NEOTS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.2%)



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



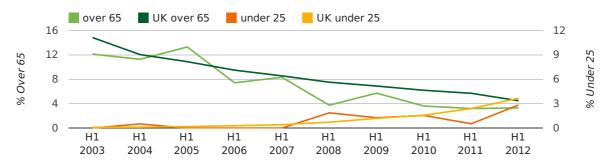
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	37.6%	38.6%	16.8%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.3%)	1968 (0.2%)	1965 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% 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

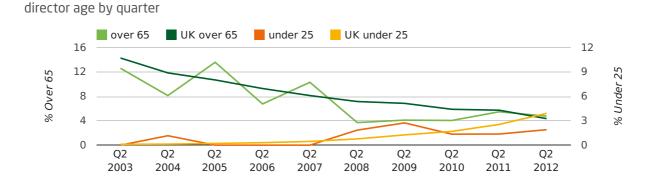


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.



The record first half year for female directors in St Neots was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.1% of all director appointments in St Neots 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

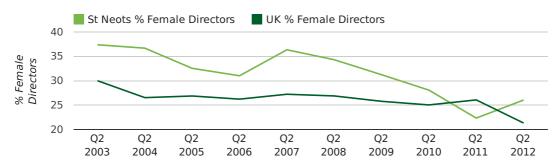


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

26.1% of all director appointments in St Neots 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
CONSULTING	1.58%	CONSULTING	5.07%
NEOTS	1.18%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ST	1.18%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.99%	PROPERTY	2.35%
J	0.79%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANTS	0.79%	DESIGN	1.89%
MARKET	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
SECURITY	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	0.79%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
SYSTEMS	0.79%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRAINING	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SAFETY	0.59%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.59%	LONDON	1.68%
PROJECT	0.59%	J	1.57%
IT	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.51%
TRADING	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
LOGISTICS	0.59%	IT	1.42%
MANAGEMENT	0.59%	CARE	1.31%
CAMBRIDGE	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.59%	М	1.26%
Т	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
G	0.59%	BUILDING	1.23%
DIGITAL	0.59%	SECURITY	1.19%
GO	0.59%	S	1.18%
R	0.59%	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
99999 - Dormant Company	22	26,088
7487 - Other business activities	19	47,029
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	18	15,280
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	16	35,447
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
9999 - Dormant Company	9	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	8	14,220
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	8,258
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	10,978
49410 - Freight transport by road	5	2,912
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	5	1,870
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	5	4,295
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
96040 - Physical well-being activities	4	550
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	4	2,880
93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified	4	1,751
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,557
86900 - Other human health activities	4	5,222