

Jardine in talks with Corstorphine businesses over new association

Lib Dem MP for Edinburgh West, Christine Jardine, used small business Saturday to meet Corstorphine traders to discuss setting up an association for the area.

It was the first time the group had got together to discuss issues that affect the area and are now planning a larger meeting in the new year to set up a formal traders association.

Ms Jardine said: "I am delighted that the business community is interested in forming its own association to create a stronger, more united voice on the issues which affect them.

"I will be working with them over the next few weeks to contact other businesses who may be interested in taking part in the initial meeting in the New Year and going forward.

"Small Business Saturday also seemed like the ideal time to start the ball rolling as it is a grass roots campaign which aims to encourage consumers to shop and do other business locally.

"I also appreciate the work that has been done on this by Corstorphine Community Council and hope they will be involved in future."

The news was welcomed by both the community council and by Laura Chapman of Chapman's Property Letting and Management said: "I am delighted to become involved in a traders' association to help promote and assist small businesses."

While Steve Kerr of Corstorphine CC said the group looked forward to working with the new association's representatives.