

# NOBODY WORKS HARDER FOR LOCAL RETAILERS



We are Northern Ireland's only locally based business organisation that represents independent retailers, wholesalers and suppliers to the sector. Retail NI offers our members a wide range of vital business services including advice, support and a powerful voice at all levels of government.



Our mission is to help independent retailers achieve their ambitions. We are a not-for-profit organisation, led by an elected board of our members, which exists to champion local traders and our supply chain.

**Retail NI is an integral part of Trade NI, Northern Ireland's largest business coalition of over 5000 businesses, along with Hospitality Ulster and Manufacturing NI.**



## How can we help your business?

Our advice service is very hands-on and has delivered for our members. During the Covid-19 pandemic our team successfully dealt with hundreds of queries on rates, small business grants, loans and government support. Over the past twenty years we have helped thousands of local traders on a wide range of issues such as planning, business rates, banking, car-parking and utility bills, collectively saving our members £millions.

We also provide a dedicated business liaison & Covid 19 Support Service

Free subscription to our magazine 'The Retailer' which has a circulation of over 3000. We will give a platform and a profile to your business in one of Northern Ireland's in-house trade magazines.

Be your voice at all levels of Government and connect your business with key decision-makers.

Invitations to networking events with local and national political leaders and Government Ministers at Westminster and Stormont.



## What have we achieved?



Successfully lobbied NI Executive for £millions of Covid-19 Small Business Grants and a rates holiday for thousands of local independent retailers.



Secured fundamental policy review of business rates and restoration of the ATM Rural Rate Relief scheme



Organised the largest ever Northern Ireland economy event at the House of Commons followed by a business reception at Downing Street, hosted by the Prime Minister



Launched the first ever Ten-Year Plan for the Northern Ireland economy



Delivered a Town Centre First retail planning policy for Northern Ireland and successfully stopped over a dozen out-of-town retail superstores



Successfully secured the High Street Voucher Scheme



Organise annual Independents' Day campaign and High Street Heroes Awards



Obtained 2 years rates relief



**Chris Suitor**  
MD Suitor Menswear



**Joe Quail**  
MD of Quails Fine Foods