

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) Advice

This sheet provides links to information and further sources of support regarding the protection and exploitation of intellectual property (IP) in the UK. These links and the advice and guidance available is subject to change but was correct at the time of writing.

1. **OxLEP Business** website - a summary page of information and links – mainly to the resources designed for SMEs by the IPO (see below).  
<https://www.oxlepbusiness.co.uk/business-support/intellectual-property-business>
2. **Oxfordshire County Council's Business and IP Centre** – a new (Spring 2022) service for businesses located in a purpose facility in central Oxford – providing one to one support, workshops and access to other resources.  
[Business and Intellectual Property Centre \(BIPC\) | Oxfordshire County Council](#)
3. **The Intellectual Property Office (IPO)** - the official government body responsible for intellectual property rights in the UK.  
For more information:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office>

A good place to start:

<https://www.ipso.gov.uk/ip-support>

Events organised by the IPO which have an intellectual property or business focus:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipso-events-calendar/ipso-events-calendar>

4. **The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)**  
For more information: [Why Should I Protect My Ideas? - CIPA](#)

The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys holds regular Clinics at a number of sites around the UK to provide free basic advice to unrepresented innovators who are at the early stages of developing an idea. The Clinics are all given by a Registered Patent Attorney.

<https://www.cipa.org.uk/ip-clinics/>

Events organised by the CIPA:

<https://www.cipa.org.uk/events/>

5. **The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA)** - a professional membership organisation with the power to shape law and practice – nationally and internationally.  
For more information: <https://www.citma.org.uk/>

The CITMA run free trade mark advice clinics regularly online:

<https://www.citma.org.uk/trade-marks-ip/need-advice/free-advice-clinics.html>

Events organised by the CITMA:

<https://www.citma.org.uk/events.html>

**6. The British Library – Business and IP Centre**

For more information: <https://www.bl.uk/business-and-ip-centre#>

The British Library offers a wide range of free or low-cost workshops and events:  
<https://www.bl.uk/business-and-ip-centre/workshops-and-events>

**7. Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI) - the professional body representing all European Patent Attorneys.**

For more information: <https://patentepi.com/en/>

**THE PATENT BOX**

The Patent Box enables companies to apply a lower rate of Corporation Tax to profits earned after 1 April 2013 from its patented inventions.

For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/corporation-tax-the-patent-box>