

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Regular readers will know we have a truly appalling record at forecasting what will come to pass. True to form, last week we referenced a Reuters news item from Thursday 3rd December that stated 'EU envoys were said to be hopeful for a Brexit trade deal within days.'

Still at least we've learned from our past failures and did qualify the Reuters report with the caveat "*we'll have to see!*".

So it now seems that it will be this coming Sunday, 13th December, before we know if there's to be a trade deal between the UK and EU in place for 1st January 2021. Normal warnings apply - we'll have to see!

Passionate about getting you the right cover and helping you reduce risk

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Sutton Winson
INSURANCE BROKERS & RISK MANAGERS

UK BUSINESS AWARDS FINALIST

As the clock counts down to the end of the transition period last minute news items were always likely - here are some more to be aware of...

New traffic management plans for hauliers travelling to Kent to cross the border

From the end of the EU Transition period there will be new traffic flow measures to manage congestion on Kent's road network.

These measures are known as Operation Brock and will apply to HGVs over 7.5 tonnes if there's severe disruption to

services across the English Channel.

It is a legal requirement for HGVs to follow the signed routes when directed to do so on journeys to the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel.



Department for Transport

Drivers may be required to wait in a designated holding area, and signs, diversions and speed restrictions will be in place to help. More information on Operation Brock can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/kent-traffic-management-on-m20-motorway-to-dover-and-eurotunnel>

Hauliers and drivers need to plan their journeys to take breaks and rest periods before entering Kent to reduce the risk of exceeding drivers' hours limits if delayed by being held in any queues. Make sure to have plenty of food and water, too. If delays risk drivers exceeding their driving limits, do be aware of locations where a break can be taken en route.

Check an HGV is ready to cross the border - Hauliers and drivers must use the Check an HGV service to get a Kent Access Permit – even if the vehicle is empty and the intention is to cross the border. Check to ensure the right EU import and commodities documents are to hand for the goods being carried. There can be a fine of £300 for failing to use the service or if a fraudulent declaration is given.

Hauliers making domestic journeys or travelling within Kent will not require a Kent Access Permit.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carry-out-international-road-haulage-from-1-january-2021>

DoIT notice to exporters

The notice provides information to exporters regarding requesting authorisation letters for specific open government export licences (OGELs).



Department for International Trade

For general export control queries please contact our Helpline on 020 7215 4594 or email: exportcontrol.help@trade.gov.uk

Alternatively consult: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/export-control-organisation>

Other Brexit stuff...

As has been reported before, a group of BHBPA members have been meeting about once a month to pool learnings and share expertise with the aim of being better prepared for the end of the EU Transition period. The group met again this week and here are a few snippets and links that might be of use to others too.

First, a link as provided by Ana Christie of Sussex Chamber of Commerce concerning Export documentation.

<https://www.sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk/international-trade/export-documentation-services>

Second, as from 1st January 2021, it will be a legal requirement for all wood packaging material (including pallets) moving in both directions between UK and the EU to be compliant with ISPM15 - the International Standard for Phytosanitary measures. To learn more there's a useful Q&A on the following website:

<https://www.timcon.org/>

Our discussion also referenced a plastic pallet company in Eastbourne, and so here's the link to their website: <https://www.goplasticpallets.com/plastic-pallets.html>

The group plans to meet next during week commencing 11th January 2021 – if you want to know more or attend send an email to martyn@bhbp.co.uk

Mims Davies visits Steve Willis Training



On Friday, 4th December Steve Willis Training - gas, plumbing and electrical training provider based on the Sheddingdean Industrial Estate - hosted Mims Davies, MP to see their training provisions in action.



Mims, who is also Minister of Employment, was particularly interested in finding out more about the Apprenticeship Training programmes. She saw electrical apprentices in action in the workshop, and dropped in on a gas apprentices classroom to see how SWT has successfully combined in-person and online learning, enabling training to continue throughout the pandemic.

Apprenticeships Manager Jake Gibbons and company MD, Steve Willis, were hosts and had a useful discussion about Apprenticeship Training and the new Kickstart programme - as reported in last week's BHBPA newsletter.

As far as Kickstart is concerned, to date we have only heard from Steve Willis and our friends at EAO, about being involved with the scheme. Can we encourage all BHBPA businesses that have signed up for Kickstart to drop us a line to let us know how you're involved.

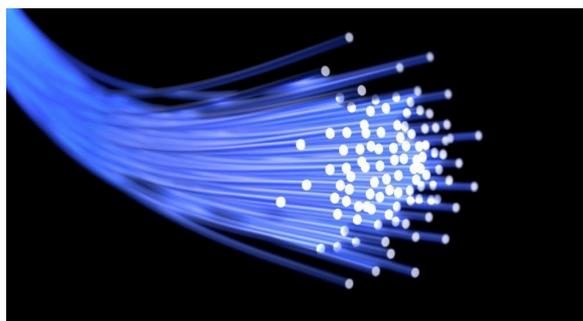
If we genuinely only have two participating members that seems a bit weak! Perhaps you have questions you'd like us to get answers to - if so let us know – martyn@bhbpa.co.uk

KICKSTART SCHEME

LFFN Q&A event

Remember the Q&A session with Chris Founds, Programme Manager of the BH Local Full Fibre Network is set for Tuesday, 15th December at midday.

Zoom joining instructions will be issued the day before to all folks who have registered. If you still want to attend follow the link to register: <https://www.bhbpa.co.uk/events/>



Community Highway Scheme update

We are pleased to report that the 4 x Traffic Regulation Orders we submitted have all been officially endorsed by Cllr. Andrew Barrett-Miles, our local WSCC Councillor. The TRO process continues.

We have also now had confirmation that the 4 x CHS submissions have been duly received by WSCC and are being 'scored' as part of their decision making process.

Of course, further updates to follow as we hear more.

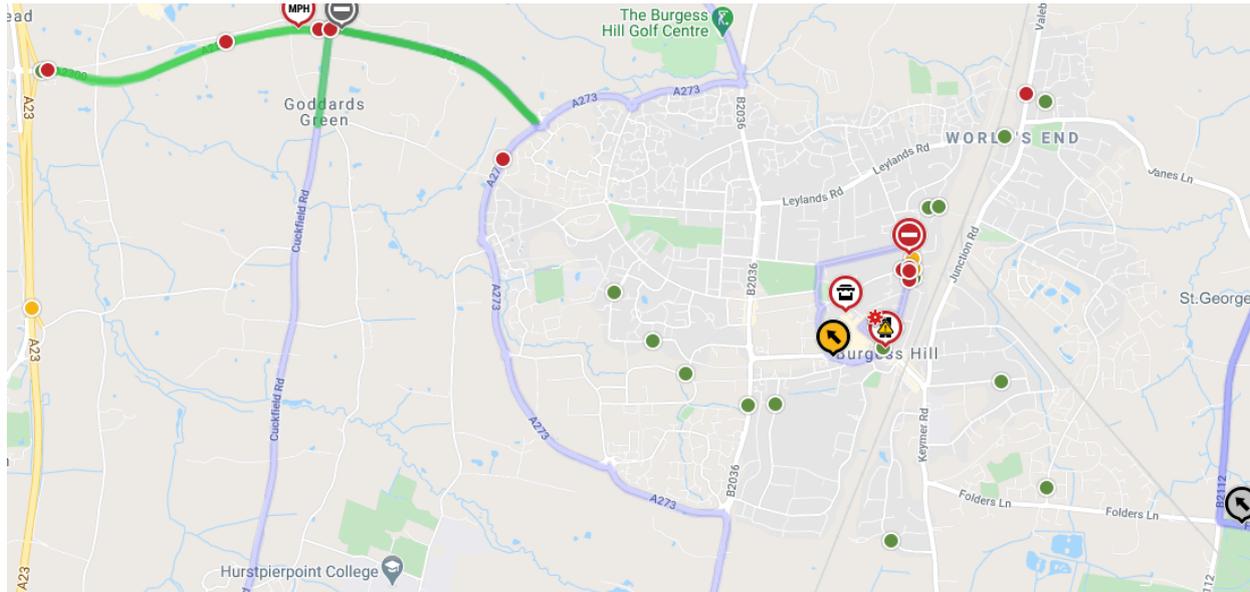
West Sussex Transport Plan Review Survey

Anyone who wishes to provide input to the County Council's Transport Plan consultation, please note the closing date is Thursday 17th December. To complete the survey, please visit: www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPSurvey

Suffice to say, we have already submitted a response on behalf of BHBPA.

Roadworks next week

Ignoring the long running A2300 works as usual, there's very little planned in terms of 'red dot' works over the coming week.



From	To	Road	Traffic Control
5 Nov	27 Jan	Ongoing - Mill Road & Crescent Road	Multi Way Lights
8	18	Valebridge Road	2 Way Lights
14	18	Jane Murray Way	2 Way Lights



Nathan named Practice Pioneer

Nathan Keeley, Head of Cloud Accounting at Sussex-based MHA Carpenter Box, has been named Practice Pioneer of the Year at the national Accounting Excellence Awards ceremony held virtually due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Nathan joined MHA Carpenter Box in 2001, became a Partner in 2010 and has driven innovation within the practice through the

adoption of new and existing technologies.

Nathan commented: *"This is huge recognition for both myself and the firm and evidences the hard work that has been put in over the last few years."*



Building upon this endorsement, Nathan and his colleagues will continue to strive to further improve the firm to become the best that it can be and consequently benefit staff and clients alike.

Full story...



Call 01444 250404
www.e-mpower.it

Specialist IT Services & IT Support
for growing businesses

What we do is a given -
HOW we do it is the difference!

It's Christmas

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Enjoy!



Jumper Day

Please support our friends at St Peter & St James hospice by donating to their Christmas appeal.

Scan the QR code and give some love and cash.

BHCC

We received the Cricket Club's winter newsletter - now posted in full on our website.

The headline is that through the efforts of so many dedicated and committed members a quite remarkable number of games of cricket did actually take place during this very truncated summer season.

The club has a real sense of gratitude to so many who made the year go as well as it has – under the trying circumstances.

Yet another tribute to the stalwarts of Burgess Hill.



BHCC Winter Newsletter

Closing Remarks

In a week that saw the UK start its long hoped for roll out of a mass vaccination programme in our fight against COVID-19, we also saw the even longer running wrangles over BREXIT still not come to closure.

Humankind's ability to detect a novel highly contagious virus, decipher its genetic code, devise multiple new remedies, test them, get regulatory approval in multiple countries and start roll out, all within a year, stands in stark contrast to BREXIT.

It is truly amazing what we humans can achieve when we want to, and it's also amazing what we are unable to achieve when, how can I put it, we're less inclined to do so. Allegiances to perceived sacrosanct principle so easily gets in the way of pragmatism.

An antidote for us mere citizens might be to adopt the perspective offered by Matt Haig when he says *"Don't worry about things you can't control"* and with that in mind, I hope you can take control of having a great weekend...

Questions, comments or contributions to share? Please email martyn@bhbpa.co.uk

BHBPA Ltd. c/o Lea Graham Associates
 Hillcrest House
 84 Valebridge Road
 Burgess Hill
 RH15 0RP

[Click this link to unsubscribe](#)

[id=B101041137xxxx642b60c77c5541b635da1c7792aa648a6835704055c1be539ad14863481089536x/languageCode=en_GB.UTF-8]