

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately, the idiom *"no news is good news"* – allegedly based something similar said by King James I about 400 years ago – is not always true. For example this week Chancellor Rishi Sunak offered no news about tax rises saying this would have to wait until his annual budget statement in early 2021.

However, he did let the cat out of the bag by saying the current levels of Government borrowing & debt were not sustainable. The muse *"wow I didn't see that coming"* comes to mind!

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UK BUSINESS GROWTH FUND FINALIST

Find-a-grant

Remember 30th November is the deadline for certain MSDC administered grants – albeit not all. Might be worth a last minute check...



[MSDC grant locator...](#)

Supporting business in Mid Sussex

Business Support grants

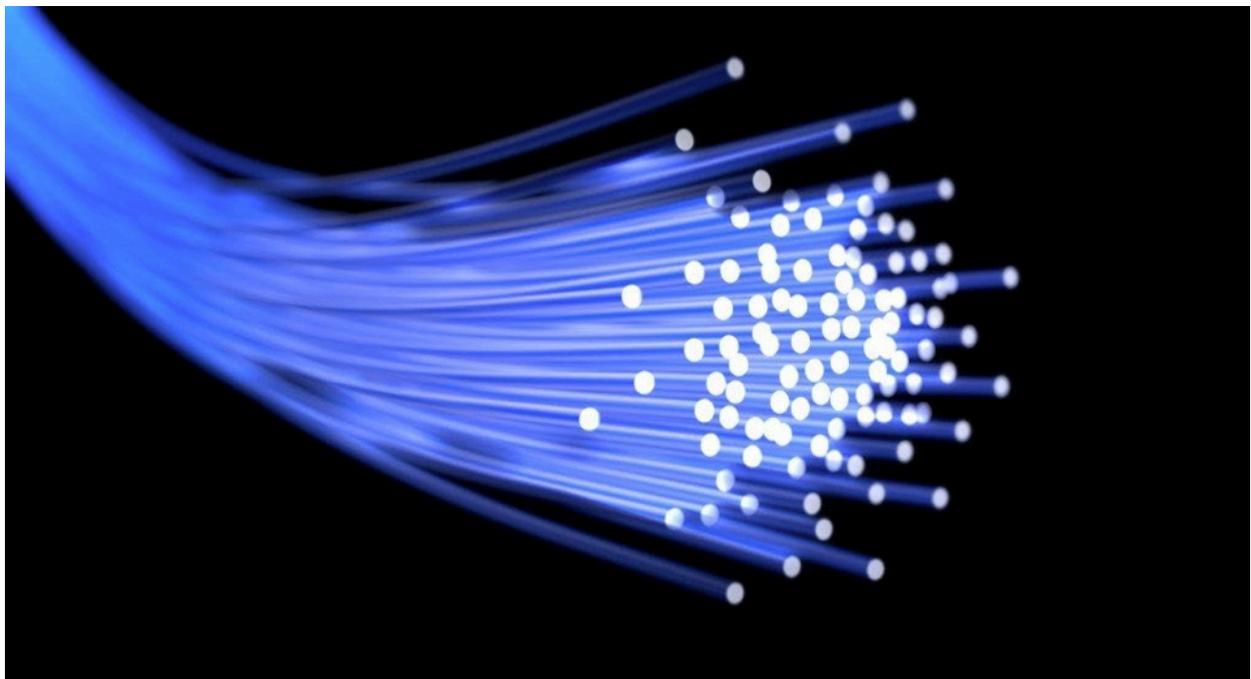
current support Nov 2020

Covid -19 Recovery Grant	Micro Business Grant	Lockdown Government Assistance	Discretionary Grants
<p>MSDC grant for voluntary sector and business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency response • return to pre-covid provision • new service / innovation <p>Grants £1,000 - £5,000</p>	<p>MSDC grant for firms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with less than 10 employees • growth or apprenticeship grant • match funding needed <p>Grants £1,500 - £2,000</p>	<p>UK Gov grant for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • businesses forced to close in Nov lockdown paying business rates <p>up to £3,000</p>	<p>UK Gov grant for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small/med businesses affected who may not pay business rates <p>£3m fund</p>

www.midsussex.gov.uk/businessgrants
businesssupport@midsussex.gov.uk

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

Register your expression of interest



As reported before, the roll out of core infrastructure to provide Burgess Hill with high-speed digital connectivity via a Local Full Fibre Network is progressing at pace. New commercial services could be available from as early as Q2 2021.

A Register of Interest is now available on our website so that those looking to be early adopters can progress with minimal loss of momentum.

Nowadays, pretty much every business leader will be interested to either improve existing broadband performance or curious as to how 1 Gigabit speed internet services could potentially transform their business.

To support you, we've arranged a Q&A session with Chris Founds, the LFFN Programme Manager for BH businesses to attend on 15th December at midday.

[Register your Interest in LFFN and sign up for the Q&A session...](#)

AGM and other news

The BHBPA AGM is going to be held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 albeit at a time yet to be chosen - am, pm or early evening are all options. If any member is particularly keen on attending but can't make once of those three time slots, please let us know by email and we'll do our best to be accommodating. More details about the AGM and the job descriptions for what are mostly pro bono roles will be shared with members in early December.

The minutes from the recent EGM which approved the new constitution have been signed off by Susan Fleet our chairperson, and so if anyone wants to see them please ask via martyn@bhbp.co.uk

Once the new website, currently under development, is launched the recently signed off Constitution will be posted on to it, but again if anyone wants a copy ahead of time just ask.

Community Highway Scheme applications

Thank you to all those who provided input and support regarding the CHS and Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) applications that we have highlighted over recent weeks. The applications will be submitted to WSCC ahead of the Monday 30th November deadline and we will keep you posted. In the meantime any questions to martyn@bhbp.co.uk

UK Transition Checker

If you haven't already done so, do check out the Government's Transition checker both for yourself as an individual citizen and on behalf of your business.

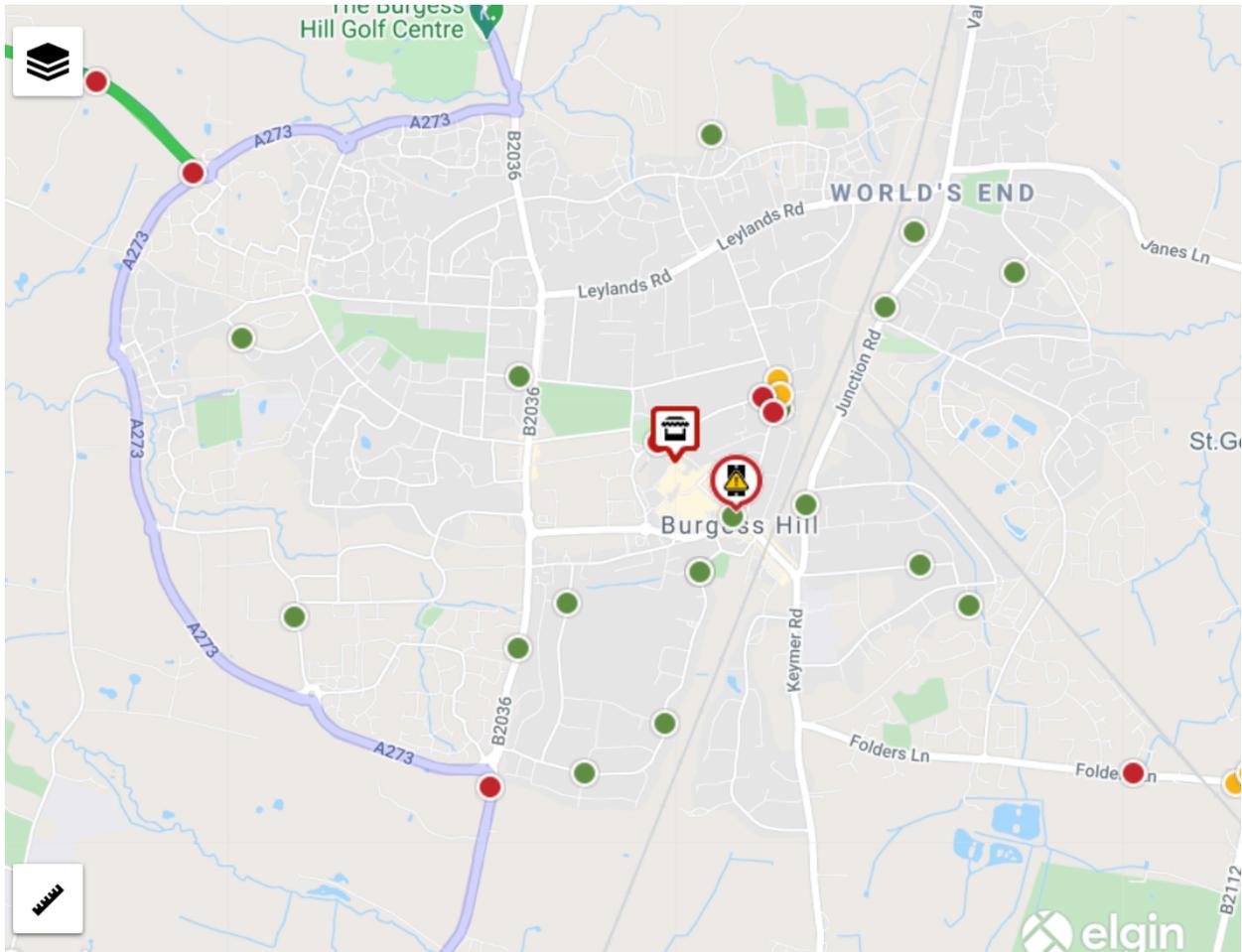
And let's all stay alert for potentially numerous last minute Government announcements on the same.



[Transition checker...](#)

Roadworks next week

Ignoring the long running A2300 works, there's two ongoing 'red dot' works and two new items next week.



From	To	Road	Traffic Control
5	27 Jan	Ongoing - Mill Road	Multi Way Lights
16	2 Dec	Ongoing - London Road, Hassocks	2 Way Lights
30	4 Dec	Dumbrells Farm Way	Road closed
30	4 Dec	Folders Lane	Multi Way Lights



Tier 2 for Mid Sussex from next week

Along with the rest of West and East Sussex, Mid Sussex will be in Tier 2 'High Alert' as from

next week. Well at least it's not Tier 3!

Here's a link to the Tier 2 restrictions:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Among other things, Tier 2 means:

Businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs. Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants while hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:

- provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
- close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
- stop taking orders after 10pm

Whereas hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through.

Christmas festivities with our friends at The Oak Barn



The Oak Barn
Restaurant & Bar
Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill,
Sussex. RH15 2RE. 01444 258222

Serving Our Festive Menu

Wednesday 2nd -
Thursday 31st December
(excluding 25th & 26th)

Food Service Times

Monday-Friday 12-3pm & 6-9pm

Saturday 12-9pm

Sunday 12-7pm

Open throughout the day for drinks



Boxing Day

Serving food 12-3pm

(3 course set menu)

Deposit and a pre order are required

New Years Eve

Serving food 6-9pm

(6 course set menu)

Full payment and pre order are required



Please email to enquire
enquiries@oakbarnrestaurant.co.uk

or

view our menus on our website
www.oakbarnrestaurant.co.uk

Christmas comes but once a year

As we head into the bleak midwinter with the commencement of December, Indigo Events is ready to spread some festive cheer! Our local catering company and BHBPA member will help you forget the Covid word that's dominated our 2020, allowing you and your team to focus on having a merry Christmas instead.



Because times are uncertain, one thing that's for sure is we all need to let our hair down and spread some joy....we just need new ways to do it. That's why we're offering two festive-filled foodie options to banish the blues and bring back the merriment:

- **Office "Working Lunches"** – if you're working in the office over the Christmas period, Indigo Events can warm your cockles with locally-sourced, cooked-from-scratch, fresh food that will set your taste buds twinkling like lights on a Christmas tree. Delivered to your door at the time that suits you there is no work required from you except to enjoy.
- **Food hampers** – this could be a delightful afternoon tea in a box that is a joy to open or perhaps some festive cheer with homemade goodies and locally sourced products all wrapped up to add a wow factor.

To order just contact Indigo Events on 07944 977 691 or email tatjana@indigo-events.co.uk and remember other catering options also available for boardroom lunches, canapés, celebration cakes and much more.

Remember to send us details and links to any Xmas offers you wish to extend to BHBPA members. By way of example, last week we linked readers to Ridgeview's Corporate Gifting ideas.

Ridgeview Christmas brochure...

Upcoming webinars on important business topics



Our friends at Sherrards Law are leading or supporting a range of webinars over the coming few weeks:

- **Subject Access Requests** - Tuesday 1st December – just a few places left
- **Post Brexit Immigration** - Thursday 10th December
- **Update on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)** - Wednesday 9th December

NB: the CJRS webinar is only bookable via the Sussex Chamber of Commerce website.

For bookings via Sherrards website...

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Mayor's Christmas Appeal

This year's mayoral appeal is raising funds to support those in our community who are socially isolated and lonely because of COVID-19. Many older people and others with health vulnerabilities have been in extended lockdown since March and are now facing a long and lonely winter.

The Mayor's Christmas Appeal will support three charities that provide befriending services to residents of Burgess Hill: Neighbourly Care, Age UK and St Peter & St James Hospice.

Please give generously this Christmas to help provide a friendly voice and listening ear and let those who are isolated because of COVID-19 know they are not forgotten. The Town Council will cover all administration costs, so 100% of your donations will go to the charities.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/burgesshillmayorsappeal>

Giving Tuesday Special

Every Christmas, big businesses across the country choose to partner with large national charities. Media outlets pick household names as their charity of the year. Amidst this very competitive environment, it remains very difficult for micro and small charities (81% of whom have an income of under £100k) to be able to tap into support from business.

December 1st is 'Giving Tuesday' and you are invited to attend a session at 2pm to discuss what more could be done to get businesses of all shapes and sizes to better partner with small charities.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/giving-tuesday-special-small-charities-and-businesses-tickets-130243131713?aff=mcivte&mc_eid=92bcd783a8&mc_cid=bf6da03210

Santa Claus is coming to town

Hurrah - Mid Sussex Round Table is planning to bring festive cheer to families with their traditional, much loved Santa sleigh runs. Father Christmas and his elves will be visiting Mid Sussex locations playing seasonal songs and carols every Saturday and Sunday in December.

New for this year is the opportunity of a virtual visit to Santa's grotto for your family. Children can enjoy a live one to one chat with Santa making sure he knows what is on their wish list. Everyone will receive a recording of their chat and small e-gift. A virtual visit must be pre-booked and costs £10.

We know this has been a challenging year for all, but your continued support is needed more

than ever to help those in need! For details of our Santa routes and to book a virtual visit to Santa's grotto please go to our Facebook page.

The Santa run is every Saturday and Sunday in December before Christmas, the Grotto dates are as per this link:

<https://rtvirtualsanta.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php>

A very special appeal

The Six Gold Martlets is a Wetherspoon pub in Burgess Hill town centre. The pub supports Clic Sargent, a charity that is fighting to stop cancer destroying young lives and over the years JD Wetherspoon pubs have helped raise more than £16million for the charity, but obviously this year has been so very different.

On top of these challenges, and very sadly, in October the nephew of Kayla Donnelly, one of the team leaders at Six Gold Martlets, was diagnosed with leukaemia - he is only 10 years old! Kayla says "he really has had so much thrown at him, but he's an amazing little boy and continues to fight and show terrific courage."

If you feel you would like to know more either donate at <https://www.clicsargent.org.uk/> or contact Kayla on kayla31333@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Couple of spare desks & chairs anyone?

BH Town Council has set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, a CIO, to run the Burgess Hill Pantry which will open in January. This project will assist families on low incomes and has joined up with the charity Fareshare.

If you didn't know, Fareshare is the charity that people often donate food to at collection points usually located near the exit of supermarkets. The charity collects the donations and distributes it to food banks and pantries. Members of the pantry (anyone can join) pay a small membership fee which entitles them to shop and receive a lot more value than the membership fee.

In the meantime, Steve Cridland (steve@burgesshill.gov.uk or 01444 238208) would like to hear from any businesses who can donate 2 desks and office chairs to help the effort.

[More info about the BH Pantry...](#)

Closing Remarks

As some readers may have noticed I quite like sayings. But of course if you're going to use an expression it is helpful if you get them right. This week I muddled up "*Force Majeure*" with "*Caveat Emptor*" revealing my appalling knowledge of Latin. My excuse is that I did German at school not Latin, but then again my command of German isn't much to write home about either!

And for the record, Force Majeure in law refers to "*unforeseen circumstances that prevent someone fulfilling a contract*" while Caveat Emptor means "*let the buyer beware*".

Have a good weekend...(habe ein schönes Wochenende).

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