

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Last week's theme was about things returning to more like normal, as we edge closer to the 17th of the month followed by the prospect of most lockdown measures being removed on the day that auspiciously coincides with the summer solstice. Perhaps the Druids were really on to something! Certainly the second round of jobs is progressing at a good pace and very smoothly – doing so is clearly the main prerequisites for re-establishing normality.

As per normal, Burgess Hill is once again taking part in the Great British Spring Clean this year, as organised by Keep Britain Tidy. There will be 7 public clean-ups between 28th May and 13th June, covering nominated 'grot spots'. All equipment will be provided by Burgess Hill Town Council and clean-ups will be led by Ward Councillors. There's also one tidy up set for the Victoria Business Park on 30th May @2pm - so please register to get involved!

Great British Spring Clean BURGESS HILL

PUBLIC LITTER PICKS

29 May

Bedelands Nature Reserve, 10am



Wolstonbury Way, Queens Crescent Park, 2pm

St John's Park, 2pm

30 May

Victoria Business Park, 2pm

5 June

Manor Road, 10am

Chanctonbury Area, 2pm

12 June

Town Centre, 2pm

All equipment will be provided by Burgess Hill Town Council, clean-ups will be led by Ward Councillors.

Please register at
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
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Local Skills Improvement Plan

Sussex Chamber of Commerce is looking to make a bid to Government to create a Local Skills Improvement Plan in Sussex. This will require a collaborative and partnership based approach to ensure we fully understand the skills needed in the area. The bid deadline is 25th May. If you think this is a good idea, please send an email to Ana Christie, Sussex Chamber's CEO on ana.christie@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk

In your email please give your thoughts to the following 5 questions. The data collected will help gauge the local needs and identify skills gaps so that any improvement plan will have the biggest impact. The questions are:

1. What skills are you currently struggling to fill in Sussex?
2. What level of skills gaps are the most acute? E.g. entry level, experienced worker, supervisory, managerial, executive?
3. How would you like any skills improvement plan to be delivered?
4. What type of qualifications or type of development programme would attract potential candidates?
5. What new skills do you think are going to be needed in the longer term - 5 years plus?

Institute of Leadership and Management

On Monday 10th May, from midday to 1.00pm join this webinar on Leadership & Management training and learn more about The Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) schemes.

The ILM offers practical management training with an accredited qualification, and this webinar brought to you by BHBPA member Rewards Training, is suitable for both potential learners and employers and all levels of management.

Webinar attendees will be eligible for 10% off the price of Reward Training's ILM Leadership and Management qualifications. The focus of the session will be on Qualifications, The Learner's Journey and insights into ILM Level 3, 4 and 5.

[Register to attend webinar...](#)

Guidance from HM Government

Questions about the National Minimum Wage & Expenses - HMRC is offering a live webinar to help employers on the topic of NMW which will cover internships, volunteers and work trials and looking at when the minimum wage should be paid.

New Trade Rules Q&A - although experienced importers and exporters should be aware of

new Trade Rules, those who only do a small amount of international trade may be less so. As such, HMRC regularly puts out sets of FAQs, the latest of which are on our website answering the following:

1. What do the zero tariffs in the UK's trade agreement with the EU mean for businesses?
2. What are rules of origin and what do we mean by 'origin of goods'?
3. How do I find out if I can claim a zero-tariff on my goods?
4. If I import goods into the UK from the EU and want to re-export them back to the EU, will tariffs apply?
5. Where to find more support and guidance for businesses?

NMW webinar...

Latest Trade Rules FAQs

Updates from C2C and gdb

The latest update from Coast to Capital and the Growth Hub Team are now available on our website: <https://www.bhbpa.co.uk/coast-to-capital-update-early-may-2021/>

We have also been asked to share the link to [gdb's Diamond e-magazine](#).

Want to know what's happening at LGW?

Hear from Richard Lennard, Economic Partnerships Manager at Gatwick Airport on 20th May as he explains the latest plans on allowing passengers to travel safely.

This will be a popular event so do register well in advance...

Register for LGW event...

Register for EV Charging Points Webinar

Interest in EV Charging Points and making sure businesses are getting geared up to support the shift to greener energy is gathering pace.

Please do register for the 11th June event being led by Ian Hopping of BHBPA member Auditel, supported by Mark Marchant of PDP Services and Tony Thorpe of Grove Group.



Register for BHBPA EV webinar



Bluelite's new van - pre 'hi-vis' graphics

Indeed another BHBPA member, this time Bluelite Graphics, has bought an electric van and so they need a new charging point installed pronto. Lorraine Avery of Bluelite asked us to give a *"big shout out to Paul and Mark from PDP Services for another faultless installation, adding to the installation of solar panels back in 2019."* Perhaps it'll be a wind turbine next!

Tax implications of EV charging...

Open invitation to share 'What's of interest to you?'



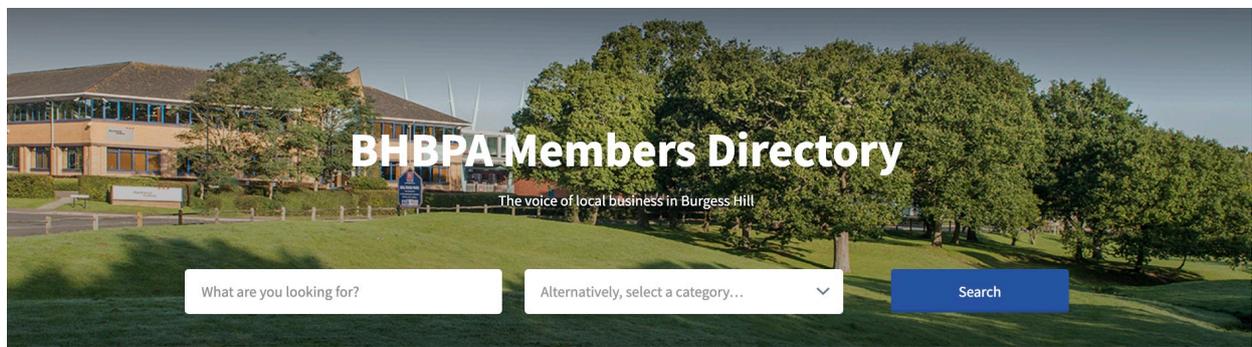
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One idea that we received from a reader is how to engage with businesses, often clustered in small groupings, albeit dispersed in the countryside around Burgess Hill.

Might these micro communities want to be part of the voice of business in Burgess Hill?

Obviously, we would need to gauge the level of interest – but it's one idea to add to those things to consider.

And finally, do remember to register for our Special Interest Group that will focus on working practices, scheduled for May 19th - <https://www.bhbpa.co.uk/bhbpa-events/>



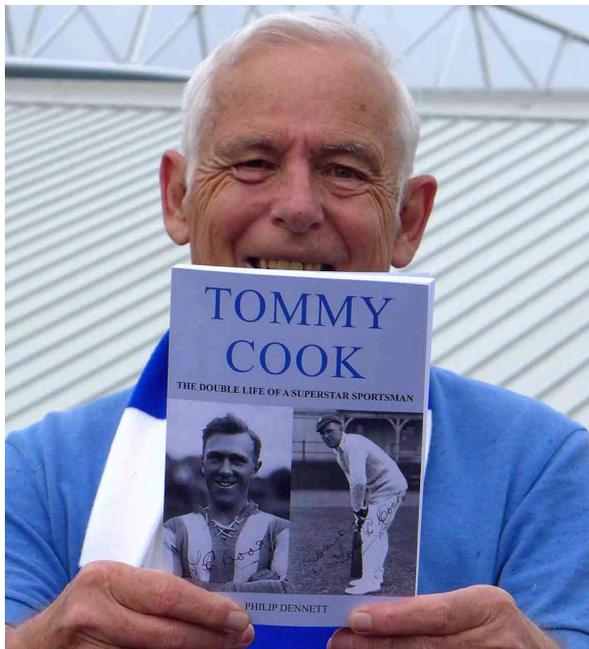
Is the Directory working for you?

Can you let us know if the Members Directory is working as you'd expect on your browser or not as the case may be.

We do want to encourage all members to be on the directory and to use it as a 'first port of call' for sourcing all items that could be purchased locally. Please make sure your business is happy with your listing? Comments to martyn@bhbpa.co.uk

Here's to Lemonade Printing

Hello, I'm Phil Dennett and you will not have heard of me. A few months ago I was looking for a printer to handle my book on the legendary Brighton and Hove Albion goal-scorer and Sussex cricketer Tommy Cook, born locally in Cuckfield, a few miles up the road from my home in Burgess Hill.



I was aware it was an important book in the history of both clubs, and I wanted it to be of high quality. My problem was that although I am a competent writer and researcher the technical side of preparing a book for the printers was daunting.

I had been spoiled as a journalist. I could just research and write and hand it to the sub-editors to sort what I always regarded as the boring technical process of turning prose into print.

I knew as a self-publisher under the name Whistleblower I had to do a little more than that. So, I staggered somewhat blindly into the world of mirror margins, PDFs and gutters. I knew I wanted to keep the work and money local, and luckily managed to choose my printers well!

The job went to BHBPA member Lemonade Printing on the Sheddingdean Estate. To say I was picky about the paperback is not an understatement. But whatever challenge I threw at Neil and colleagues I was met with politeness and professionalism, even when, they might well have considered my requests rather eccentric. After my original design for the back cover made their eyes ache, they tactfully pointed out that a less cluttered approach might work. And it did!

The result is a beautifully finished book that I know really impressed buyers with the first print

run almost sold out. 'Tommy Cook, the life of a superstar sportsman' is available from Brighton and Hove Albion and Sussex Cricket Museum.

<http://sussexcricketmuseum.org/latest-publication>

So well done and thank you Lemonade Printing - a firm with an undoubted passion for quality. For sure, sourcing locally was a wise decision for me!

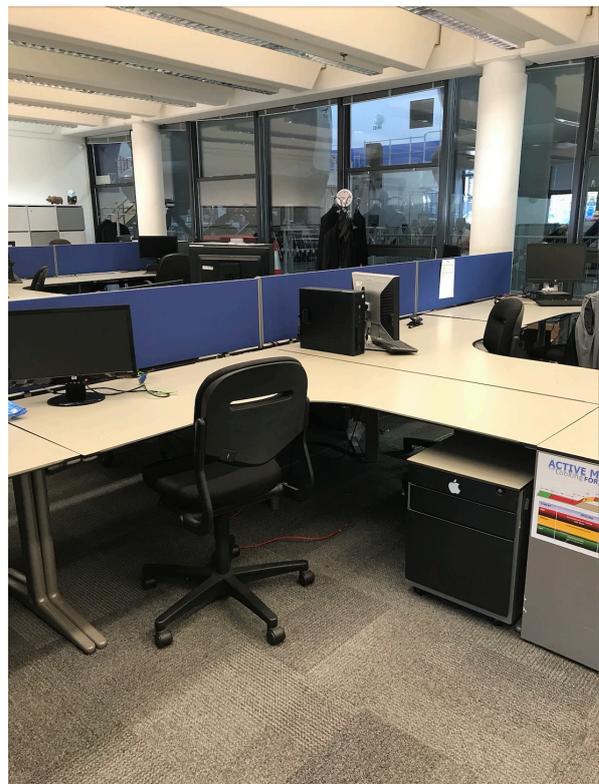
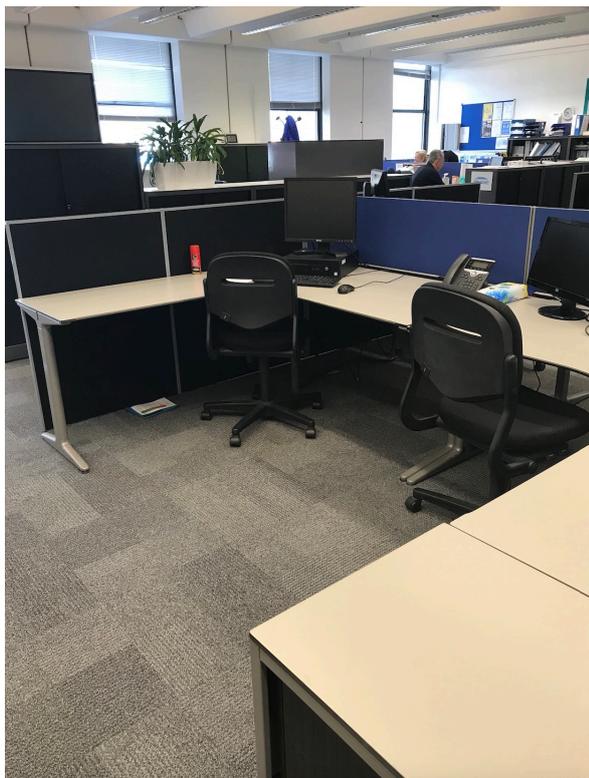


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Our friends at CAE on Innovation Drive have about 24 desks and chairs they are looking to dispose of, along with a number of pedestals. If BHBPA members and local businesses are interested please email Michele, Facilities and Training Co-ordinator on michele.jarrett@cae.com



New branding to support 'Building a Brighter Future'

Sussex accountancy firm Carpenter Box has today unveiled a new, fresh visual identity to support its continued growth and

to help its clients 'Build a Brighter Future'.

Over recent years, the firm has enjoyed strong growth, opening new offices in Gatwick, Brighton and Chichester in addition to its long-established base in Worthing. It now employs nearly 200 people, and the practice is proud to have remained independent for almost 100 years.

Carpenter Box Managing Partner, Alan Edwards, is excited about the current changes to the business commenting: *"We believe our new look together with our new tag line 'Building a Brighter Future' matches our commitment to making a difference to our clients. We have the skills and resources to provide our clients with the service, expertise and value they need to build a brighter future."*



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Celebrate International Nurses Day

Thanks to Wendy Agate from St Peters & St James for reminding us that it is International Nurses Day on the 12th of May every year, bringing appreciation and awareness to the occupation of nursing. The date is significant as it is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, and this year's celebration is even more special because 2021 is the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

The goal of International Nurses Day is to recognise the importance of nurses, celebrate and promote the profession and highlight issues confronting them.

International NURSES DAY

12th May 2021

We have never been more proud of the incredible commitment and courage shown by our nurses. Join us in celebrating our wonderful nurses, on this special day.



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Hospice care in the heart of Sussex

Photo taken pre-Covid
Registered charity number: 1056114



International Nurses Day feels more important than ever in 2021, as we all continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past 14 months, our nursing team and support staff have worked so hard to continue giving compassionate, expert care to local people in the most difficult time we have ever known. Their hard work, commitment and personal sacrifice has been admired by the nation as we found ourselves thrown into a pandemic - such an isolating and frightening time for so many. We know there are many challenging months still ahead, so International Nurses Day does seem like the perfect time to celebrate our nurses, and say thank you!

Thank you for your support of our nurses as we recognise the vital work they do...

[Just Giving campaign link...](#)

Central Sussex Rotary

Central Sussex Rotary are looking for people to help with projects, locally, nationally and internationally. BHBPA members have a wealth of skills and experience and with Rotary you can use and share those skills to help others. CS Rotary are currently looking for people who could take part in a project decorating a community premises as well as people who have ideas for projects to help others, and who want to develop their networks and skills.

The chapter have also started a Breakfast Rotary online meeting from 8.00 to 8.45 on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The aim is less time for meetings and more time for projects. There will be social events as well for those who wish to take part.

If you want to know more contact Julie Smyth, Secretary, on 07759 698831 or email jsmythrotary@gmail.com

Great BHBPA Business Networking Events

If you haven't already, please do register for our two Summer Business Networking events - Ridgeview Wine Estate on 8th July and at the Woolpack on 28th July.

Also Sussex Chamber of Commerce have announced their next affiliated networking event for Wednesday 2nd June at 14.00pm – 15.30pm.

[BHBPA Event registration...](#)

[Sussex Chamber event...](#)

A brief word about Double Yellow Lines

Regarding our pursuit of some top up funding for the additional double yellow lines along certain stretches of Victoria Business Park, we have received a positive tone from Sally Blomfield of MSDC to say that both MSDC and WSCC are reviewing opportunities to include the work required into the Place and Connectivity scheme. Unfortunately, it will be a couple of months before we get a definitive answer.

Closing Remarks from Mark

Over the last year and a bit there has been a lot of change at the BHBPA, and hopefully most members will have seen those changes as real progress. Or as Susan Fleet our previous Chair put it *"We have become more professional, with stronger governance and we're now fit to face the future"*.

As a result, there is genuinely a lot to look forward to as we sharpen the Association's focus on our three membership segments, and start to look forward to our face to face networking events in July at Ridgeview and The Woolpack.

However, after a lot of personal reflection, Martyn Carr has informed me that he has decided to step down as our Chief Executive with effect from 31st May.

Martyn's decision is largely for personal, family and health reasons. In 2021 the extended Carr clan has been in the process of moving more into East Sussex, and now Martyn & Jackie also expect to leave Burgess Hill, their hometown of 26 years, by the end of June. In addition to their two existing granddaughters, two more little ones (twins!) are on their way this year for their eldest son. The grandchildren are of course a delight, and with them comes an expanded family childcare roster, as a result, delivering on the BHBPA CEO duties has become very difficult. So Martyn plans to retire, move to Newick, get fitter, enjoy the grandchildren and see what unfolds.

The pandemic has helped us to all adapt and manage change in many ways after all as Heraclitus once said *"change is the only constant in life"*. As an Association we are putting in place interim arrangements to make sure we stay ahead of all of our activities like the newsletter, supporting our members, events and managing the finances. In due course a vacancy will be advertised so as to appoint a replacement.

Of course Covid-19 has been such a wretched nuisance in so many ways, as we all know. Lockdown measures have meant that there are some members Martyn hasn't met in person. So he does plan to still attend both the Ridgeview and The Woolpack networking events in July in order to say goodbye properly to anyone who wants to reciprocate.

Mark Jackson, Chair BHBPA

Best wishes for a lovely weekend!

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

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