

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Even as the new "Delta" variant threatens to delay the end of lockdown, there is a tangible sense of optimism in the air this week as we start looking ahead to everything waiting for us on the other side of this pandemic.

From local events to business seminars, recruitment opportunities and business grants – this week's newsletter has something for everyone as our local area continues recovering and rebuilding after the turbulence of recent times.



Only a month to go until the first of our summer networking events at Ridgeview Wine Estate on Thursday 8th July, then later in the month at The Woolpack Pub for a hog roast on the 28th July.

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Support for your business

HMRC support on EU trading

As we continue to adjust to doing business post-Brexit, the HMRC are reminding organisations that they could be affected by the new rules if they:

- Buy goods from an EU seller and bring them into the UK
- Send goods you've sold to a buyer in an EU country
- Haven't exchanged money but need to move equipment that you use for your business, between the UK and the EU.

To help with these changes, you can now apply for the SME Brexit Support Fund. Smaller businesses can get up to £2,000 to pay for practical support, including training or professional advice to adjust to new customs, rules of origin and VAT rules when trading with the EU. Applications must be received before 30 June.

[Apply for the SME Brexit Support Fund here](#)

Business rates discounts reduced from 1st July

All businesses or organisations liable for business rates in the Mid Sussex District Council area that are eligible, or could potentially qualify for the Business Rates Expanded Retail Discount (for the Leisure, Hospitality and Retail sector), should know the current 100% discount finishes on the 30th June 2021.

From the 1st July 2021, the maximum discount will be 66% but will be subject to a cash cap. Mid Sussex DC will require all businesses wanting to receive this discount from the 1st July 2021 to complete a simple online claim form at <https://midsussex.grantapproval.co.uk/>

[Complete a simple online claim form here](#)

Restart Grants

Businesses can apply for a new wave of funding as announced by central government. As with previous grant schemes the new Restart Grants are being administered by Mid Sussex District Council. Businesses in the non-essential retail sector will be eligible for one-off grants of up to £6,000, while businesses in the hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym sectors, which reopen later, will be eligible for one-off grants of up to £18,000.

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Welcome to The Disabilities Trust!

We would like to welcome new members The Disabilities Trust to the BHBPA. They are a leading national charity offering specialist community-based and residential support for adults with acquired brain injury, complex physical or learning disabilities and for people with autism, including those in education.

To find out more and how you can get involved please contact; Rebecca Millington, Fundraising Manager rebecca.millington@thetdgroup.org or visit: <https://www.thetdgroup.org/>



The Burgess Hill Academy needs you!

In place of work experience this year, The Burgess Hill Academy is organising a week of careers talks for Year 10 students. These will be virtual via Teams and will be 15-20 minutes. Could you spare some time to support our town's next generation of entrepreneurs?

Help is needed from the 12-16th July at your convenience. They would love a diverse mix of careers and we have no doubt our varied BHBPA members can help! Please contact L.Dorgan@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk



A call for work experience

On the topic of work experience, 17-year old Amelie is looking for some much-needed work experience and a chance to earn some money to fund her university studies. Interested in HR and/or marketing, she got in touch with us with a view to finding some work in the local area before heading off to do a social sciences degree at the University of Durham.

Can you help? If so, please get in touch with susan@leagraham.com

Kickstart scheme launched

On the topic of supporting local youngsters, the government has launched Kickstart, a £2 billion fund to create hundreds of thousands of job placements for young people. Employers from all industries and across the private, public and voluntary sectors can get involved. The

scheme provides paid 6-month work placements for young people aged 16-24. With over 600 young people registered with our local job centre, there are plenty of young people looking for an opportunity to thrive.

Through the Kickstart scheme the Government will fund:

- 25 hours per week at National Minimum Wage
- National Insurance contributions
- Employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions
- £1,500 for each placement.

For more information, contact: Jennifer.king2@dwp.gov.uk

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion online training course

Sherrards Law will shortly release the date of their online public Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training session. If you or a member of your team are interested, email sarah@sherrardslaw.com and the details will be sent to you early next week.



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MORE Music and memories in Worthing

It's great to be talking about events again! On Saturday August 21, MORE Radio are staging an evening of fun at Worthing's Steyne Gardens. Celebrate the summer with an incredible evening of tribute acts dedicated to Kylie, Lewis Capaldi, The Spice Girls, Ed Sheeran and George Michael. Early bird tickets went on sale on Monday for only £10.00!



Buy your Early Bird tickets here

Free food donations – can you help?

UKHarvest is looking for businesses who can help out by donating free food donations. It's a great cause and the charity deals with everything from picking up the donation to packaging and distributing across the South East. There has been a huge influx of donations during the pandemic but demand for assistance also skyrocketed.



You can help out by filling in this form

Volunteer with St Peter & St James Hospice

St Peter & St James Hospice is now able to re-start their Corporate Volunteering Programme in July, and are inviting you to come along and volunteer in their new warehouse in Albourne. Volunteering is a great way to bring teams together, a chance to get to know each other and for those who have been working from home the chance to meet fellow colleagues again or, in some circumstances, the chance to meet people for the first time!

There is a fully-updated Covid Risk Assessment in place and with a new larger warehouse, there is plenty of room for everyone.

For further information and to book your day, please contact Wendy Agate, Community Fundraiser at wagate@stpjhospice.org



St Peter & St James Hospice
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Closing Remarks

We'll all be watching closely as Downing Street announces its intentions for ending lockdown early next week; the good news is that the vaccine roll-out continues to accelerate and is making a clear difference and we're definitely closer to the end of this pandemic than the start. Of course, the "Delta" variant threatens a slight delay and once we know more, we'll of course update you about our upcoming July events.

Until then, enjoy the heatwave this weekend.

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