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BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

The Prime Minister's announcement this week didn't come as much of a surprise as cases of the Delta variant continue to rise but delaying the end of lockdown still represents a major setback for many businesses - both within our local area and across the country.

As a result, this week's newsletter focuses once again on the support available to you during these turbulent times - including available grants and useful training that could help your business build back from this pandemic.



Only 3 weeks 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 and a pint on the 28th July.

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Live webinar on claiming furlough

Not all businesses will be running at full capacity given the Prime Minister's announcement this week, but it's good to start preparing. The HMRC is holding a live webinar to explain the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme as part of the Government's Plan for Jobs. If you are re-opening your business and planning on bringing back employees part-time you can claim furlough flexibly via the scheme. The deadline for May has just gone (14th June), but you will be able to claim for future periods.

Register for the webinar here

Business Hothouse programmes and events

If you're looking for additional help, there are several support programmes running that you can take advantage of via Business Hothouse. The £11m government-funded business support programme provides training in areas highlighted as barriers to growth. A few highlights include:

- Sussex Innovation Centre is providing a range of consultancy packages, from market research, sales and marketing to financial planning, media training and competitor research. Email jamie-lee.atkinson@sinc.co.uk for more information.
- WSX Enterprise and Get Set for Growth are also offering a range of workshops and one-to-one advice on applying for Invest4 grants to accessing funding to help your business. Contact Nicola.wiley@getsetforgrowth.com or Rachael.baker@wsxenterprise.co.uk
- Are you just starting out? Support for start-ups ranging from boot camps to workshops, and one-to-one advice to build your knowledge and confidence are also available from The University of Chichester, EDEAL and Princes Trust. Email hothouse@chi.ac.uk for more details. Under 30s email Claire Wheeler at the Princes Trust claire.wheeler@princes-trust.org.uk

Invest4 Grant Fund

If you're looking into getting a growth project off the ground, the Invest4 grant fund might be useful - and it's available for both capital or revenue expenditure. The grant is currently based on a 60% SME contribution and 40% grant contribution to growth projects for a business.

Get in touch with Brighton & Hove City Council to find out more

New trade rules - check your deadline

Deadline day is fast approaching! If you imported any non-controlled goods from the EU into Great Britain from 1st January 2021, you may have decided to opt for delayed declarations instead of declaring your goods to HMRC when you imported them.

For help or if you have questions call the Customs and International Trade helpline on 0300 322 9434 from 8am to 10pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 4pm at weekends.

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New Member Spotlight - Welcome to Campersales!

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The used campervans and motorhomes they stock include the all-time high quality favourites from Volkswagen, Reimo and Jerba Campervans. All come with a full mechanical service, 10-12 months MOT, an interior compliance check and a comprehensive valet. They can also offer you a best price guarantee on your current campervan in part exchange or outright purchase and even offer on-site campervan services, bringing you flexibility and convenience.

To chat further or to arrange a viewing call on 01444 243888 or send an enquiry info@campersales.co.uk

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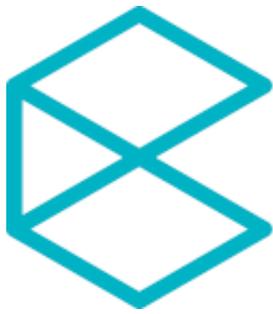


Business Seek Outsourced Financial Services as Lockdown Eases

Companies across Sussex are turning to external experts to help them navigate the pandemic while preparing for an anticipated upswing in trading driven by a full lifting of COVID restrictions.

Leading regional chartered accountants Carpenter Box has seen an influx of clients for its outsourced financial services over the last year as businesses look not only to control costs but to gain access to high level skills. Over the last year, the firm's Business Services outsourcing team has grown from 3 to 17.

Carpenter Box's dedicated outsourced finance team works alongside businesses to take over back office accounting and finance functions, ensuring that clients have access to the most up-to-date technology, systems and processes, while removing the administrative burden. The firm applies the skills, capabilities and technologies developed specifically to support finance and business functions.



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For more information, please refer to the Business Services Group at Carpenter Box

Sherrards Academy launches!

Sherrards Law has launched its Academy, delivering bite-size employment law/HR related courses for line managers and HR professionals. Each session is hosted by a member of Sherrards' team and will cover everything from unfair dismissals to flexible working and disciplinary procedures.

You'll also get access to an exclusive LinkedIn Group to expand your network. To book click below, email sarah@sherrardslaw.com or call 01273 834120 for the full list of dates and topics.



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Calling all runners!

Have you ever wanted to take part in a 10k run or have you dreamt about running the London Marathon? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, then The Disabilities Trust needs you!

The Disabilities Trust has 12 spaces available for the Brighton Marathon 10K run on

12th September. Whether you want to run alone, with a friend, or with your team from work, we have the spaces for you. Get in touch to take part before Friday 6th August.

We also have 4 spaces for the physical London Marathon on 3rd October and 3 spaces for the Virtual London Marathon. The Virtual Marathon gives you 23 hours and 59 minutes to run the 26.2 miles and tracks your progress by smartphone app and the main marathon will be taking place in London as normal. Please let me know if you want to take part before Friday 9th July.

Contact Rebecca Millington at fundraising@thedtgroup.org if you are interested in taking part.



Meet BHBPA chairman, Mark Jackson

What is your proudest achievement?

Having invented an explosion prevention product (patented) that has helped make the world a safer place.

Who or what is your biggest inspiration in business, and why?

It would have to be my father's inquisitive technical mind, a hard working engineer who embraced any challenge with an open mind. He was a patient teacher and thoughtfully stood back when he wanted to encourage our own problem-solving skills.

What are some of your favourite local businesses?

HPC (of course!), Bolney Grange Garage, Bumpers, BOC Edwards, Senter Joinery.

What lessons have you learned from doing business during a pandemic?

The main lesson I learnt was that of patience and being adaptable in an ever changing environment. It was also encouraging to see the incredible kindness and power of people pulling together to support each other.



Closing Remarks

Even with the delay to lockdown lifting, there's still a lot of things to look forward to this summer - not least the return of our networking events in July. With just over four weeks left until our new 'Freedom Day', we can focus our attention on the future and build on the sense of optimism that's been pervading the local business parks and beyond recently.

Stay positive and enjoy the warm weather while it lasts!

Questions, comments or collaborations to share? Please email newsletter@bhbpa.co.uk

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