

# Burgess Hill

## BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

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Summer, or at least the summer holidays, are already drawing to a close. As schools return, so does our weekly BHBPA newsletter with all your latest updates about business in the local area.

Since we last wrote, many businesses have struggled with supply shortages across the country. Everyone from car manufacturers to restaurants like McDonald's and Wetherspoons have hit headlines, and there is also talk of a labour shortage. Fortunately, we have some local initiatives that could help!

In more positive news, 'Freedom Day' didn't damage public health as much as predicted and though the next few months will no doubt bring fresh challenges, there are green shoots of recovery. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

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## Digital Support for SMEs

West Sussex County Council's Digital Support for SMEs is starting in September and businesses are now able to sign up. Delivered in partnership by West Sussex County Council and the West Sussex district and borough councils, this Recover & Rise SME Digital Accelerator programme is a four-part series comprising more than 25 FREE online workshops designed to encourage and support West Sussex businesses in their digital adoption journeys.

[Find out more about the programme here](#)

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## Gatwick Runway Consultation

As you may have seen in the media, Gatwick Airport has announced that a twelve-week

public consultation on the forthcoming plans to utilise the Northern Runway in scheduled operations will run from 9th September to 1st December. As the proposed Northern Runway plans are considered a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the airport plans to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate the scheme. The Statement of Community Consultation (setting out how Gatwick proposes to consult the local community on the proposed Northern Runway project) has been published at [www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans](http://www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans).

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## Recruit an apprentice!

Now we're past A-Level and GCSE results days, many school and college leavers are considering their next step. By taking on an apprentice before September 30, your business could receive up to £4000. BHBPA members Rewards help deliver Apprenticeships for Front of House, Hospitality Team Members, Chefs to Management, covering a range of hospitality job roles.



Get in touch to find out more

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An advertisement for MCL Telecom. On the left, two orange callout boxes contain the text: "£12.50 PER MONTH / PER PHONE" and "UNLIMITED FREE MINUTES TO LOCAL / NATIONAL AND MOBILE PER MONTH / PER PHONE". Below this is the MCL TELECOM logo. On the right is a Yealink HD phone with a color display showing the time 15:32 and the date 15.09.15.

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## Learn recruitment with Sherrards Law

Designed for HR practitioners and line managers involved in recruitment, Sherrards Law are hosting a one-hour webinar on Thursday 16th September at 10am. They'll be exploring the recruitment lifecycle and discussing the legal issues to be considered when planning and executing a recruitment process. The cost of joining the session is £50 plus VAT.



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## Business Safety Week – next week!

Are you a business owner? If so, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has some top tips to keep you, your workplace, and your employees safe from fire. This comes as part of Business Safety Week which runs from 6–12 September. Remember to complete your risk assessments, always keep fire doors closed to help contain a fire to one room and minimise fire spread, and make sure that the electrics within your buildings are regularly tested and that individual electrical appliances are PAT tested to avoid accidental fires. It's also important to make sure that plug sockets are not overloaded.

They also advise you to keep internal and external escape routes clear at all times to ensure that staff can safely leave the building in the event of a fire. Finally, update your staff training regularly, especially if the business has recruited new employees or has made changes to procedures, such as a change in escape routes. This will ensure your staff know what to do in an emergency.



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## Bio-Productions MD joins The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaning

A Burgess Hill businesswoman has become a Freeman in the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaning this month, after taking an oath at a special ceremony in London. Angela Gill, Managing Director of Bio-Productions, took her oath recently after being nominated by one of her clients.

The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaning is a membership organisation and one of 110 livery companies in the City of London. It follows many City traditions and aims to encourage and maintain high standards of practice and integrity in the environmental cleaning industry.

The initiation was due to take place in 2020 but was postponed until this year due to the COVID-19 crisis. The ceremony was also the Company's first in-person event since March 2020, which added to the historic occasion.

"I'm absolutely delighted and so proud to join the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaning," Angela said. "Our company is genuinely passionate about the environmental and cleaning products that are environmentally sympathetic, so joining this prestigious organisation was really important for us. I'm excited to represent Bio-Productions to other freemen and liverymen as our business continues to grow."



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## Welcome New Members - Event Childcare

Event Childcare supply hand-picked experienced, uniformed, approved childcare professionals to events across London and the South East of England. Their team can attend your wedding, family party, corporate event, product launch, Christmas party, birthday party, dinner dance, sporting and charity events or ANY other occasion that you are planning. They supply a number of services including wedding nannies, mobile creche, nannies, children's workshop, event nannies and babysitters.

They come with years of experience and a wealth of knowledge and would love to be part of your little ones next big occasion and offer a bespoke children's party entertainment service through their sister company LA Parties.

Please take a look around their website; <http://eventchildcare.net/> or call Lucy and Sophia on 07526 592 505 or email; [info@eventchildcare.co.uk](mailto:info@eventchildcare.co.uk)





## You're invited to a virtual sunset walk

As the sun sets over Sussex, join St Peter & St James Hospice for a virtual sponsored walk.

Not all of us feel comfortable meeting in large groups and with the next few months still feeling quite uncertain, they'd like to invite you to their virtual lantern walk on the 18th September. Pick your favourite route, gather family and friends, and light up the night in celebration of hospice care.

They'll provide you with everything you need for the perfect virtual sunset walk including an exclusive t-shirt and a paper lantern and battery operated candle to lay in memory of a loved one. They'll also invite you to share pictures of your sunsets on their virtual sunset wall so that although we may not all be together, we can all share the same sunset.

A promotional poster for a virtual sunset walk. The background features a sunset over a city skyline with silhouettes of people walking and holding lanterns. The text is as follows:

ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

# Sunset Walk

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm

*You choose the place, you choose the pace*

Sign up now at [www.stpjhospice.org/events](http://www.stpjhospice.org/events)

Sign up now

## Closing Remarks

That's all for this week – it's good to be back! We're looking forward to seeing more of you as our events gear up again. In the meantime, keep your news coming by emailing:

[newsletter@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhbpa.co.uk)

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