

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Opening remarks

Our collective bargaining power can be leveraged

We have had a very encouraging response to our initial request last week for all those interested in cardboard recycling, There is a range of both high and lower volume producers. If you have not done so already, please get in touch and let us know more about the volumes involved, whether you have a baling machine, your current recycler and any costs involved.

Another area of potential leverage is the opportunity to provide a community bus service to and from the business estates and Burgess Hill Railway Station, every morning and after work, possibly even a lunch time shuttle service between the estates and the town centre. This would require funding from all those participating but we are aware that some members already have something similar that they arrange independently. We have our own award winning member [Community Transport Sussex](#) to advise us on how we can develop a scheme that delivers both passengers and sustainability across Burgess Hill. To get this discussion moving forward let us know of your potential interest.

We have previously published a list of available defibrillators available across the estates for emergencies. We'd like an update on that. We'd also like to know if you have a maintenance contract for the device and if you have a protocol for allowing its use by others. In the next few weeks we will then be updating these important details for such emergencies on our website.

For cardboard, shuttles and defibrillators email me: richard.cox@bhbp.co.uk

We hope you find this week's issue interesting - some events coming up, some budget analysis and some details of new funding and support for innovation. In addition, for those of you looking to expand their operations in Burgess Hill in the near future, some interesting developments have just been announced with expressions of interest being requested - see below.



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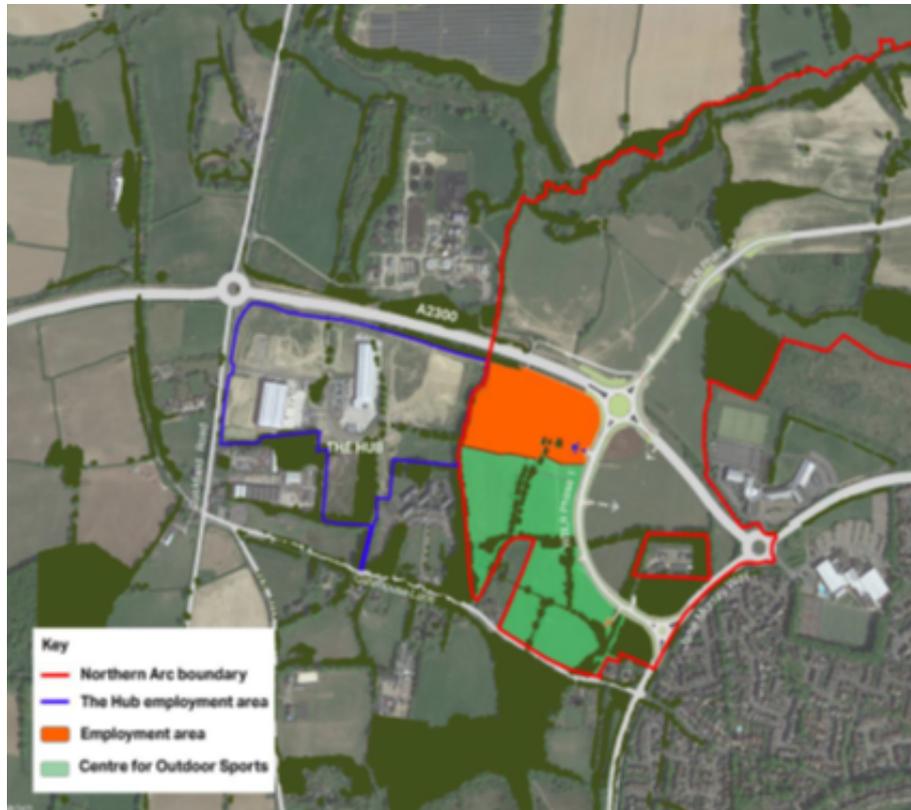
- Proactive IT services
- Remote working specialists
- Cyber security assessment
- Broadband - NO install charge for BHBPA Members
- Hosted phones (VOIP) - FREE handsets for BHBPA Members

Four hectares of new 'Employment Land' coming onstream with the Northern Arc

In order to gauge interest in regards to potential occupiers and purchasers and have an open discussion in regards to plans for the site, Homes England are hosting an online event:

Monday 15th November from 2.00pm

(one hour with additional time for any further questions)



Homes England seeks expressions of interest for this exciting new development opportunity in Burgess Hill

The 'Employment Land' area is highlighted in orange on the map above.

The Northern Arc is a multi-million pound Homes England flagship development in Burgess Hill. It will deliver approximately 3,500 new homes along with three new schools, neighbourhood centres, parks and open spaces and significant investment in supporting infrastructure. Currently, Homes England's first developer partner Countryside Properties are building new homes to the east of the site. New developer partners will soon be joining the scheme, and it is anticipated that the project will bring investment and jobs to the area over its 12 year buildout programme.

Homes England will soon be looking to dispose of a 4ha parcel of employment land to the south of the A2300, suitable for a range of employment uses such as offices, research and development and industry. The land use parameters specify a max floorspace of 24,000 sqm (B1 and B2 use classes as defined pre-September 2020), and not more than 2,500 sqm to be office space. There are also requirements to deliver pedestrian and cycle access, vehicular access and car parking.

The creation of employment land in this location will maximise opportunities associated with the directly adjacent 'Hub' employment site to the west, encouraging business linkages and integration between new and existing residents. Homes England are committed to building a sustainable community at the Northern Arc, providing opportunities for new and existing residents to benefit throughout the construction period and for generations to come.

Homes England are requesting expressions of interest in this employment land – from both potential purchasers and potential occupiers.

To register your interest for the event please click on the below link.

[Book your place on this Zoom event here](#)

Budget Analysis

This week we have two reports and analysis from our members:

- On The Spot Accounting
- Galloways Accounting

On The Spot Tax - Main effects on small businesses and owners

The headlines will presumably be mostly about the alcohol duty changes. We've prepared our highlights of what you and your business should be aware of.

See the link to report below.

To contact Paula

07717 854433 or
01444 882677

paula@onthespottax.co.uk



[To read On The Spot Tax's Budget report CLICK HERE](#)

Galloways Accounting - Budget Report

Yesterday the Chancellor delivered his Autumn 2021 budget and we wanted to give you a comprehensive guide as to what the changes in this Budget may mean for you.

We hope you find this useful and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

**Offices in Brighton, Haywards Heath,
Horsham & Uckfield**

To read the Galloways Accounting report [CLICK HERE](#)

Free mental health training



You may know that West Sussex County Council's Public Health team are working with Grassroots Suicide Prevention to offer free mental health and suicide prevention training for Small to Medium-sized businesses in West Sussex.

National charity Grassroots work with organisations across the UK to deliver life-saving training in suicide prevention, mental health and self-harm.

Grassroots will work with businesses to find the training delivery option that best supports the needs of their workplace (options include open courses for individuals or tailored in-house/online training).

To access the free support, business owners or managers should contact the Grassroots team on training@prevent-suicide.org.uk

Grassroots are also currently inviting West Sussex SMEs to contribute to a survey to better understand the kind of mental health training they'd find most helpful,

Here are the key details:

- It is for decision maker around training, so people who run their own business, Managing Director, HR Directors etc.
- It takes just over 5 mins and can be anonymous.
- They would be helping a charity and their life saving work
- They could win a Wellbeing Box worth £100 for their staff.

And here's the link to the survey:

[Take the 5 minute survey here](#)



The Scouts are in urgent need of volunteers

A new Chairman sought for Mid Sussex District Scouts

From Mark Scholfield, the Scout District Commissioner:

"Mid Sussex District Scouts are looking for a new Chairman to help support the District Commissioner in the effective operation of the Scout District by leading and supporting District administrators in accordance with Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association"

They are looking for a local person to help them in this role. They are also in need of volunteers to help run their Scouting evenings across, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. A DBS Check will need to be undertaken.

Would you like to assist the Scouts in either this role or in any other way?

Mark can be contacted on dc@midsussexdistrictscouts.com

FREE INSTALLATION FOR BHBPA MEMBERS

£12.50 PER HANDSET, PER MONTH

UNLIMITED FREE MINUTES TO LOCAL / NATIONAL AND MOBILE PER MONTH / PER PHONE

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RISE is a new fully funded project designed to help SMEs innovate and grow.



Research and Innovation

Do you want to start the New Year ready to innovate...?

It's never been more important to be agile and able to adapt, flex and innovate.

Future-proofing your business requires being fully armed with the right tools to ensure that your business runs as effectively as possible and retains its competitive edge.

Our RISE Recovery workshops provide businesses with the skills and support to help navigate the constant change and challenges that almost certainly still lie ahead while maximising opportunities.

Hot Air Ballon

RISE Recovery forms part of the fully funded RISE project – its workshops will provide businesses with insights from leading innovation experts to develop skills, ideas and the capability to innovate.

Workshops include:

- Getting Fit for Innovation - 5 Nov (9.30-12.30pm) at Rooms, Worthing
- Innovation for Business Recovery – 9 Nov, 9.30-12.30pm Online (Zoom)
- Managing Innovation: Lift off! – 24 Nov 9.30-11am Online (Zoom)
- Innovation for New Business Development - 25 Nov, 9.30-12.30 at Centenary Innovation Centre, Worthing
- Innovation Profiles – 1 Dec, time and venue tbc

West Sussex County Council and the Universities of Brighton and Sussex are working together to deliver the RISE programme to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the West Sussex area.

If you are a small or medium-sized (SME) business, based in West Sussex, then you could be eligible to join RISE (Research, Innovation in Sussex Excellence) and access expertise, technology, workshops and events from the Universities of Brighton and Sussex at no cost to you.

The RISE project provides eligible SMEs access to £7,500 worth of innovation support and expertise – which doesn't have to be match funded or paid back. It's a low-risk way to explore and test ideas with the support of an expert innovation team.

Find out whether your business could be eligible to join the RISE project, and more about the RISE Recovery workshops at rise-innovation.uk.

"Working with the University of Brighton allowed us to take a real-world business problem and turn it into a market advantage, even when the skill sets of doing so were not present within the company."

To access the FREE new RISE innovation service, businesses just need to register on

the portal to get started - see the link below.

[Find out more and register for RISE here](#)

A breakfast meeting with our local MP



Mims Davies is hosting a 'Business Bounce Back' Breakfast

- Wednesday 10th November from 8am – 10am
- Orange Square, The Broadway, Haywards Heath, RH16 3AL.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created the need for many changes to business practices, the introduction of innovative working and of flexible approaches, and this is an ideal opportunity for businesses to meet with Mims to discuss their experiences, hear from guest speakers and network with other local Mid Sussex businesses in an informal setting.

Guest speakers:

- Angela Gill - Managing Director at Bio-Productions
- Jaime Wallden - Senior Director at Mansell McTaggart

Spaces are limited so early booking is recommended
£10 ticket price per person, to cover the cost of breakfast

We hope that BHBPA members are able to join us.

[Mims' event on eventbrite - BOOK HERE](#)

BHBPA's next Networking Event next week at PVL

PVL will be demonstrating how a vehicle wrap is done. Following that we'll then be using their adjacent meeting room for some light refreshments and networking.

We have arranged with the Kings Church (just across the road) to allow you to park in their car park that evening.

PVL Factory 2
44 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill (that's on the short offshoot of the road)
Wednesday 3rd November
5.00 – 6.00pm

Please book early to avoid disappointment. We are limited to 20 attendees and only one delegate per company.

For booking, follow the link below

Limited spaces at this event - It's a wrap! - BOOK HERE

French Bakery Stall comes to town

The stall is visiting Burgess Hill town centre every Wednesday from the 3rd November

Discover a little corner of France in Burgess Hill every Wednesday from November 3rd when the French bakery stall "La Boulangerie Du Marché" will set up on Church Walk bringing with them a fabulous range of breads and patisserie fresh from the ovens of Brighton's award-winning Real Patisserie.

Also, lavender direct from Provence, luscious Marseille soap, vintage French art prints, café music and more.

Come and say Bonjour! and enjoy a well-deserved mid week treat

Church Walk – Burgess Hill - RH15 9DU – every Wednesday from the 3rd of November - 9am to 4pm

[Facebook.com/LaBoulangerieDuMarche](https://www.facebook.com/LaBoulangerieDuMarche)

[Facebook.com/RealPatisserieBrighton](https://www.facebook.com/RealPatisserieBrighton)





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Closing Remarks

We want to hear from you

We are keen to hear your stories, awards won, apprenticeships completed, sustainability improvements, your involvement with local schools and all and everything going on in the various business parks around the town.

Let's celebrate your successes and achievements!

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