

# Burgess Hill

## BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

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### Opening Remarks

We are compiling a dossier regarding the persistent problem we have on the Victoria Estate regarding overnight parkers in camping vans. This will form the basis of an eventual submission to Sussex Police. We share our latest report below.

In this week's issue there is a focus on a variety of initiatives and events focussing on greater sustainability. We also introduce an innovative project on the Manor Royal estate in Crawley, where a Local Energy Community has been established.

We're very pleased to announce that YourWellnessHub has become the headline sponsor for the Burgess Hill Means Business expo in September. Meanwhile, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) has launched it's Annual Business Survey.

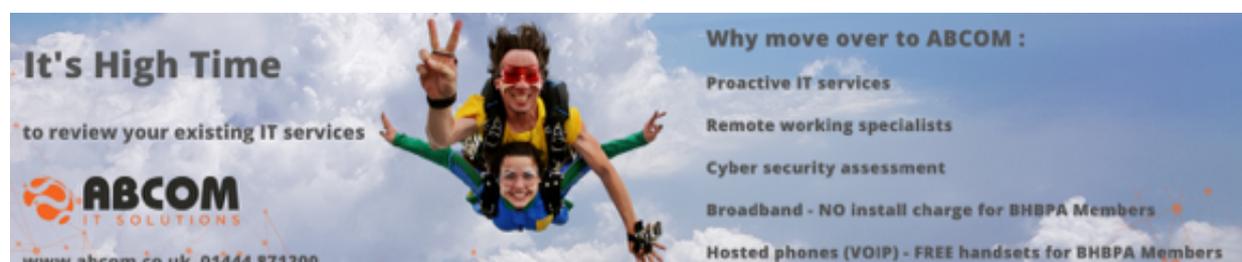
### In other news

We encourage our members to provide work placement opportunities to our local secondary schools, If you have one organised we're asking if we can come in to do some very short interviews to camera. Our sister business association in Haywards Heath invites our members to an innovation event with the University of Brighton's RISE programme and the office of our MP Mims Davies shares the latest updates from HMRC on, among other things, the Northern Ireland Protocol.

We open this week's newsletter with one of our member's coming of age party!

Keep your news stories coming in: [richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk)

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### Tea for twenty-one years of Mike Oliver Associates

Mike Oliver Associates celebrated its coming-of-age last week with a party at their offices in Mid Sussex.



The Haywards Heath IFA turned 21 in style, with a sumptuous tea for guests that included clients new and old as well as Guest of Honour Mims Davies, Member of Parliament for Mid-Sussex and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment.

Mims Davies cut the celebratory cake with Mike before speaking enthusiastically about his business achievements and outstanding commitment to local charities and initiatives, which include a Brighton – Paris – Brighton bike ride, Air Ambulance, Dementia, and the Sussex hospices.

Sujan Wickremaratchi, Deputy Chairman of West Sussex Council and Cllr Howard Mundin, Mayor of Haywards Heath were also in attendance.

A particular highlight was a visit from Norman Jones, Mike's first-ever client from back in 2001. Norman travelled from Bristol to attend the anniversary party.



Now operating for twenty-one years, [Mike Oliver Associates](#) has been going from strength to strength. Specialists in lifetime mortgages and investment portfolios, the company will use their Coming of Age to now plan the next exciting phase of their future.

"Turning twenty-one is always a big deal, and this felt extra special," says Mike.

"After the past few difficult years and during this difficult financial time, it's important to celebrate the good times and to also look forward to the future, which is exactly what we'll be doing for our clients... hopefully for another two decades or more!"

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## MSDC Annual Business Survey

**We encourage businesses to take part**

MSDC is keen to reach as many businesses as they can, both small and large.

Closing date: Monday 4th July

[MSDC Annual Business Survey - CLICK HERE](#)

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## Save the date - Wednesday 29th June

**Our event at Edwards will focus on sustainability**

This is a world class company and sustainability is core to everything they do. They'll be explaining more about how they go about their business.

There will also be a short presentation from Ian Hopping of Auditel. He'll be looking at the following key questions:

- What are greenhouse gas emissions?
- What is 'carbon' that we refer to?
- Why should businesses consider carbon neutrality
- What are the processes and the steps involved in producing a meaningful carbon footprint that you can then use to build a carbon reduction plan.

We hope to see you there, spaces are filling up - [book now](#)



Ian Hopping - Auditel



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## Establishing a Local Energy Community

An introduction to possible future schemes in Burgess Hill



Last week West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) introduced their new Energy Strategy for 2030.

In this week's newsletter we highlight one aspect of that strategy to all our members across Burgess Hill - Creating a Local Energy Community (LEC) .

One such LEC is already running as a pilot scheme with the Manor Royal Business District.

**From WSSCC's Energy Strategy document:**

We have also recognised the urgent need to support our residents and businesses to make the transition to zero carbon energy...

...Our partnership with the Manor Royal Business District is also demonstrating how businesses can invest and work together towards a clean, low carbon future by establishing a local energy community...

Collaboration and sharing knowledge between local partner organisations are at the heart of this strategy and will be key to achieving more and faster. Nurturing and developing our relationships with our local authority partners, local businesses, community energy groups and energy industry peers, including the Distribution Network Operators, potential funders and technology suppliers, will enable us to influence and shape the future energy system of West Sussex for the benefit of the people that live and work here. These partner organisations will be closely involved in the development of the action plan to deliver this strategy.

### What is a Local Energy Community?

An association, cooperative, partnership, non-profit organisation or other legal entity composed of consumers (or 'pro-sumers'), formed to meet a community's energy needs using solely or primarily local sources of generation.

The LEC's area of operation will necessarily be grounded in the local physical electricity infrastructure. The community could comprise representatives from domestic or commercial properties as well as the county council's own properties and a Community Energy Group.

LECs will benefit from dedicated support from the Future Energy Transition Hub.

**To read the entire Energy Strategy document - click the link below**

[Energy Strategy 2030 - West Sussex County Council - CLICK HERE](#)

## Burgess Hill Means Business 2022

### Headline Sponsors Announced!

Our biennial business expo is back after a four year hiatus. **Friday 16th September** from 10.30am to 3.00pm at the Kings Centre, here on the Victoria Estate in Burgess Hill.



Photos above show what it was like in previous years. We expect a similarly busy day with plenty of opportunity to network. We'll be promoting the event to other business visitors using a variety of local and social media.



### Special Guest

Our local MP Mims Davies will be opening Burgess Hill Means Business 2022. She'll also be touring the show and meeting with our members.

We look forward to hearing more from our respected MP on the day.

We expect strong demand for this event, so book early to reserve your space. If you require a table, there are a limited number available, all will be provided with a white tablecloth.

As in previous years, you'll have access the afternoon before to set up. There'll be a new

layout offering more freedom of movement around the hall. Also following feedback, we'll keep the announcements to a minimum.

We are looking at some interesting exhibits from some of our members. If you'd like to offer a suggestion, get in touch [richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk)

Stands cost £100 - invoiced in July

**[Book Now!](#)**



For this year's event we thank our Headline Sponsors [YourWellnessHub](#)

**Exclusive Offer**

For members of BHBPA, receive an exclusive discount of 20% off the annual YourWellnessHub admin fee when you offer YourWellnessHub to your workforce!

**Co-Sponsorship Packages still available**

As one of our co-sponsors you'll be given exposure here and in our newsletter both before and after the event.

Your logo would be one of four to eight co-sponsors as a smaller image on our website's events page. Cost: £350

To discuss these sponsorship packages contact me directly: [richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk)

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A promotional banner for 'Your Wellness Hub' featuring a background image of people in a gym. The banner is divided into several sections: on the left, the 'Your Wellness Hub' logo and the text 'HEALTHY PEOPLE HEALTHY BUSINESS'; in the center, the text 'A WELLBEING PORTAL THAT OFFERS YOUR EMPLOYEES:' followed by a list of benefits: 'DISCOUNTED GYM MEMBERSHIPS', 'DISCOUNTED HEALTH ASSESSMENTS', 'ONLINE RETAIL DISCOUNTS', and 'MENTAL WELLBEING APP'; on the right, a call to action: 'RECEIVE 20% OFF AS A BURGESS HILL BUSINESS PARK ASSOCIATION MEMBER!' and a link 'CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE'.

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## Learning Disabilities Week

Donate to Kangaroos this Learning Disabilities Awareness Week!

# It's Learning Disabilities Awareness Week!



This week we want to celebrate all the things that make our members so amazing.

We feel it is important, this week especially,



to remember that our differences can be our greatest strengths.

[Donate £5 - CLICK HERE](#)

**We're aiming to raise £500 in 5 days  
to help bring colour to the lives of  
people living with learning  
disabilities! And we need your help!  
If 100 of our supporters donate £5  
we will reach our target!**

Please Donate £5 to Kangaroos - [CLICK HERE](#)

## Parking Report - June

**Some of the persistent parkers have moved on (for the moment) and others have taken their place.**

This time it's a convoy of four vehicles, I have suggested in my reporting of these vehicles to [Operation Crackdown](#) that such a grouping is similar to a travellers group, perhaps that might have some effect on getting them moved on.

I have also reported that these vehicles represent a significant obstruction on a busy access road in and out of the Victoria Estate. They only allow one way traffic along a long stretch of Charles Avenue.

Some of the occupant's lifestyles have overflowed onto the verdant parkland they are parked in front of. An assortment of old pallets being upcycled, some plants someone is growing and other stuff are laid out on the grass, just in front of the post and rail fencing. None of these vehicles are great looking but one in particular is a veritable eyesore in no small regard.

Clearly the occupants are enjoying the wonderful views across one of the nicer amenity areas the estate has to offer...not that anyone else would know there is a park there, as it is totally obscured.

One of our steering committee members is an ex-Superintendent with Sussex Police. He has explained our next approach and how to escalate this. That requires me to document all of this with dates and photos and any other notes. That will form the substance of our letter to the Police. We will be requesting a presentation to the Police about this persistent problem.

### Night time reporting

[Delta Security Management](#) will also be providing us with regular reports about what is going on in this area during the night time. If any readers have more to report, please send photos, stating date, time and any additional notes to [richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk)



### What a lovely day!

The park is rather nice too...if you can see it. 30 seconds later the road was busy again with traffic in both directions reduced to single file.



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## Work Placements

We would like to make a short video presentation explaining how easy it is to set up a work placement

Paul Noble Photographic has kindly agreed to shoot and edit together a short video at no cost. We would use this to encourage our members to offer work placements more freely.

We already have some great guides on our website showing how you can create a simple work placement programme for a 15 year old, for a work placement that lasts two to five days. [Work Placement Guide](#)

It's a day by day breakdown of possible activities. We look at a range of tasks and assignments for various departments, from marketing, finance, manufacturing, HR and more...or your own thing. We make it easy for you!

- Have you got one planned in the next few weeks?
- Could we arrange for Paul to come in and do some video work?

This would help us immensely in future campaigns. Contact me: [richard.co@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.co@bhbpa.co.uk)

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## Introducing Net Zero 360

From The Green Growth Platform of the University of Brighton

Across our university hubs we've been driving green business innovation for nearly a decade. Back in the day, we spoke about a desire to eliminate the niche we operated in.

Every business needed to be green, not just the dedicated few. At last, that vision has come to pass. Net-zero is now mainstreaming.



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But it's not the end of the story. The real job is only just beginning. And to do it, we've got to collaborate and work as quickly as possible.

For business, that means progressing beyond the low-hanging fruit (still a great starting point) and transforming processes, supply chains, products, packaging, and everything else they do.

Our new Net Zero 360 offer is designed to give SMEs the confidence, knowledge, and access to innovation facilities they need to reach net-zero.

It will show them what they need to do and how to do it, and then help them get it done.

The package includes:

- A 3-part workshop series covering all aspects of net-zero
- Membership of a peer community of like-minded SMEs
- A rigorous and SBTi-compliant carbon calculator
- Access to university facilities, expertise, and funding for product, service, process, and business model innovation.

Editors Note: Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

As far as we know it's the UK's first end-to-end net-zero business support package.

**Net Zero 360 is FREE for SMEs and the pilot is open now.**

We're inviting businesses to join the first two workshop cohorts, starting on 20 and 22 June.

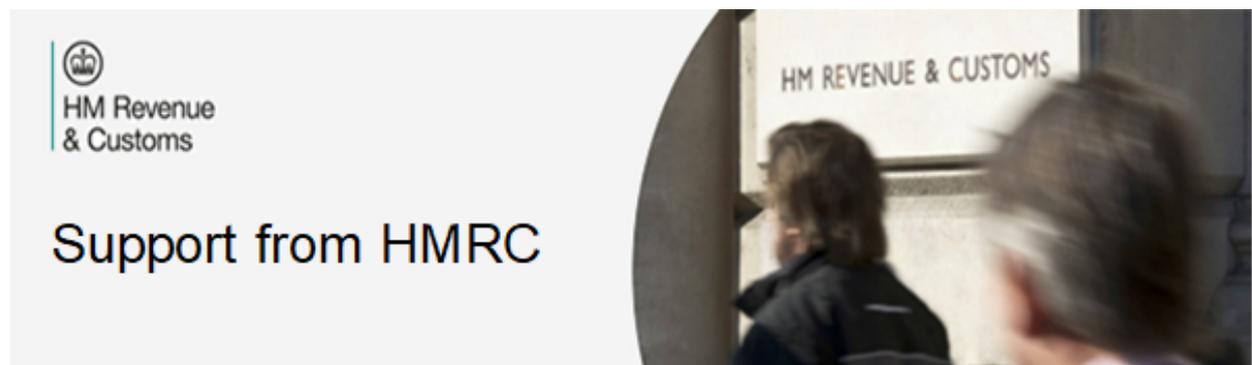
Find out more about Net Zero 360 - click the green link below!

[Find out more about Net Zero 360 - CLICK HERE](#)

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## HMRC Support

**VAT reverse charge in the construction industry**



Find out about the changes and how it may affect you by joining this live webinar. You can ask questions using the on-screen text box.

**How to apply the VAT reverse charge for construction services**

We'll explain:

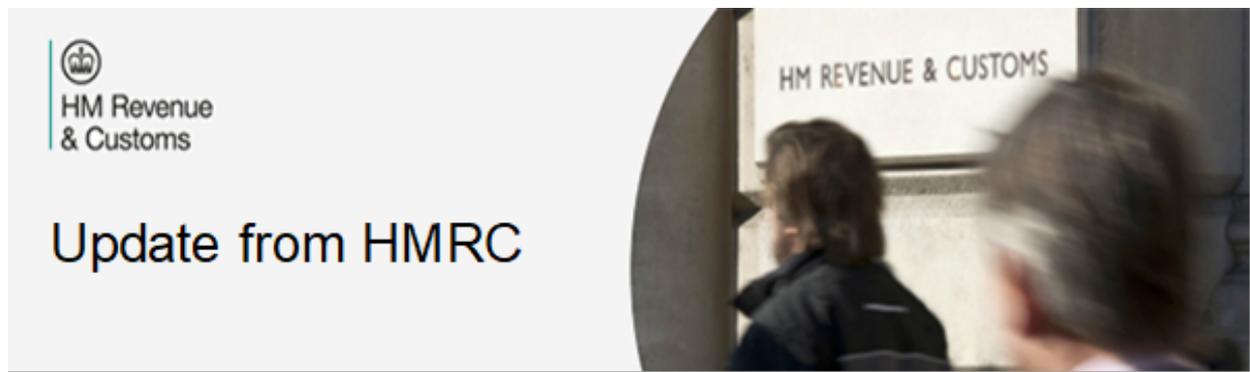
- when to apply the VAT reverse charge
- how to show the reverse charge on your invoices
- what to do if you make a mistake

[Register here](#)

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## HMRC Update

**Northern Ireland Protocol – first reading of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill**



On the 13th of June the Foreign Secretary introduced the [Northern Ireland Protocol Bill](#) to parliament.

The UK Government has also [published a document](#) that summarises the issues arising from the Northern Ireland Protocol as it stands, and how the Bill seeks to resolve them.

For now, and as the new legislation progresses through Parliament, current arrangements will remain in place; with businesses able to continue to move goods into and out of Northern Ireland in the same way they do now.

HM Revenue & Customs

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## Highlighting an interesting HHBA Event

**Meet the Experts : RISE Innovation 22nd June 6-8pm**

Join HHBA for an evening of networking, drinks and canapes! The team at RISE have kindly sponsored our June networking event, so join us for drinks and canapes at Freshmill Serviced Offices (Bridge Road, Haywards Heath) for an evening of networking and hear a couple of new business innovation ideas at our first innovation pitching event with the University of Brighton's RISE programme.

[Book here](#)

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## Selected BHBPA Networking Events



Edwards Vacuum will be hosting our June event. Numbers will be restricted to 60, so book early to avoid disappointment

**FREE - members only**  
Wednesday 29th June



Summer networking at Borde Hill Gardens. Usually it costs £7.50 to enter the gardens. We have secured FREE tickets, a guided tour with one of the gardeners and tea and cake!



Join us for the return of our big expo

**Stands - £100**  
**Entrance - FREE**  
Friday 16th September  
10.30am-3.00pm

8.30-11.00am

**FREE - members only**

Thursday 14th July

4.30-6.30pm

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## All Upcoming BHBPA Events

**Would you like to give a presentation at one of our general networking events?**

We are always interested to hear from you if you have a 10-15 minute presentation covering a pertinent business topic. To discuss this in more detail contact [richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk](mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk)

**Wednesday 29th June 8.30 to 11.00am**

Site tour and networking at Edwards Global Technology Centre

**Tuesday 12th July 4.00 to 5.00pm**

2nd Tuesday ZOOM networking (July)

**Thursday 14th July 4.30-6.30pm**

Borde Hill Gardens - Tour and networking

**Friday 16th September 10.30-3.00pm**

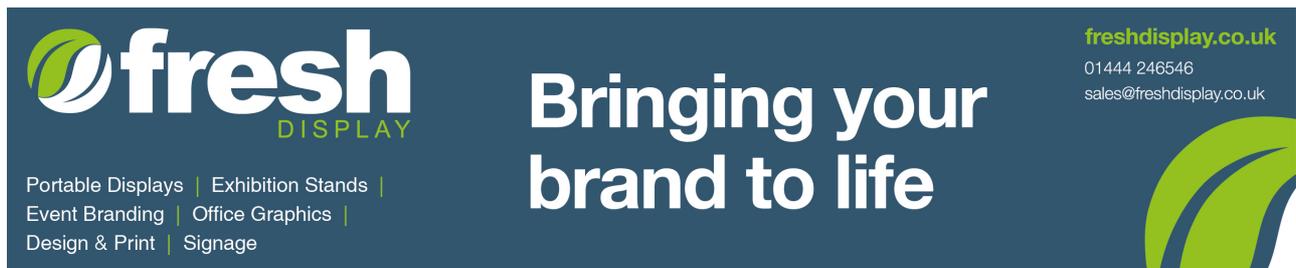
Burgess Hill Means Business - The Kings Centre

**Please ALWAYS book our events on our website.**

Whether it's an online event, or a site tour at one of our members, or a networking event at a venue. We need to know how many are attending. Spaces can sometimes be limited and we are finding increased demand. So book early!

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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!

**Deadline for copy each week is Thursday 3.00pm**

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