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Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

## **Opening Remarks**

#### **BHBiz - Finalists Announced!**

We announce the finalists for this year's awards! Have you been shortlisted? Time to buy your team some tickets to the big night.

Also remember, we already have quite a number of people coming on their own, we'll have some great tables for you to network over dinner and to mingle in the crowd with businesses large and small.

### **Business community outreach to schools**

We have another week with a focus on engagement with schools, with Downlands looking for work placements for their students and with their own breakfast networking event in June.

We have had a great response so far to our call out for anyone with a STEM subject background, but we need more to step forward. Perhaps a young member of your team, with a maths degree, one of the sciences or with digital skills. There is not too much involved during the week itself. Mid Sussex Science Week is now in its third year in Burgess Hill and is also now running again in Haywards Heath. We're looking for role models to inspire the next generation, to encourage local primary school children in the study of STEM subjects - can you help?

#### Our events just keep getting better

We also announce another BHBPA evening event in June, it will sell out very fast...of that I know. You'll find details of that following a photo report on what was the largest networking event BHBPA has ever organised. A record turnout, with over 150 guests in a fabulous venue with great acoustics, great canapes and superlative machines on show. The vibe was electric!

Keep the stories coming in: <a href="mailto:richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk">richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk</a>

Become part of the fastest growing business group in Sussex - Join Here .



# EARLY BIRD PRICES FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Individual tickets only £75 per head.

Any block booking of more than 8 tickets only £65 per head

**BOOK HERE** 

### **BH Biz - The Finalists**

The wait is over, our esteemed judges have made their decisions on their shortlists for the 11 categories.

We congratulate all those who have made it through to the final round, you'll all be receiving a Finalist Pack in the next few days.

### **Our very worthy FINALISTS**

Check out the companies that have stood out this year

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### **Bright Star**

- Jade Avery **Bluelite Graphics**
- Jason Payne EBISS
- Mike Abbott Mid Sussex Golf Club
- Karen Bradshaw Ridgeview Wine Estate

### **Green Champion**

- Bio-Productions
- Consort Frozen Foods
- Sussex Floor Restoration

### **Charity Champion**

- Bennett Christmas
- Consort Frozen Foods
- Rubix VT

#### **Team of Stars**

- Flexibility Matters
- Epassi
- Ridgeview Retail & Hospitality Team
- Travail

### **Star Apprentice**

- Niamh Daniels **Edwards**
- Jaden Corner PVL
- Nazia Arshed Rewards Training
- Alexander Simmons The Woolpack







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St Peter & St James Hospice



### **Future Talent & Skills Champion**

- Bluelite Graphics
- BSE 3D
- **Edwards**
- Rose Media Group

### **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Champion**

- **Edwards**
- EBISS
- ILG

### **Community Champion**

- Community Transport Sussex
- Consort Frozen Foods
- Steve Willis Training

### **Winning Workplace**

- Bennett Oakley
- Bluelite Graphics
- <u>Epassi</u>
- Travail

#### **Business Person of the Year**

- Darren Robathan <u>Comply Sense</u>
- James Shillaker **Epassi**
- Emma Cleary Flexibility Matters
- Tim Rylatt **Growth Coach**

#### **Best Business**

- EBISS
- PVL
- UK Growth Coach











### **Huge Turnout at our event at Porsche**

### **Held at Porsche Centre Mid Sussex**

With more than 150 delegates, this event was organised by <u>Burgess Hill Business</u> <u>Parks Association</u>, one of a regular series of joint events with BHBPA, HHBA, EGBA and gdb. Collectively that is the largest business group in Sussex, right here, on your doorstep. The huge turnout is a testament to the power of collaboration.

Canapes and refreshments generously provided by **Porsche Centre Mid Sussex** .

The Dealer Principal, Andy Crabb, gave a brief rundown of Porsche sales at the Burgess Hill site. Over 400 new and 400 used vehicles have been sold in the past year, with the electric **Taycan** model representing a significant part of those new vehicles sales. Andy explained that the centre, which currently employs over 60 on the current 1.7 acre site, will be moving to a site close to Hickstead Showground in 2024/25. That site will extend over four acres, making it the largest Porsche dealership in the UK.

The event was primarily about networking. There was a great buzz and vibe and the response from everyone was universal - just amazing, an electric atmosphere.

The photos tell the story better.

All photos courtesy of Gibson Blanc Photography

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### **Ridgeview - June Networking Announced**

An exclusive BHBPA Members-Only event with limited numbers.

**Tuesday 18th June from 5pm-7.30pm** BHBPA can only welcome 30 to this event. It will be hosted in one of the pavilions at the **Rows & Vine** restaurant.

There will also be a tour of the winery and a short presentation on **Ridgeview's B-Corp status** and what that means, followed by some wine tasting.



**Book Here** 

### **Employment Law**

### Webinar on Employee Subject Access Requests

Tuesday 7th May 2024 10:00 – 11:00

What is a subject access request (SAR)? Can an employee enforce a SAR if we don't comply? What are the penalties for non-compliance?

Join the team at Sherrards Employment Law Solicitors for an hour long webinar on Tuesday 7th May at 10:00 in which they will discuss subject access requests and cover a range of frequently asked questions on the process.

£50 + VAT per delegate. Find out more and book your place today – www.sherrardsacademy.com/courses/webinarSAR



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### **BH Biz - Raffle Prizes Required**

### An opportunity for us to raise funds for St Peter & St James Hospice

During the evening the hospice team will be offering raffle tickets and we hope to offer a fantastic selection of raffle prizes.

### Can you help?

It could be a day out at the races, or a wine tasting tour, a weekend break somewhere in a nice hotel, an exciting race day at Silverstone or Goodwood...or simply a lovely bottle of wine, a fancy box of the finest chocolate, or perhaps a wonderful hamper of the finest Sussex comestibles.

If you'd like to offer something, drop me a line with all the details. Contact me: Richard Cox **07393 728788** richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk

### **BH Biz - another Raffle Prize Announced**

### A Box of Magnums

### **Consort Frozen Foods**

We are very happy to donate a box of Magnums for the BHBiz raffle in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice. As the winner you can choose from either classic or white when you come to collect your prize!



### The Sussex Business Conference

The Sussex Business Conference and Awards is taking place at the Hickstead Showground on Thursday 10th October 2024.

This brand-new event will combine high profile speakers, B2B exhibitors, networking and local business awards.

It's being organised by media company Total Sense Media and will be extensively promoted across their Sussex brands: More Radio, More Radio Retro, Sussex Living Magazine and their digital membership scheme Hidden.

One of the keynote speakers is Dame Diane Thomspon who was CEO of national lottery operator Camelot for 13 years and who sits on a number of boards including Next PLC. Other talks include 'Marketing like McDonalds' a marketing masterclass along with a panel discussion on the recent business success of one of counties best known businesses Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club.

Entrance to the event is free and there is plenty of parking. There are sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available to companies looking to reach a large B2B audience. For more information contact Sarge Hussain Senior Account Manager on 07717716982 email sarge.hussain@moreradio.co.uk or Mak Norman Senior Account Manager on 07977920533 email mak.norman@moreradio.co.uk

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Mid Sussex Science Week

### Become a STEM Ambassador - Inspire the next generation

We need your assistance during one week in early summer.

You would need to visit the school a couple of times during the week for anywhere between 90-120 minutes to help them with their ideas. You'd introduce yourself and what your job entails, perhaps how you use science, technology, engineering or maths in your everyday work activities. The teacher is mainly responsible and leads the project with them.

You would also need to be available to attend the event on Friday where the children will show their projects to the judges.

We need to hear from you soon, as we begin the onboarding process at the end of this month. Mid Sussex Science Week runs from July 8th to July 12th.

#### Contact me for more information:

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### **Our School Needs You!**

#### **Downlands Community School looking for work placements**

Are you able to help with providing a work experience placement for our Year 10 students? We have many students still looking for a company to take them.

#### When?

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July 2024 for hours to suit you and your business.

#### What do I need?

Your company's Employer's Liability Insurance needs to cover under 16s as the students will be 14 or 15 at the time.

If you are exempt from needing to have ELI then you can still offer a placement.

### What areas are you looking for?

We are desperate for placements in the following fields: Sport/Marketing/IT/ Music but would be interested in any offers

#### I'm interested - what next?:



Please contact our Careers Lead, Ms. Liz Hollingdale on careers@downlands.org for further information.

### **Business Breakfast**

#### **Downlands Community School**

Breakfast networking event RSVP to hspahiu@downlands.org



### **University of Chichester**

#### **Annual Review**

Found out about the latest developments at the University, highlighting staff and student success and how we work with employers to tackle skills shortages via our Degree Apprenticeship programmes.

### **Download the Annual Review**

We are West Sussex's only university, having been teaching here since 1839. The University is one of the largest employers in the region with over 1,000 staff and is responsible for generating more than £160m for the local economy. This year we are delighted to have been nationally recognised with both a 'Gold' rating for our excellent teaching standards in the Teaching Excellent Framework, and an Ofsted 'Outstanding' for our teacher training provision.

In recent years, the University has successfully launched new health degrees in Adult Nursing and Physiotherapy and a Nursing Associate degree apprenticeship programme aiming to assist with the labour shortfalls in these vital areas. Our engineering programmes have recently been accredited by the Institute for Engineering Technology (IET).

The next phase of our expansion will see the institution working in partnership with the NHS, playing host to a new Community Diagnostic Centre on the Bognor Regis campus. The NHS aims to utilise this facility to help speed up diagnostic times across the West Sussex community, whilst the University is aiming to launch several new degree and degree apprenticeship programmes related to diagnostics, medical imaging, speech therapy and biomedical sciences.



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### **Speakers for Schools**

Inspiring young talent wishing to carve their career in public relations has been our mission for a number of years now.

So naturally, we seek creative ways to connect with students in secondary schools so that we can nurture their aspirations.

We're over the moon to announce that were partnering up with **Speakers for Schools**, the largest social mobility charity in the UK who deliver impactful interventions to inspire state-educated young people. You can find out more about them here: <a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org">www.speakersforschools.org</a>

Our Head Rose, <u>Aneela Rose</u>, is well versed in delivering inspiring talks and what's more, she is pretty cool too. From a PR Pro to a powerlifting champion, Aneela's exciting journey full of favour 'n' failings gives insight into entrepreneurship, determination and discipline to empower students to 'have a go'. Students can catch Aneela's virtual live broadcast for students in KS3, 4 and 5, on Monday 13th May, from 10am and we are looking forward to hearing this ourselves for a bit of creative flair



### **All Upcoming BHBPA Events**

24th May The BHBiz Awards Evening

**7.00pm - 1.00am** The Amex Stadium - We expect between 300-400 guests

Dress to Impress. Early Bird tickets - **BUY THEM HERE** 

18th June Ridgeview Wine Estate

**5.00 - 7.30pm** Tasting, Tour & Networking.

Hosted in one of pavilions at the Rows & Vine restaurant.

**Book early - Only 30 places available** 

17th July Hog Roast at The Woolpack

**5.00 - 7.30pm** Free for members

Our very popular summer networking event

17th September Breakfast Networking at Plumpton Racecourse

**8.30 - 11.00am** Free for members

Speakers to be announced

#### Please book our normal monthly 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!

**Book all Events - CLICK HERE** 

### **Closing Remarks**

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 various business parks in and around the town.

Let's celebrate your successes and achievements!

Deadline for copy each week is Thursday noon.

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