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# Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

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## Opening Remarks

### A focus on IT

Guidance on whether you should move over to Windows 11. Understanding the critical business need in obtaining cyber essentials accreditation. Cyber security can never be stressed enough as we also have news on a recently qualified specialist in this field.

### In other news

The church most local to Victoria Business Park, St Edwards, is looking to create a great public space and garden, it's already received some funding and just needs a little more financial assistance to be able to complete its plans, could a number of our members step forward?

We have an extended report on recent initiatives and research at the University of Brighton, looking at sustainable manufacturing. While one of our members is appearing at the South of England Show this weekend, showing their capabilities in solar power.

### BHBiz Awards

We have a short commentary from PVL who came away with two awards the other week. We will be looking closely at all of the Winners and all the Highly Commended in upcoming issues. There is much to learn from their examples.

We open with a report on our most recent networking event, a clear indication of the capabilities of BHBPA in organising a meet-up at a brewery!

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

We introduce you to another new member this week. Become part of the fastest growing business group in Sussex - [Join Here](#) .

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# BHBiz Awards

**A fabulous celebration of the best of Burgess Hill business**

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On our website you are able to download any of the hundreds of professional images taken during the evening. Formal or informal, you'll be amazed by just how many of your best sides our photographer was able to capture.

**Our images are provided FREE**

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## Networking last Wednesday

### Masterclass in Business Growth

We had just under 40 delegates turn up, including several new faces and some we've not seen for some time.

Many thanks to the owners and staff at The Brickworks Taproom and Shop, James Harley (North Garden Brewery), together with Paul Swaffield and Mike Armory (Bestens Brewery). They kindly provided teas, coffees and breakfast pastries.

### Passion for quality

Paul gave a fascinating tour of the brewery and what it takes to make a great pint...a lot of cleaning is the answer. The team clearly has a passion for what they do. The new premises have only been open nine weeks and are already proving to be a great commercial success.

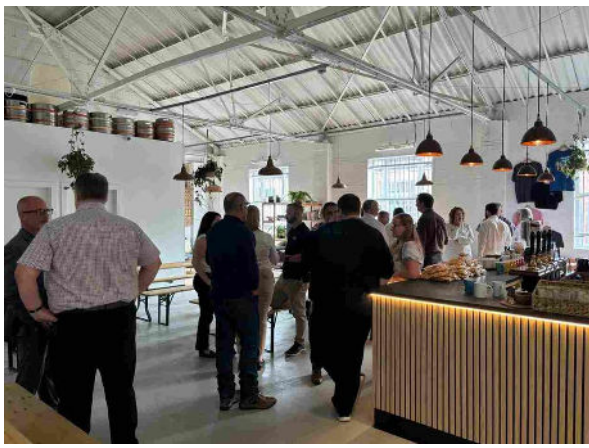
Many thanks also to **BHBiz** winner (Businessperson of the year) Tim Rylatt who was one of our presenters.

Here is what our Head Judge had to say about Tim's entry this year:  
Tim shone out because of exceptional impact in growing his business. Not only has he setup his business, but he has also launched a national franchise which has grown substantially this year. In his coaching business, he is not just inspiring SME owners, but he is also empowering and enabling them to become the business leaders they want to be.

### Purpose and success go hand in hand

Tim Rylatt was joined by his colleague Henry Laker from [Growth Coach](#) and together they gave a masterclass on business growth for SMEs. We'll be sharing more about that presentation in a later issue.





## New Members this week

- Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity

## Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity

### Supporting children under the age of five

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity supports children under the age of five with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments, helping them to make the best possible start in life, and providing their families with the skills to continue their development at home.



Tracey Shaw

Children with cerebral palsy often struggle to learn fundamental skills and face extra challenges because of their disabilities. Along with other motor learning impairments, it leaves these children with physical impairments that affect their body movement, muscle control, reflexes, posture, and balance.

Many of our children have additional needs such as visual and hearing impairments, speech and language difficulties and issues with eating, drinking, digestion and respiration. They are often excluded from everyday activities in their communities, limiting the opportunities for socialisation with children of their own age.

Our services include physiotherapy, conductive education, speech and language, aqua therapy, music therapy and family outreach home play sessions. All services focus on parents and children working together in a supportive environment with the aim of improving a child's physical, social, and emotional skills. This support positively impacts the long-term wellbeing of not only the child but their whole family. Our services are free and available all year round but we receive no statutory funding so we rely on the generosity of our community, corporate partners and grant funders. Families travel from all over the South East to access our services.

Tracey said 'I am so proud to have joined this dedicated team at Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity who support over 80 children a week. We hugely value our membership of Burgess Hill Business Parks Association and look forward to building relationships with other members who might be interested in corporate volunteering opportunities, skills sharing or fundraising events.'



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## Double Celebration!

### Double Celebration! PVL Shines at the BHBiz Awards 2024

What a night! Everyone at PVL is incredibly proud of our superstar apprentice, Jaden Corner who took home the Star Apprentice award at the BHBiz 2024 Awards last Friday, and PVL also won Best Business!



It was a fabulous, fun-filled night of celebrating and community, bringing together over 250 local business professionals and hosted by inspiring Olympic Champion Roger Black. We were honoured to be recognised as the Best Business but the star for us was Jaden who's talent and commitment is truly inspiring. Thank you to the judges for the recognition!

*"We've come a long way, especially in the last 18 months with a great deal of incremental change and improvement including our factory move last October. These awards are a fantastic acknowledgment that our team are doing the right things and I'm incredibly proud of them all. Well done and thank you #TeamPVL!"* – Nick Broom, CEO

### **Best Business**

Sponsored by Mayo Wynne Baxter Solicitors - "The winner will need to be a leader in sustainability, a magnet attracting the best people, treats employees well has a good company ethos, one which makes its workforce proud, is generous to charity, can demonstrate a good CSR contribution and makes a good profit ethically."

### **Star Apprentice**

Sponsored by Time24 - "This award goes to the apprentice or trainee who has shown enthusiasm, willingness to do more, creativity, genuinely fits in well with all staff and someone who will get on in this business."



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## £3000 Target - Small donations welcome

### St Edward's Church Community Garden Fundraising / May 2024

We are building a community garden for all in the community to be able to use, in the grounds of St Edward's Church, on Royal George Road. We have a real love for our community and many already enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the churchyard. We hope the garden will add to that, by providing a fully accessible place for all to enjoy.

We hope to engage others with our plans to grow fruit and veg, some of which can be used in our community café. And we are already developing relationships with local groups to provide a community focus here, for example for those who might be struggling with loneliness or mental health concerns and those with a variety of care and support needs.

The first phase of the community garden includes putting in good drainage, building raised beds, accessible paths, and a secure storage area with shed and greenhouse. We are delighted that we have received funding from Burgess Hill Town Council and Mid Sussex District Council towards this as well as donations from members of St Edward's, but unfortunately we are still a little under our target. We need to raise around £3000 to complete this initial stage by the end of July.

We are doing some fundraising events and are also approaching local businesses to ask whether you might consider helping us towards our target? We are looking for between 10-20 local business to donate £100 or £200 each. To give you an idea of costs, £50 would buy 2 sleepers for the raised beds. All donations of £200 or over, will be given a mention in publicity and in signage in the garden this summer (with the donors permission of course).

If you'd like to know more please don't hesitate to be in touch. If you are able to make a donation you can do so by emailing me or by bank transfer into the church account as below. Please use 'garden donation' as a reference.

Thank you for considering supporting this community project, we appreciate your time.

With best wishes

Rev. Jules Middleton



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## South of England Show

Come and see us at The Ardingly South of England Show this weekend. Our team will be on hand to discuss the services we provide to homes and businesses across Mid Sussex.

There will be exclusive show offers on domestic and commercial solar panel systems and new boiler installs.

On Saturday and Sunday, the original 'HYPE VR Roller Coaster' will be making an appearance on our stand. Experience the thrill of a roller coaster like never before – and here in Sussex. This family friendly experience is free to all visitors to our stand (age 6 and over, some safety exclusions apply).

We will be exhibiting the Tesla Powerwall storage battery, so you can see for yourselves how the excess electricity from a solar panel system can be stored and used when needed.

PDP Services Ltd will be on stand 13, opposite the Food Village.

We hope to see you there, and if you do visit our stand, please introduce yourself.



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## Cybility Consulting

### Apprenticeship Completion adds to Cybility's Cybersecurity Training Excellence

Cybility Consulting is delighted to announce that Ana Garner, our Learning and Development Consultant, has successfully completed her apprenticeship as a Learning and Development Consultant Business Partner at Level 5.



**Ana Garner & Michala Liavaag**

This achievement highlights both Ana's dedication to professional growth and Cybility's commitment to fostering continuous development among its team members.

Ana joined Cybility with over a decade of experience as a lecturer, bringing a wealth of knowledge in adult education. She transitioned into the cybersecurity sector, leveraging her teaching expertise to design and deliver engaging cybersecurity awareness programmes at Cybility.



The apprenticeship, a government-supported initiative, is designed to equip career changers with the skills necessary to thrive in new professional landscapes. It provided Ana with valuable insights into the commercial aspects of learning and development, enabling her to tailor Cybility's cybersecurity training programmes to meet the specific needs of our clients effectively. Organisations can similarly use this scheme to help their employees upskill and adapt to new roles.

At Cybility, we believe in the power of continuous learning and professional development. This philosophy is integral to our operations and culture. We recognise that our people are our greatest asset, and we are committed to supporting their growth and development. Ana's successful completion of her apprenticeship is a testament to this commitment. Our investment in our team's professional development ensures that we can deliver the highest quality services to our clients, addressing their cybersecurity challenges with expertise and innovation.

Ana's role at Cybility involves creating and delivering impactful cybersecurity awareness learning experiences that are not only informative but also engaging and interactive. Her approach aligns with Cybility's principles of active and customised learning. By utilising techniques such as gamification, storytelling, and simulations, Ana ensures that the training programmes are not only effective in imparting knowledge but also in fostering lasting behavioural change. This approach is crucial in cultivating a security-conscious culture within organisations, which is essential for mitigating cyber threats.

In celebrating Ana's achievement, we also acknowledge the broader benefits of the government's apprenticeship scheme, which provides a valuable pathway for career development and skill enhancement. It is through such initiatives that professionals can gain the necessary expertise to excel in their chosen fields, contributing to the overall growth and innovation within the industry.



For more information about Cybility's services and our commitment to professional development, please visit our website at [www.cybility.co.uk](http://www.cybility.co.uk) or contact us at [enquiries@cybilityconsulting.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cybilityconsulting.co.uk).

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# Sustainable Manufacturing

## Brighton researchers awarded £500k to explore ways to make manufacturing more environmentally sustainable

University of Brighton researchers awarded half a million pounds to investigate improvements to the environmental sustainability of manufacturing processes. 16 May 2024.

The award is part of a multimillion-pound research hub involving six universities plus industry partners and local authority support to aid the UK's transition to a circular manufacturing ecosystem.

The research is part of the RESCu-M2 hub, led by the University of Birmingham, with focus on transforming the sustainable use of critical materials and improving the productivity of 'Re-X' manufacturing processes through advances in artificial intelligence, robotics and intelligent automation.

Re-X are processes that reuse, repurpose, repair, remanufacture and recycle and are currently much more labour-intensive than traditional manufacturing, resulting in many materials being disposed of via landfill or incineration. However, it is estimated that businesses could save up to £23bn per year by making low- or no- cost improvements.

Each research partner will support the development of 'spokes' from the hub, around which opportunities for further investment can emerge. The University of Brighton will act as a spoke of the hub in south-east region, engaging with local manufacturers to deliver impacts working in areas such as Cyber-Physical Inspection, Sensing, and Analysis, Testing, Validation and Certification, and Circular Business models. Students, including those on PhD, MEng and BEng will actively participate in the research bringing to life applications of circular and intelligent manufacturing.

The project is led by the University of Birmingham in partnership with the universities of Brighton, Strathclyde, Leeds, Sheffield and Loughborough and supported by the Manufacturing Technology Centre, West Midlands Combined Authority, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce and Rochdale Development Agency.



**Dr Yan Wang**

Principal lecturer in the School of Architecture, Technology and Engineering and principal investigator on the Brighton branch of the project, Dr Yan Wang said:

“This hub is really important and timely. Manufacturing in the UK provides 2.5m jobs, accounts for 45% of the total export, totalling £183bn, represents 64% of business R&D, and provides 15% of business investment.

“However, manufacturing is sincerely challenged by high emission and resource waste in manufacturing operations, products and supply chains, disruption of supply chain, shortage of manufacturing workforce etc.

“The sustainable manufacturing hub will address these challenges, through robotics, AI and value retention processes (recycling, remanufacturing and refurbishment). The University of Brighton will be the spoke in the south-east region for knowledge transfer, technology development, upskills and eco-innovation. This will support the London and the south-east manufacturing cluster which is hovering to become the country’s biggest manufacturing region worth £28.1bn, overtaking Britain’s traditional industrial heartlands, the north-west through digitalisation, robotics and automation. “Our research will be translated and embedded into four industrial-defined and led flagships including Drives and Powertrains, Large Structures, Energy and Medical Devices for real-life applications.”

The EPSRC Manufacturing Research Hub in Robotics, Automation & Smart Machine Enabled Sustainable Circular Manufacturing & Materials (RESCu-M2) is part of UK Research and Innovation’s (UKRI) ‘Manufacturing research hubs for a sustainable future’ programme, funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and project partners. Total funding for the RESCu-M2 from EPSRC and project supporters is £34.6m over the next seven years.

Science Minister, Andrew Griffith said: “Manufacturing accounts for almost a tenth of the UK’s economic output, but for the sector to keep growing and sustaining jobs nationwide, it has to tackle challenges ranging from reducing emissions, to cutting production costs.

“These new hubs will support UK researchers with the cutting-edge facilities they need, to help our manufacturers seize the benefits of technologies such as robotics and AI. Harnessing these innovations will cement the UK’s position as a global leader in sustainable manufacturing.”

Announcing the funding, EPSRC Executive Chair Professor Charlotte Deane said: “Given the scale and importance of the UK’s manufacturing sector we must ensure that it is able to benefit fully from advances made across the research and innovation ecosystem.

“With their focus on innovation and sustainability the advances made by the hubs will benefit specific sectors, the wider manufacturing sector and economy, as well the environment.”

The RESCu-M2 hub aims to harness advances in AI and intelligent automation to create a new manufacturing ecosystem that realises cost-effective circular resource use.



**University of Brighton**

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## Lunch & Learn

### **Why Should I Upgrade to Windows 11?**

Paul Stanyer from PS Tech is hosting a webinar and would love you to join. If you've ever been curious about what makes Windows 11 the latest and greatest, this is your golden ticket.

# Why Should I Upgrade to Windows 11?

with Paul Stanyer



## Here's what he'll briefly be talking about:

- The future roadmap for Microsoft Windows
- The fancy new features and improvements Windows 11 has over Windows 10 and earlier versions
- Why you need to upgrade to Windows 11 sooner rather than later
- How to upgrade to Windows 11 yourself

By tuning in, you'll get the scoop on how Windows 11 can supercharge your productivity, ramp up your security, and make your computer life just plain better. Plus, you'll get to grill Paul with all your questions.

- Date: Tuesday 18th June
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## Cyber Essentials

### Has your business been asked to complete its Cyber Essentials Certification?



The Sussex Tech Support team

Larger businesses must now demonstrate their commitment to cybersecurity throughout their supply chains. Many now require their smaller suppliers complete the Cyber Essentials Certification—an initiative developed by the UK Government.

If you've been asked to complete this certification, you might not know what's involved or where to start.

At Sussex Tech Support, we've demonstrated our true commitment to Cyber Security by becoming a Cyber Essentials Certification Body, one of only four based in Sussex at time of writing.

We guide local Sussex businesses through the Cyber Essentials scheme, submitting their application through our portal and then awarding their certification each year.

To learn a bit more about what is involved, please feel free to take a look at our webpage that delves in to more of the detail here:

[Cyber Essentials Certification - Sussex Tech Support](#)

Alternatively, if you'd like to have a conversation with us to learn more, please feel free to book a twenty minute introductory call here [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)



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## BH Pantry - July Morning Networking

**Come and join us at the Burgess Hill Pantry, 25-29 The Martlets Burgess Hill**

**Tuesday 9th July from 8.30-10.30am**

You are invited to find out more about employee volunteering across Mid Sussex.

How can the charity and business sector work better together to remove barriers so anyone can volunteer? We'll have a speaker from [MSVA](#) on hand to explain more.

There will also be a short presentation from Claire Fuller about the invaluable service the [BH Pantry](#) provides and a tour.

Find out more about the work placement students from Woodlands Mead who have been assisting in the Pantry as well, with David Hills providing insights into Accessible Apprenticeships.



Tea, coffee and some breakfast pastries will be provided in the light and airy community room.

There will also be a tour of this outlet, an important and impactful part of the local community, giving dignity to hundreds facing food poverty.

Book the BH Pantry event [HERE](#)



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## Summer Hog Roast - July Evening Networking

**Free for all BHBPA members - Last year the event was a sell out with 60 guests**

**Wednesday 17th July from 5pm-7.30pm**  
BHBPA's summer networking event in July is a fabulous hog roast and garden party!

Generously provided by Dee and Lance and the team at [The Woolpack](#) .

Slow roasted for eight hours by Lance and his team, the hog roast will be served with baps and accompaniments including potato salad, green salad and of course, apple sauce!

Networking in the pub garden and terrace.

This event is one where it's all about the networking, in convivial surroundings, with no presentations. Just some great food and a big crowd expected.

[Book the Hog Roast event HERE](#)



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## Plumpton Racecourse - September

**A BHBPA breakfast event in the Owners & Trainers Lounge**

**Tuesday 17th September from 8.30-11.00am**

We will be announcing an interesting morning with one or two additional presentations.

We'll hear first from Jacqueline Hill who will give an introduction to the racecourse and what it offers. She'll be showing a short and exciting video of what makes this place so special.

Buffet breakfast kindly provided by [Plumpton Racecourse](#)

[Book the Plumpton event HERE](#)



The visitors car park - follow signs upon arrival. Or Plumpton train station is just 5 mins away.

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## All Upcoming BHBPA Events

**18th June**  
**5.00 - 7.30pm**

**Ridgeview Wine Estate**  
Tasting, Tour & Networking.  
Hosted in one of pavilions at the Rows & Vine restaurant.  
**SOLD OUT**

**9th July**  
**8.30 - 10.30am**

**Burgess Hill Pantry**  
Free for members  
With a presentation also from Mid Sussex Voluntary Action  
and Woodlands Mead SEN School.

**17th July**  
**5.00 - 7.30pm**

**Hog Roast at The Woolpack**  
Free for members  
Our very popular summer networking event

**17th September**  
**8.30 - 11.00am**

**Breakfast Networking at Plumpton Racecourse**  
Free for members  
Speakers to be announced

**Please 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!

[Book all Events - CLICK HERE](#)

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## 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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