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Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

Opening Remarks

Empowering the Next Generation

In this issue we have a special focus on our members' efforts to inspire our young people to great futures and demonstrate the breadth of worthwhile jobs available right here on their doorstep. We hope more of you can step up to the requests from our local schools to enable that. We'll have more on this in the next few weeks.

I'm also interested to hear from any of our members who have, over the last 12 months, hosted a work placement student from any of our local secondary schools. We'd like you to share that experience. Meanwhile, one of the local SEN colleges is seeking a special work placement for two of its students.

Overall we congratulate our members on their efforts so far...but there is much to achieve.

AI in the news this week

I've been using ChatGPT for some time but recently had gone beyond the capacity of the free version. Last week I was mulling paying an annual subscription for the paid model at costing over \$120. However, before I did that I asked BHBPA member and AI expert Vincent Murphy whether I should go for the personal or business options. Ahead of the curve this week, he suggested instead [DeepSeek](#), which had no limits on daily use and was free. It did exactly what I needed it to do, which was summarize a very large document in seconds.

Vincent is speaking at an event for anyone in the manufacturing, engineering or technology sectors, this is a METALL event and will be looking at AI, details further below.

In other news

Anyone employing more than 10 staff needs to pay heed to new recycling directives. There is a call out to all food and drink producers. A series of Growth Hub clinics comes to Mid Sussex. The Good Business Charter organisation is running a fortnight of events. There is an authoritative breakfast seminar looking at commercial property and planning issues. There is news of a F1 manufacturer coming to Burgess Hill, on the Panattoni Park Burgess Hill.

Events

Our event in February showcases the launch of our range of training courses, come along for a great evening of networking. Gary Mansell – BHTFC 1st team manager is one of our speakers, he'll be talking about his own training tips. Stay after for a fantastic game of football, we've got a good crowd already signed up.

Our March 26th AGM event is being held at The Oak Barn, which itself has some wonderful Valentine's entertainment lined up on February 14th.

We announce the first of the BHBPA Quizzes this year, always a super competitive but very friendly evening, raising money for a good cause. The Hospice publicizes its own

quiz night dates through the year.

The Burgess Hill Means Business expo will be taking place on Thursday 15th of May, we'll be launching that very soon: [Book Events](#)

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



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Thank You Roche Diagnostics!

In September last year there was a call out to our members, just a short note in our opening remarks, requesting any unwanted IT equipment. The Computing, IT & Business department at the Burgess Hill Academy did not have any suitable up-to-date equipment the students could use to pursue their studies in school.

Within a week of our request Roche Diagnostics responded with a very generous donation of 30 high-end refurbished HP laptops, with new operating systems pre-installed.

These laptops provide desperately needed resources for this under-funded school and we know they'll serve the academy's students for many years to come.

So a huge thank you to Roche Diagnostics, demonstrating a real commitment to our town's future workforce.



Burgess Hill Academy Students: Toby, Kyryl, Mona and Venkata with Lead Teacher for Computing, IT and Business, Ms Gaiger. Here we see them discovering the capabilities of these machines with the latest software.



Burgess Hill Academy - Major Announcement

The University of Brighton Academies Trust relinquishing control - significant opportunity for our local Secondary School

A deep funding crisis at the school over the last few years led to a teachers' protest strike last summer. As a result The Burgess Hill Academy Support Group was established last year, comprising members of the school's Governing Body, staff, Burgess Hill Town Council and BHBPA. We've met now several times and are looking forward to better futures for the town's young people. Last week it was announced that The Burgess Hill Academy, as well as the other schools in the Trust, would be passed to a new Trust Sponsor following a selection process working with the Department of Education - we have no further details as yet.

In the meantime our local Secondary School has plans to improve the prospects of their students and our future employees and continues to need your support. These plans include everything from toilet and other classroom refurbishment, the creation of a Forest school and outdoor classroom facilities to sewing machines, paint and food ingredients for celebration breakfast events!

A call out to BHBPA members in September 2024 has already led to the donation of a significant amount of IT equipment, including laptops and printers, totally nearly £10,000 in value. We'll be reporting on those printers in an upcoming issue, thanking those generous benefactors from our membership ranks.

The past week was a good one for the Academy, with the latest Ofsted report showing another 'Good' rating. Ofsted acknowledged and applauded many areas including the increasing sense of pride across the school community, the strong careers education and that there is a strong team in place. The tide has turned, but more help is needed!

Get in touch: richard.cox@bhbp.co.uk



Empowering the Next Generation

The [Dare to Dream](#) programme

Mid Sussex District Council are pleased to continue our support for the Dare to Dream programme this year delivered by the Love Local Jobs Foundation.

Dare to Dream is an inspirational programme that challenges young people to change the way they think about themselves, their future and their place in the world. By partnering with local employers, educational institutions, public sector entities, and community leaders, the programme equips young people with the confidence they need to reach their full potential.

"The world is moving at a fast pace - significantly disrupted by technology and AI - amidst an increasingly uncertain landscape, that makes it tricky for anyone to predict what the next 5,10,15 years will look like. Imagine that from the perspective of a teenager beginning to consider their place in the world..."

Through the Dare to Dream programme we strive to provide young people in our communities with a much-needed boost of positivity and encouragement, while equipping them with essential skills and qualities that remain invaluable in any workplace - skills they can continue to develop regardless of the external challenges they may face. It's hugely rewarding work and we're incredibly grateful to the amazing organisations that enable these inspirational programmes to happen." **Paul Scrivens, Chief Executive, Love Local Jobs Foundation**



Last year the programme was delivered in four of Mid Sussex's secondary schools and extends to five schools this year. Mentors from leading local employers participate in the programme as role models and real-life endorsers, helping to instil these values in the young people being mentored.

Mid Sussex Headlines 2023-24

- **976 students participating from 4 Schools** (Burgess Hill, Downlands, Oathall, Warden Park)
- **180 one to one mentoring sessions** for disengaged students believed to have great potential
- **22 volunteers from local employers** participating as mentors
- **14 inspirational assemblies** for entire year groups (Years 9 and 10)
- **12 interactive workshops** reinforcing employability led programme themes
- **4 workplace visits** showcasing a diverse range of career opportunities at leading local employers
- **3 supporting employers** (American Express, Edwards Vacuum, First Central Insurance)

"It has taught me how to greet people and get into conversation more easily. Because of it I have contributed more in class. I will focus more on leaving my comfort zone."
Student, Warden Park Academy



if you have any suggestions for future issues, business support or other ways we can support the local economy please contact the [Economic Development team.](#)

BHBPA Annual Quiz Night

This year in aid of [St Peter & St James Hospice](#)

The Woolpack: Wednesday 12th March from 7.00pm onwards (Quiz starts at 8.00)

You must book your team places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We start assembling at 7.00pm for nachos provided by Dee, Lance and their team at The Woolpack. The quiz itself begins at 8.00pm.

Here we see some smiling faces from [Rohan Solicitors](#) tackling the quiz after some pre-quiz pub fare.



Cost

Includes a bowl of chilli or cheese nachos. £5.00 payable on the night.

Raffle

There will also be a raffle on the night with a variety of nice bottles of wine. We hope you can also join in on that action on the night. Support the invaluable work of the Hospice.

Individual players

If you are on your own or there are only two or three of you, you can still join in. We will have at least one 4 or 6 person team we will create for the evening from single participants. I've already given that team a provision name: The Usual Suspects

Multiple teams from one company

One company had two teams of six last year. Subject to availability we can accommodate these. Maximum capacity - Current availability 88 Seats
You must be in teams of either six or four (or less).

Booking

I will manage the teams so contact me directly about the size of your team and the team's name. I'll let you know the availability for the various table sizes.

Email to book your table / individual seats richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk

BHBPA - Annual General Meeting

The BHBPA AGM will be held on Wednesday morning March 26th



The Oak Barn Restaurant

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Oak Barn Restaurant.

We'd like to thank Mark and his fantastic teams front and back of house for hosting us again. A light buffet breakfast will be available.

We'll be announcing a guest speaker soon!

The association will be presenting a summary of our annual accounts and an update on membership numbers. We'll also be going into detail about the various initiatives, programmes and agendas of the association and what you can expect for 2025.

Our presentations are expected to take about 45 minutes, so there'll have plenty of time for networking.

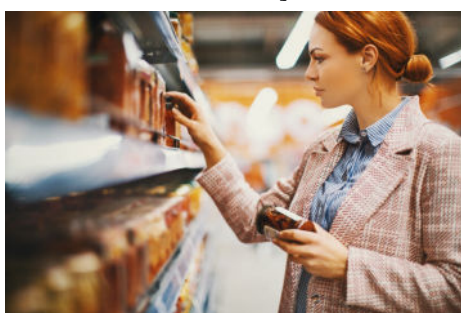
Wednesday 26th March 8.30-11.00am

[Book the Oak Barn Networking Event](#)

Are you a local food and drink producer?

A Special Mid Sussex Food & Drink Business Directory

The Council has commissioned Natural Partnerships CIC to create a special Mid Sussex Food & Drink Business Directory on their <https://sussexfoodanddrink.org> website - THE Sussex directory for local food & drink.



This will help make it easy for buyers in the hospitality and retail industry to find our great local food and drink producers.

Our goal is to help strengthen the link between our local food and drink businesses, supporting the local economy by keeping it local and being more sustainable by reducing food miles.

If you produce, serve or sell local Sussex food and drink, you can sign yourself up for the directory by going to the website and clicking the GET LISTED button under the Sussex map. You will then be added to both the Sussex-wide directory and new Mid Sussex Directory.

We look forward to bringing you more Sussex food and drink news later this year.



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Are you ready? Changes to Business Recycling

New regulations on business waste recycling are coming into effect

New regulations on business waste recycling are coming into effect. Click the link [Workplace Recycling](#) – What you need to know to learn about these changes and how your business may need to adapt.

While most businesses are already compliant, it's important to ensure your operations align with the new regulations.



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WSSC - Growth Hub Clinics

Location: Burgess Hill Town Council, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill RH15 9AS

[Thursday 13th February - Finance - Gail-Winnie-Davies](#)

Location: Hurstworks, 36 High St, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks BN6 9RG

[Monday 3rd March - Operations and Scale Up - Luke Brice](#)



Gail Winnie-Davies

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Business Advisor drop-in at Freshmill

February 11th Luke Brice, Expert Business Advisor from West Sussex Growth Hub will be joining us for the day.

He will be offering a casual drop-in session from 9.00am-12.30pm and between 12.30pm-3.45pm bookable 1-1 sessions. This service is completely free of charge.

FREE Business Support 1-1 Sessions
with advisor Luke Brice

Both bookable and casual drop-in sessions available at Freshmill, with an expert Business Advisor.

Tuesday 11th February | 9-4PM

West Sussex Growth Hub
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Luke has had a lengthy career in business. Having successfully grown and sold two companies of his own, he is driven by a desire to simplify life for business owners and customers alike.

His focus has always been on innovation and problem-solving: whether it is identifying growth obstacles, optimising operations, or scaling businesses efficiently,

Luke is passionate about helping business owners unlock their full potential. His mission is clear: to help turn visions into reality with speed, efficiency and measurable success.

So if you would like a bit of advice on any area of your business, why not book a hotdesk for the day and pop along to the drop-in session, or book a 1-1 session with Luke, the link is below...

Cake Day

It is also worth noting that 11th February will also be a Cake Day at Freshmill! So definitely mark the date in your diary now!

[WSGH: Business Support 1-1 Sessions at Freshmill Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

[Book one of the clinics here](#)



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Good Business Fortnight

The campaign is promoted by the Good Business Charter



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3rd to 14th February 2025



Good Business Fortnight is taking place from 3rd to 14th February 2025 and will bring together everyone who is passionate about responsible business practices.

The fortnight-long awareness week celebrates the outstanding efforts of businesses across the UK in championing responsible practices and making a positive impact on society and the environment. Not only does it celebrate those acting responsibly, the awareness campaign also acts as a platform to encourage other businesses to adopt similar practices. It also makes the public aware of what an ethical business looks like, and the importance of acting responsibly. The campaign fosters a broader movement towards ethical business practices, contributing to a fairer and more sustainable world.

The campaign is promoted by the Good Business Charter, a simple accreditation which organisations of all sizes in the UK can apply for in recognition of responsible business practices. An organisation must meet 10 commitments to receive GBC Accreditation, though a streamlined version is available for organisations with up to 50 employees. Each day of the fortnight is focusing on one of the commitments:

Week one

- Monday 3rd February: Responsible Business Monday
- Tuesday 4th February: EDI Tuesday
- Wednesday 5th February: Wellness Wednesday
- Thursday 6th February: Employee Representation Thursday
- Friday 7th February: Fair Pay and Hours Friday

Week two

- Monday 10th February: Environmental Responsibility Monday
- Tuesday 11th February: Timely Tuesday
- Wednesday 12th February: Ethical Sourcing Wednesday
- Thursday 13th February: Customer Thursday
- Friday 14th February: Fair Tax Friday

Follow **#GoodBusinessMatters** during the fortnight. Find information about events on the GBC website: <https://goodbusinesscharter.com/good-business-fortnight-2025/>

New members this week

- **GD Rectifiers**

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Paul Bentley
Managing Director

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Executive Coaching - why use it?

SMEs are struggling more than ever to both address their talent issues and recruit appropriately skilled people.

In a recent survey I conducted with smaller professional services firms, nearly all participants turned to training as their primary solution to talent challenges. Traditional training can be very effective for skills development, but it must be precisely tailored to each participant's needs and be well-designed, well-delivered and facilitate the learners to put it into practice on the job. In smaller organisations, limited staff numbers make such programmes less cost-effective.



In my experience, many leaders already know what they need to do and possess the necessary skills, yet obstacles prevent them from putting these skills into practice. When such blocks exist, traditional training often falls short. If the block is internal, such as fear of failure, executive coaching can offer targeted support to help individuals overcome their specific challenges.

Over the past year, some of the common themes I've helped leaders address include:

- Preparing for promotion or a role in the executive leadership team
- Managing relationships with different (sometimes difficult!) stakeholders
- Solving challenging team dynamics in an underperforming team
- Honing a value proposition, becoming more confident in selling
- Work-life balance
- Imposter syndrome and lack of confidence

Solving these challenges through coaching allows leaders to reach their full potential, but the benefits don't just stop there. They become more confident in their roles, able to inspire their teams and develop a proactive problem-solving mindset. This confidence leads to a greater sense of belonging and engagement, making them and their teams feel invested in and valued.

If you want to find out more about executive coaching and how it can help your business leverage its leaders, then please get in touch.



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Valentines Day - A special event

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METALL Events are open to anyone in the manufacturing, engineering or technology sectors

Unveiling the exponential potential of AI

Artificial Intelligence is revolutionising industry, driving innovation and efficiency at an unprecedented pace. Unlike the gradual, linear progress of traditional advancements, AI evolves exponentially, reshaping how businesses operate and compete. For manufacturing and engineering business owners, understanding this exponential growth is critical to not being left behind in a rapidly changing landscape.



Unveiling the exponential potential of AI

08:00-10:30am | Thursday 27th February 2025



- **When: 8am-10.30am, Thursday 27th February**
- **Where: Cottesmore Hotel, Golf and Country Club**

We are delighted to welcome Vincent Murphy, founder of Brainstorm, as our speaker for this event. Vincent's expertise bridges the technical and strategic dimensions of this technology. He will explore AI's pace of change and how manufacturing and engineering businesses can harness its transformative potential to optimise processes, enhance productivity, and drive innovation in an era defined by rapid technological evolution.

Speaker

Vincent Murphy, Founder, [Brainstorm](#)

Vincent Murphy is a pioneer in integrating emerging technologies into practical, everyday applications, enabling innovation and enhancing collaboration across industries. He specialises in simplifying complex technologies, making them accessible to diverse audiences, and driving growth through customer-focused, cross-partnership projects. His work bridges the digital divide, delivering enriched user experiences while amplifying social impact.

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DATE: Thursday 27 February 2025

TIME: 8.10 - 10.00am

LOCATION

[DMH Stallard LLP, Griffin House, 135 High Street, Crawley](#)

DATE: Thursday 6 March 2025

TIME: 8.10 - 10.00am

LOCATION

[DMH Stallard, The Portland Building, Church St, Brighton](#)

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Special Work Placement Sought

Staff supported one day a week for one term

My name is Lou Parrish, and I am a tutor at [LVS Hassocks](https://www.lvs-hassocks.org.uk), a secondary school for young people with Autism. You may already be aware of our setting. We are currently exploring opportunities for our Year 12 students to engage in work experience placements, and I am reaching out to inquire about the possibility of arranging such placements within your association.

We are looking for placements for two of our Year 12 students, who would attend once a week, ideally Wednesdays, over the course of one term. A member of our school staff will accompany and support the students during their placement to ensure they receive the most benefit from the experience.

Could you kindly let us know if you offer such opportunities, and if so, the process for arranging this and any requirements or guidelines we would need to follow?

Thank you very much for considering this request. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you to provide these valuable learning experiences for our students.



Please contact: Lou Parrish

Email: louise.parrish@lvs-hassocks.org.uk

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Empowering the Future!

Join Us at LVS Hassocks Careers Cafe: Empowering the Future!

Are you a professional or post-16 education provider with a passion for making a difference in the lives of young people? We invite you to join us on Friday, 7th March at LVS Hassocks for our Careers Cafe—a unique and impactful event hosted by our Specialist Autism Secondary School.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, 7th March

Location: LVS Hassocks, Sussex Centre

Time: 9:00 – 11:30am

At the Careers Cafe, you'll have the opportunity to connect with our remarkable students, who are eager to explore potential careers and education pathways. This event is more than just an opportunity for networking—it's a chance to inspire the next generation of young Autistic individuals and show them that their dreams are within reach.



Why Attend?

Inspire and Encourage: Too many young Autistic individuals face barriers to employment and education, often believing they cannot achieve their dreams. Your presence and support can change that. By sharing your experiences and knowledge, you can help these students see the possibilities that lie ahead and encourage them to pursue their passions.

Build Connections: This event offers a platform for professionals and educators to meet and chat with our students in an informal and welcoming environment. Share your journey, answer questions, and provide guidance that could shape their future.

Enjoy Our Student-Run Cafe: As a token of our appreciation, enjoy complimentary coffee and cake served by our talented students at our student-run cafe. It's the perfect setting to engage in meaningful conversations and foster a sense of community. We look forward to welcoming you to the Careers Cafe and working together to create a brighter future for our students. Thank you for your support!



Find out more

For further information, or to confirm your attendance, please email Alice Brennan (Assistant Head and Careers Lead) on: brennana@ltcharity.org.uk

Hospice Quiz

Fun, Quiz & Networking Opportunity with a Difference

We invite you and your colleagues to brighten up the dark February evenings by joining us for our popular pub-style quiz and networking opportunity with a difference. Pre-booking is essential.



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Julie Gouldsworthy
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We launched the Biz Quiz back in 2023 and it not only brings local businesses together for a fun-packed, team building and networking opportunity, but also helps to raise vital funds for St Peter & St James Hospice.

It has proved extremely successful, with every session fully booked and helping to raise just under £10,000 for St Peter & St James Hospice to date.

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Participant Testimonial

"The Biz Quiz events run by St Peter & St James Hospice are an evening filled with fun, laughter and frustration, especially when the answer is on the tip of your tongue. The event is definitely worth attending with your colleagues. The money raised through these events is so important to the charity and the people they help in the community. They are very popular, so booking early is essential."

Dave Thomas AM&M

Up & Coming 2025 Event Dates

All from 6.00pm

St Peter & St James Hospice, North Challey
BN8 4ED

- Thursday 27th February
- Thursday 3rd April
- Thursday 5th June
- Thursday 27th November

Pre-Booking is Essential!

Book using this link to Julie's email



Julie Gouldsworthy - Relationship Fundraising Officer

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February Evening Networking

Burgess Hill

BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION



Thursday, February 13th
5.30pm - 7.30pm

FREE Members only

Non-members can attend one event

The Launch of BHBPA Training

Stay after the event to watch the awesome U18s play

Burgess Hill Town Football Club: Maple Drive, Burgess Hill RH15 8DL

Find out more about the training BHBPA now offers from Rewards Training,

Cybility Consulting & Sales to Success



The U18s team will be playing at 7.30pm.
It promises to be an exciting match.



Paul Williams
Rewards Training



Michala Liavaag
Cybility Consulting



Julian Clay
Sales to Success

Training is important

We'll start with some informal networking before we hear first from Burgess Hill Town FC's manager and training coach about how he prepares his team for a big match.

We then introduce the range of staff training we'll be providing every month, all taking place at The Kings Centre on Victoria Road. Three of our training partners will explain more about our valuable selection of courses, provided with discretionary pricing to all BHBPA Members.

There'll be plenty of networking opportunities before and after our presentations.

Burgess Hill Town Football Club - Networking - 13 February - [BOOK HERE](#)

Free Health Checks and Exercise Classes

Burgess Hill Residents Receive Free Health Checks and Exercise Classes at the Triangle Leisure Centre

On Saturday, January 25, Burgess Hill residents had the opportunity to receive free health checks and participate in taster exercise classes at the Health and Exercise Taster Day, organized by the Burgess Hill Town Council. The event, which ran from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, was held at the Triangle Leisure Centre and welcomed 103 residents.

In addition to the health checks, the event also offered a variety of exercise taster classes, giving residents the chance to try out new activities and receive information from the Mid Sussex Wellbeing team and the Triangle Leisure Centre staff about available resources to support healthy lifestyles. Burgess Hill District Lions were on hand to serve complimentary refreshments to attendees.



The Mid Sussex Health Partnership team

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the helpfulness and friendliness of the staff, as well as the efficiency of the event. The Burgess Hill Town Council is hopeful to continue offering similar health initiatives in the future.

Peter Williams, Leader of the Town Council, expressed his gratitude:

"Thanks go to the Mid Sussex Health Partnership, who funded the project. We are pleased with the turnout and the positive response from residents, and we hope to bring more health-focused events to the community in the future."



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F1 Manufacturer coming to Burgess Hill

Grand Prix F1 motorcycle exhaust manufacturer will leverage strategic location and modern, sustainable facilities to create new jobs

Panattoni, the world's largest privately owned industrial developer, has announced the letting of a 22,500 sq ft unit at Panattoni Park Burgess Hill to Austin Racing.

Austin Racing has signed a 10-year lease for the facility, and will use the space to enhance the delivery of motorcycle and electric go kart parts in the Southeast and beyond. This will help expand Austin Racing's operations, streamline production and distribution, and support the growing demand for its products. It will also create job opportunities in the region, driving the economic growth of Burgess Hill and the surrounding areas.

The specialist motorcycle exhaust and electric go kart chassis manufacturer was founded in 2015 and is the first company worldwide to offer handmade Grand Prix F1 technology inconel exhaust systems to bike race teams as well as retail customers.

Panattoni Park Burgess Hill, launched last summer as a speculative development, is a mid-box last-mile logistics park. As part of Panattoni's commitment to sustainability, the park offers state-of-the-art sustainable features, advanced energy performance and extensive warranties, with ratings of BREEAM Excellent and EPC A.

The park contains a flexible range of 12 available units, with sizes from 8,142 sq ft to 403,708 sq ft, providing modern, high-specification facilities, and its location, just off the A23, and in close proximity to the M23, Gatwick Airport, and Brighton, allows quick access to communities across West and East Sussex.



The location of the two new business coming to Burgess Hill

David McGougan, Development Director at Panattoni, said:

"Austin Racing's reputation as a leading manufacturer for F1 exhaust parts and commitment to individually produced, handmade products makes the company an excellent addition to the Park. This letting, following EMED's decision to base its regional headquarters at Panattoni Park Burgess Hill, highlights the site's growing reputation as a leading destination in the Southeast for businesses seeking strategically-located, high-quality, sustainable spaces. The lettings at Panattoni Park Burgess Hill demonstrate our confidence in the demand for Grade-A mid-box opportunities in undersupplied locations."

Richard Austin, Owner & Managing Director at Austin Racing, said: *"The opening of our new facility in Panattoni Park Burgess Hill will allow us to streamline the distribution of our exhaust systems and chassis, continue manufacturing cutting-edge motorcycle and electric go kart parts and create 20 jobs. The quality and design of Panattoni's development and its strategic location has allowed us to create our own state-of-the-art fully electric go karting track, not just for our extensive in-house testing purposes but more excitingly allowing the public to experience this amazing facility. We are pleased to have worked with Panattoni and excited to get set up in the brand-new unit."*

Austin Racing's tenancy demonstrates growing demand at the park, following EMED Group, an established healthcare logistics provider, relocating from its head office in Horley to a 35,000 sq ft unit in Panattoni Park Burgess Hill last month.

Jon Mawer, Head of Operations for Sussex at EMED Group, said: *"We are thrilled to establish our new regional headquarters at Panattoni Park Burgess Hill. This strategic location will play a key role in supporting the successful delivery of our Patient Transport Service for NHS Sussex, ensuring that EMED Group can provide safe, reliable and efficient care for patients and communities across the region. The state-of-the-art facilities at Panattoni Park reflect our commitment to innovation and sustainability as we look ahead to the future of patient transport in the area."*



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All Upcoming BHBPA Events

13th February
5.30 - 7.30pm

Burgess Hill Town Football Club

The Launch of BHBPA Training courses + networking + after 7.30 see a match with the town's awesome U18s playing

12th March
6.30 - 9.00pm

The Woolpack

Spring Quiz - In aid of St Peter & St James Hospice
We can accommodate up to 88 quizzers
Tables of either 4 or 6 allowed

26th March
8.30 - 11.00am

The Oak Barn Restaurant

BHBPA's Annual General Meeting + Networking
An overview of the past year and review of what is to come
Guest presentation to be announced

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Let's celebrate your successes and achievements!

Deadline for copy each week is Thursday noon.

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