

Burgess Hill

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Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

Opening Remarks

The Burgess Hill Academy

Our local secondary school seeks your further support. We thank our members for the efforts they have put in so far. This has been extraordinary in recent weeks. However, there is still much to move forward on.

Our local talent resources

Chichester College Group launches a recruitment app to connect with their students. They also have a survey for business leaders to help them frame AI learning for your staff.

We look at the value of accredited training. It's worth noting that our BHBPA Leadership & Management Training Courses are also accredited, making our offering stand out from others locally available. Find out more about our courses, we have dates available throughout 2025: [Training](#)

In other news

A member celebrates an important cybersecurity accreditation. There's an offer for BHBPA Members to get a new professional headshot with special pricing.

The Power of Networking

This year's joint event with BHBPA, HHBA, EGBA and GDB is back This year it's organised by GDB. If it is anything like the one the BHBPA organised last year you can expect another sell-out for this super-networking event. Be quick! You will need to use the [Eventbrite](#) link to book your place, this year we have a capacity of only 100 delegates.

Burgess Hill Means Business

The best business expo in Mid Sussex returns: Thursday 15th May at the Kings Centre. Exhibitor spaces now on sale: Book via [Billetteo](#) . We also have a great members' offer if you need a new stand!

Quiz night next week

Just two single seats left to join my personal team...all the tables are otherwise booked!, Get in touch with me [Directly](#) The AGM later in March has over 50 already attending, come and join us [Book Events](#)

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Burgess Hill Academy - Careers Fair 2025

A great turnout from our members

Thanks to everyone for attending - a really good turn out in the end. Lots of BHBPA members. We are so grateful to everyone who attended. The students really enjoyed it once they got over their nerves.

Kind regards,
Mrs L. Dorgan: Careers Leader



Great to see so many of our members on Tuesday morning, pictured before the Yr10s arrived.



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Further Support Required

BHBPA working with our local Secondary School, The Burgess Hill Academy (TBHA)

Many of you are aware of the change that will be taking place at TBHA, which will be transferring to a new Academy Trust, the identity of and timing for which are as yet unknown.

At this critical juncture, the school needs our help. We have met many of their dedicated staff and fantastic students and they are all working hard to improve the opportunities for our future employees. Many of our members have generously donated laptops, printers and other resources which are making a positive impact - they are so grateful to you.

Would you also like to support this school? Are you in a position to help with the following:

- £300 per term (£900 for the year) to sponsor a termly cinema event for 250 students per term to reward them for excellent behaviour and hard work?
- £200 per half term (£400 per term/£1,200 for the year) for 25 students each half term to attend a Rewards Breakfast event for excellent behaviour and hard work?
- The school library needs refurbishment. Could you support the purchase of new books by committing to provide £20 per book for as many books as you would like to finance? The inside of each book would include a sticker to record your support.

If you can help with any of these, please contact Linda Dorgan

l.dorgan@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk

Alternatively, their Parent Teacher and Friends Association are always in need of support for their fund raising activities. If any of your employees could give their time and expertise to supporting this hard working group, or if you would be able to support by providing refreshments or raffle prizes for events please contact Heather Larcombe h.larcombe@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk

Further updates over the next few months

We will continue to provide updates on the difference that your support is making to our local students.

BHBPA member, Edwards Vacuum responded to a request for help from The Burgess Hill Academy F24 Car Club (an extra-curricular club run by Mr Burdass) in this BHBPA newsletter.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of Edwards Vacuum in providing a 14 piece spanner set and a 9 piece L Shape Metric Hex Key Set. Students participating in this after-school club were delighted to welcome Beth, Tony and Harry from Edwards Vacuum to one of their sessions and enthusiastically showed them the progress that they have made with building the car.

Future engineers in the making!

We are so grateful for the support from Edwards Vacuum.



Beth, Tony and Harry from Edwards Vacuum



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EDWARDS

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Landed Has Landed!

Looking to connect with the next generation of talent?

There's an exciting FREE opportunity to showcase your job roles to a potential 10,000+ students across Chichester College Group using the Landed! app.

Whether it's part-time, full-time, or an apprenticeship, this platform helps businesses of all sizes attract top talent—at no cost!

Don't miss out! Upload your vacancies today

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Help Shape the Future of AI Skills in Sussex & Surrey!

The Sussex & Surrey Institute of Technology is exploring how Artificial Intelligence is impacting businesses—and we need your insights!

We're inviting local businesses to complete a short survey on the AI skills needed for leaders and staff. Your input will help shape future training programs, ensuring the workforce is ready for the AI-driven future.



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Have your say today! Complete the survey below

Complete the Survey - [CLICK HERE](#)

Cybersecurity Compliance

ABCOM IT Solutions acquires IASME Cyber Assurance level 2

We are excited to announce that we have achieved IASME Cyber Assurance Level 2 certification—a testament to our unwavering commitment to robust cybersecurity, compliance, and IT security excellence.

IASME Cyber Assurance is a government-backed, risk-based standard designed to help businesses of all sizes improve their cybersecurity resilience. While Level 1 is a self-assessment, Level 2 involves an independent third-party audit, providing a much higher level of verification and assurance.



During the audit process, an IASME-accredited assessor:

- Reviewed our cybersecurity policies, procedures, and controls
- Interviewed key staff to ensure best practices are followed
- Evaluated our ability to protect against cyber threats
- Verified that our security measures have been implemented effectively

IASME Cyber Assurance goes beyond Cyber Essentials, covering data protection (GDPR), operational security, and business continuity.

More information here:

<https://abcom.co.uk/strengthening-cybersecurity-achieving-iasme-cyber-assurance-level-2/>

If you want to know more about Cyber Essentials accreditation and Cyber Security gap analysis for your business, please contact us:



Contact us

01444 871200

hello@abcom.co.uk

Burgess Hill Means Business - 2025

The best business expo in Mid Sussex - BHMB25

This year we have even more space available at The Kings Centre on Victoria Road, Burgess Hill. We will again be managing the flow of visitors in the car park and the event will be promoted across the county to every business group and local chamber of commerce.



Our media partners will be telegraphing that message across the airwaves and print media. Please support us by following the [BHBPA on LinkedIn](#) where you can share our posts about the event.

We'll also have an 'event inside an event' as we showcase BHBPA in the Community. There is much to celebrate and much for you to find out more how your business can help many great initiatives.

This is an opportunity to meet your neighbours on the business parks in and around Burgess Hill, to network and to meet new business opportunities.

You'll need to book early to secure a stand, demand for our last event, **BHMB23** was unprecedented.

Standard stand will be 2m x 1m and pricing is detailed below. Some charities and organisations will be given free stands at our discretion.

- **Members: £149**
- **Members (verified) of HHBA or EGBA £199**
- **Non-Members £449**

Thursday 15th May

Exhibitors - most will have access from 3.00pm to 7pm on Wednesday 14th May

Visitors - On the day from 10.00am -3.30pm

[Click here for our stand ticketing platform - Billetto](#)

Need a New Stand?

BHBPA Members' Offer

Following the launch of the 'Burgess Hill Means Business' exhibition Fresh Display would like to offer all BHBPA members a 20% discount on their order of a new stand.



Display ideas include banner stands, pop-ups, fabric stands, LED lightboxes, counters, literature holders, flags, tablecloths and more...

Please follow this link to the portable display catalogue;

<https://freshdisplay.co.uk/portable-displays/#catalogue>



Contact Steve Powell
steve@freshdisplay.co.uk
07814 011585
freshdisplay.co.uk

Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Headline Sponsorship Package **BHMB25**

- Space on our BHBPA Website – <https://www.bhbpa.co.uk/bhmb25-exhibition/>
- Weekly newsletter promotion - multiple mentions prior and post event
- Inside front cover or back cover of the digital and printed brochure
- Prime location in the main auditorium (stand space included in package)
- Offer is limited to no more than two headline sponsors

Advertising opportunities in the digital and print versions of the event brochure are also available.

Fundraising at our event

As usual we are raising funds for local charities at **BHMB25**. This year, all proceeds from donations & our raffle will be split equally between St. Peter & St. James Hospice and the Kangaroos children's charity.

You are able to make a financial donation via the Billetto. We'll also be running our **BHMB25** raffle as usual with the draw being made towards the end of the event.

Please dig deep to support these two fantastic causes!

Sponsorship and advertising enquiries

For all sponsorship and advertising enquiries, please contact Richard Cox CEO of BHBPA richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk

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The Super-Networking Event of 2025

Joint networking event on April 9th 5-7pm.

Being held at: [The Padel Hub](#)

Unit 4, Link 23, Nursery Lane

RH17 5JS, Haywards Heath

Event capacity is 100

Plenty of free parking on site

Direct link to book is [HERE](#)



COLLABORATIVE NETWORKING EVENT Brought to you by **gdb**

Great opportunity to connect with businesses from across the region, share ideas and explore new opportunities in a friendly and informal setting.

FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

TIMINGS 17:00-19:00

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CONNECTING & SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS WITH LOCAL PEOPLE



Book the JOINT EVENT through Event Brite - [CLICK HERE](#)

BHBPA Training

Business training provided locally

An investment in your staff is an investment in your business. BHBPA offers a range of courses scheduled throughout the year. These are run by our Approved Training Partners.





Our Training Partners

Rewards Training

Rewards Training offers accredited courses from the Institute of Leadership Management (ILM) to move your staff on their next career progression within your company.

Cybility Consulting

Cybersecurity is critical for businesses of every size. We've teamed up with experts at Cybility Consulting who deliver engaging, interactive training that your staff will experience, retain, and apply.

Sales to Success

Sales & Account Management should be approached using tried and tested techniques and strategies. Our courses are delivered by Julian Clay of Sales to Success, a master trainer with deep experience and insights in these essential fields of business success

Why use BHBPA Training

Conveniently delivered locally

All our courses run from the Kings Centre on the Victoria Business Park.

Preference Rates for Members

The association has secured very preferable rates for our members which will not be bettered.

Approved Training Providers

We offer accredited training qualifications like no other courses locally available, offered at an exceptional price.

Ease of Booking

All bookings are handled by our Training Partners. They will guide you on how to best develop your teams for exceptional results. Courses run must meet minimum numbers. Terms & Conditions apply.

Special Introductory offers available for a limited time only

Rewards Training - Offer

The Institute of Leadership Management (ILM) Level 3 course - Management, from Rewards Training. This is an accredited qualification and will be taught over three half days, over a 12 week period. See our website for full details.

- Non-members - currently £600 + VAT
- **Introductory offer BHBPA members price £499 + VAT**
- Reverting to normal BHBPA members price later next month at £549.

Cybility Consulting - Offer

An interactive two hour course. See our website for full details.

- **First 15 booked on the course : £95 + VAT**
- Reverting to £145 per delegate for BHBPA members

See all our Training Courses for 2025

The Changing Face of Training

A low level of skills in the UK?

The home secretary Yvette Cooper recently highlighted that one of the reasons that people are attracted to coming to Britain is the skill factor among UK workers across many industries is low compared to the rest of Europe, her comments serve as a reminder that many people arrive on our shores from all parts of the world with workplace qualifications that UK workers can't meet.

The need to upskill and engage with training at all levels has never been higher than it is today, and that need is growing, industries are changing fast, and workplace transport is changing with them. New technologies, automation and an expanding supply chain mean the equipment is more diverse than ever. Operators need more than basic training. They need to stay ahead of the curve.

The Managing Director of the Association of Industrial Truck Trainers (AiTT), our accrediting body, recently wrote a featured article for the British Safety Council on the difference between accredited and none accredited training or in house as it is known, which really encompassed not only the need to use accredited providers but the big difference between accredited and just basic training.

With workplace incidents on the increase the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) frequently reports that in many cases that accidents could have been avoided with better training, accredited training provides peace of mind and long-term benefits to your business.

Accredited Training

Please see the link below for Liam Knight's full featured article on Accredited training - the key to a safer workplace.

<https://edition.pagesuite.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=29bad7ab-5048-43fd-be79-12026efecd0d&pnum=52>

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Need a New Headshot?

Headshot Day at Freshmill – Friday, 14th March

We're excited to welcome back the very talented Alex Rickard to Freshmill for another professional headshot day!

With over 14 years of experience, Alex specialises in relaxed, natural photography that ensures you and your colleagues look both approachable and professional. The examples of her work below speak for themselves.

What to Expect:

- Date: Friday, 14th March
- Location: Freshmill Serviced Offices, Haywards Heath
- Session Details: 20-minute headshot session photographed on a grey background (with time for a quick outfit change!)
- Session Fee: £25 (payable in advance and redeemable against your first image purchase)
- Digital files: £75 each (available to purchase after you've seen your final images)

This is an exclusive offer for HHBA, BHBPA and Freshmill members a

Appointments available throughout the day. Spaces are limited and will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out!

Find out more & book your session here:

<https://www.alexrickardphotography.com/professional-headshots/>

We hope to see you there!



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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](#)

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Lodge Hill Team Building Challenge

Friday 25th April 8.30am - 5.30pm

£450 minimum donation per team of six

Please RSVP to Lucy@lodgehill.org.uk



Lodge Hill Team Building Challenge

£450 minimum
donation per team
of 6

Friday 25th April 2025

8:30am - 5pm

Food & refreshments included in
a fun, activity packed day!

Raising funds to open a
Sensory Room for children
with SEN and disabilities

RSVP TO: lucy@lodgehill.org.uk



Downlands Business Networking

Tuesday 18th March 8.00am - 10.00am

Downlands Community School

Please [RSVP](#) here by Thursday 13th March.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
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**TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH
8-10AM**

Join us for breakfast, meet local businesses
and grow your own professional network.

Downlands Community School, Dale Avenue,
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Please RSVP to smilton@downlands.org

Please share with your colleagues and friends!



All Upcoming BHBPA Events

12th March
6.30 - 9.00pm

The Woolpack

Spring Quiz - In aid of St Peter & St James Hospice
SOLD OUT

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

9th April
5.00 - 7.00pm

Joint Event of BHBPA, EGBA, GDB & HHBA

The Padel Hub - Haywards Heath
Numbers limited to first 100 bookings

15th May
10.00 - 3.30pm

Burgess Hill Means Business

BHBPA's biennial business expo
One of the biggest in Sussex

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](#)

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.

Contact me directly - richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk



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