Burgess Hill
BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

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Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

Opening Remarks

BHBiz26

This week we focus on one thing: The eleven winners at last week's event.

We'll be returning to our awards for several months to come. We had so many exceptional entries this year and we plan to share the stories behind these with you in the coming weeks. We'll also be highlighting the many Highly Commended that we also celebrated on the night.

Business Advice

Commercial property advice - A focus on Burgess Hill. Hone your presentation skills with expert insight and advice. More information on the Connect to Work scheme.

Member News

Corporate gifting ideas from Ridgeview.

Charity News

An open day at the BH & District food pantry - more than just a food bank. Fantastic fundraising from one of our members, and another great total announced from our own efforts at **BHBiz26**.

Events

We have a photo essay from this week's networking event at Ridgeview. Later this month we have a site tour at HPC, one of Burgess Hill's longest established engineering firms. More dates soon on our events calendar. **Book Events.**

We welcome another new member this week. Become part of the most purpose driven business group in Sussex: **Join Here**

A Mid Sussex Night's Dream

An extraordinary night of celebration and community

Last week our biennial business awards took place with over 170 guests enjoying some delightful evening entertainment in glorious weather at the foot of the Downs.

In the garden of Pangdean Barn, nestled in ancient farmlands, a troupe of dancers retold an ancient story of love, magic and confusion, set in Athens, in an enchanted forest. As this story unfolded, in the shade of a vast mulberry tree, our guests savoured exquisite canapés and sipped the very finest Ridgeview sparkling wine.

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The Winners BHBiz26

Bright Star

Sponsored by Travail Employment Group

This individual has made a remarkable difference to colleagues, helping to create greater understanding, openness and acceptance across the business. Through empathy, encouragement and a determination to make a difference, they have helped colleagues feel more confident, valued and able to be themselves. Their influence reaches far beyond their immediate team, demonstrating how one person's passion and commitment can have a genuinely lasting impact on those around them.

Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith (Atlas Copco)

Debbie developed a neurodiverse awareness programme at the Edwards site in Burgess Hill, home to Atlas Copco's Vacuum Technique division. This has since been replicated across both the UK and internationally.

Green Champion

Sponsored by Auditel

This company stood out for the breadth of its environmental action and the measurable improvements achieved.

From substantial solar investment and water conservation to active recycling, biodiversity enhancement and science-based climate targets, sustainability is embedded throughout the business. Its combination of practical delivery, staff involvement and their accountability makes them a deserving Green Champion.

Adelphi Group of Companies

Adelphi team members
Pictured here with Ian Hopping, Carbon & Energy Consultant, from Auditel

Shooting Star

Sponsored by UK Growth Coach

The winner of this award has scaled up with a turnover increase in significant numbers over the past 3 years, based on unique initiatives in its service, process and delivery models, together with increases in client retention and revenue.

Phoenix Media Marketing

Stuart Farrell-Humphrey and his Phoenix Media Marketing team
On stage with Joanne South, a Director & Business Coach from UK Growth Coach

Winning Workplace

Sponsored by Thomas Mansfield Employment Law

Such a marvellously mutually supporting Team who go the extra mile for both their customers and for each other. A truly deserving team who demonstrate that when people work together, great things can be achieved.

Travail Employment Group

The Travail team: Sarah, business owner Lauren Pool and Gemma
Here with Alex Kiernan, Solicitor and Head of Employment Law at Thomas Mansfield Employment Law

Future Talent & Skills Champion

Sponsored by Burgess Hill Girls

The winner's success has already been recognised through national awards, and an exciting new partnership is now extending the programme across Mid Sussex — creating even greater opportunities for young people to fulfil their potential.

What impressed the judge most was the combination of vision, innovation and measurable impact — breaking down barriers, unlocking talent and creating genuine opportunities for fulfilling working lives.

Woodlands Meed Assisted Internship Programme

(L) David Orr Hills - Lead on the Assisted Internship Programme and (R) Adam Rowland the head of Woodlands Meed school & college

Pictured with the sponsor of this award, Anne Pithie, Director of Admissions, Marketing & Communication from Burgess Hill Girls.

Excellence in Leadership

Sponsored by Entrepreneurial Operating System (Brandon Harris)

This person has been judged the winner of the Excellence in Leadership award as their business, through their leadership, has invested heavily in the leadership and management coaching that underpins its outstanding business performance.

Nick Broom

(R) Nick Broom (PVL)
Pictured here with Brandon Harris, Certified Implementer & Community Builder from Entrepreneurial Operating System

Ethical Business Star

Sponsored by Galloways Accounting

There is an ethical drive and purpose to every aspect of this business from environmental compliance to social value monitoring, from responsible sourcing to truly diverse and inclusive recruitment.

Tech Takeback repurpose your old IT equipment, generating significant social value in the process to increase digital inclusion. **Find out more**

Tech Takeback

The Tech Takeback team

Charity & Community Champion

Sponsored by LB Enclosures

This award recognises someone whose generosity, humility and commitment to helping others have made a lasting difference within their community.

Through fundraising, charity work and simply being there for people when they need it most, they have consistently gone above and beyond to make others feel valued, supported and included.

Lee Andrews

Mid Sussex Golf Club

(L) Mike Abbott, Sales & Marketing Manager at the golf club, collected the award on behalf of Lee Andrews

Pictured here with the sponsor of this award, Martyn Buxton, Managing Director from LB Enclosures

Micro Business Star

Sponsored by Mid Sussex District Council

The winner of this award is a consultancy with an exciting future based on exceptional delivery and trusted partnerships which enable it to punch well above its weight and offer exceptional client service.

Deep Insight

Dr Kul Verma (Deep Insight)

Team of Stars

Sponsored by Burgess Hill Town Football Club

This award recognises an exceptional team whose strong sense of community, commitment to excellence and genuine care for their customers have helped drive the success of the business. Their dedication to supporting one another, developing new ideas and consistently going the extra mile has created a positive team culture and an outstanding customer experience.

Pangdean Barn

The Pangdean Team

Best Business

Sponsored by Mayo Wynne Baxter

The winner of Best Business 2026 is a global leader in its chosen field and primarily credits its substantial and sustainable growth in sales and profitability on investment in its engaged and committed workforce through leadership training and coaching.

PVL

The PVL team
Pictured here with Jessica Partridge, Partner & Head of Tax and Trusts at Mayo Wynne Baxter.

Gala Awards - BHBiz26 Fundraising

All in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice

A fantastic total was raised during our awards evening with our fabulous raffle. Many thanks to everyone one who contributed to our six fabulous raffle prizes:

- **Ockenden Manor** - £500 voucher
- **Tottington Manor Hotel -** Superior Room for two
- **Ridgeview** - Dinner for four
- **Mid Sussex Golf Club** - Four ball round
- **Pangdean Barn -** Meal for two
- **Woolpack -** Meal for two

Fundraising record for the event SMASHED!
A huge thank you to our audience on the night, who dug deep for a very worthy cause.

£3,009

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Our networking event this week

Ridgeview - Tour of the Winery and a tasting experience

If our business awards gala evening last week was not enough...we held a fabulous networking event at Ridgeview this week. The Ridgeview Wine Estate were the sponsors of the **BHBiz26** Garden Reception drinks and canapes at Pangdean Barn last Thursday.

We have a photo story of this week's BHBPA's networking event, held at the Winery and the restaurant Rows & Vine:

Esther Dawson, part of the Tours Team at Ridgeview, gave us a masterclass in fine wine appraisal

One group went one way through the winery

And the other started instead in the vineyard

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New Members this week

- **Southern Office Furniture**

Southern Office Furniture

Hello from Southern Office Furniture and thank you for having us as part of this Association!

Tom Barnes, Director, Southern Office Furniture

I'm Tom Barnes, Director of Southern Office Furniture (SOF), a family-run business. SOF has been furnishing offices since 1996 (our 30th year this year!) and we have always been based in and around Burgess Hill.

We supply office desks, chairs, storage, meeting room tables, soft seating and reception furniture, along with furniture for schools, colleges and academy trusts. Most of our customers are businesses and public sector organisations, and while we deliver right across the UK, it's always great to work with neighbours!

Behind that is a small, dedicated team with over 50 years of in-house experience between us. You'll deal with the same people each time, and they know the products, the lead times and what actually holds up in a busy office.

Before joining SOF full time, I spent 15 years in the Further Education sector, so I know how much the right environment affects how people work, and how tight budgets can be. That's shaped how we work: practical advice, honest pricing and a real person on the end of the phone. On bigger projects we'll help you plan layouts and quantities too.

To mark joining the Association, we're offering 10% off to every BHBPA member.Quote BHBPA when you get in touch or use the code **BHBPA10** at checkout at **southernofficefurniture.co.uk.** Advice on chairs, layouts and specifications is free either way, with no obligation.

So if you're moving into a new unit, growing your team, or looking at your office and thinking it's time for a refresh, we'd be glad to help. I look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming events.

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A Voice & Presence Coaching

How you sound in the room. How you carry yourself. How you land.
These are the difference between being heard and being tuned out — and they are all learnable.

We are hosting a taster morning at King's Church on Tuesday 3rd November, from 8:00am to 11:00am — A Voice & Presence Coaching workshop for BHBPA members, delivered by founder & Director, Luke Gasper.

He will bring you a shortened version of the corporate workshop we run for leadership teams — What you will take away:

- A short vocal warm-up routine you can use before any high-stakes meeting or call
- The three registers most business communicators need — and knowing which one the room in front of you wants
- Practical work on breath, pace and pause — the small technical shifts that make the biggest difference to how you land
- One specific thing to notice about your own voice that you'd not spotted before

As great business relationships are built over conversations, there will also be plenty of time to meet, chat and network, alongside refreshments to keep you fuelled for the morning.

How the morning runs:

- 8:00am — Arrival, refreshments and networking
- 9:00am — Voice & Presence workshop
  10:30am — More networking and conversation
- 11:00am — Close

This is for business owners, leaders, sales professionals, or anyone who wants to feel more grounded when they open their mouth in a room. Come and try it.

The essentials:

- Tuesday 3rd November
- 8:00am to 11:00am
- The King's Church, Burgess Hill

Please email admin@voiceandpresencecoaching.com to confirm your space.

Luke Gasper

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Ridgeview answers your Christmas Corporate Gifting & Hospitality

Company Parties & Celebrations
Host unforgettable celebrations, bringing together your team, partners, and stakeholders for a truly memorable experience. Contact tours@ridgeview.co.uk

Corporate Gifting
From gifts of gratitude to grand celebratory gestures, Ridgeview's collection of exquisite sparkling wine, gift sets and experiences can cater for your every spend and occasion. We provide a personalised approach to your business needs, with options to include your corporate literature or bespoke gift messages. Our corporate gifting team specialise in an effortless gifting experience to deliver memorable moments to your colleagues and clients

- Employee Rewards
- Client Gifts of Gratitude
- Celebrations

Logistics
The team will take care of delivery for you from start to finish. We can either ship direct to you so you can spread the joy or to individual addresses with the best shipping options for your budget. Simply complete our delivery address spreadsheet, return it to us and we will take care of the rest.

Our global courier services can also provide international deliveries from single bottle orders to multiple cases. For more information or to place your order today, please email: **corporatesales@ridgeview.co.uk** or call us on **01444 242040.** Quote dependant on location and weight of items. GDPR compliant.

View our Christmas Corporate Gift Guide here:
https://www.ridgeview.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/67511-RID-Corporate-Christmas-Brochure-2026-FINAL.pdf

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A Pantry Open Afternoon

Curious about what the Burgess Hill and District Pantry is all about?
Join us for our Open Afternoon and discover how we're supporting the local community through affordable food, tackling food poverty, and helping to reduce food waste.

Everyone is welcome to drop in, enjoy a complimentary cuppa and pastry, and have a friendly chat with our team. There's no commitment, no pressure, and no obligation, just an opportunity to learn more about what we do and help us spread the word about a community initiative that is making a real difference. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Commercial Property Advice

Ask a Solicitor: Commercial Property Q&A | 12 November
We're pleased to invite Burgess Hill Business Parks Association members to a free Ask a Solicitor: Commercial Property Q&A, hosted by Bennett Oakley Solicitors.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions on the day, alongside plenty of time for informal networking over tea, coffee, bacon baps and pastries.

- **Thursday 12 November 2026**
- **9am – 11am**
- **The Kings Centre, 33-35 Victoria Rd, Burgess Hill RH15 9LR**
- **Free to attend**

Do you have a question about your business premises, commercial lease or another commercial property matter?

This relaxed and informal morning will give local businesses the opportunity to put their commercial property questions to members of Bennett Oakley's Commercial Property team.

Rather than a traditional seminar with a set agenda, the event will be centred around an interactive Q&A, shaped by the questions businesses want answered.

Perhaps you have a question about taking on or renewing a commercial lease, buying or selling business premises, your responsibilities as a landlord or tenant, or another commercial property issue.

When you book, you'll have the option to submit a question for the Bennett Oakley team in advance.
This isn't mandatory, but the questions received will help shape the discussion and ensure the session covers the topics that are most relevant to those attending.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions on the day, as well as plenty of time to network with other members of the local business community.

Book your place -
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-a-solicitor-commercial-property-qa-tickets-2002614461764?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Connect to Work

Connect to Work is a major government funded programme
Providing support to disadvantaged groups across West Sussex, supporting up to 2,700

Providing support to disadvantaged groups across West Sussex, supporting up to 2,700 residents over 5 years.

We would welcome partnerships with employers to support them with inclusive recruitment and employment, including resources and training, and to work them on non-traditional entry routes such as work trials.

Connect to Work is a free, voluntary programme for those who are keen to work, and our advisors gain a detailed understanding of the strengths of those they support.

We can offer the following:

- Job matching
- Shortlisting and pre-screening
- Providing in-work support for recently recruited individuals, to help embed people in work and offer ongoing support to the employer
- Resources and training on inclusive recruitment and employment

Recruitment support for businesses - West Sussex County Council
This short film gives an overview of the programme in West Sussex:
https://youtu.be/7OjUadM0WvM

west sussex county council

Please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Duffy Employer Engagement Lead
Rebecca.Duffy@westsussex.gov.uk or call **07519 701928** to find out more, or if you have any questions about the programme."

Get involved today
westsussex.gov.uk/connecttowork

October Networking at HPC

Inside HPC: the operational hub of its Burgess Hill facility.
Mark Jackson will explain its transition to a 21st century business model.

About HPC
Trusted to deliver excellence, and always looking to extend this reputation, HPC combines a fifty-year heritage with a belief in the future of British manufacturing.

Courtesy of our hosts
Light refreshments and bites will be available to our guests

Parking
Additional parking space will be made available in the rear operations yard. Accessed from Consort Way.

Book the HPC event

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HPC Compressed Air Systems

Fantastic Fundraising

Everyone came together to raise £1,820.25
GD Rectifiers made this year's Macmillan coffee morning one to remember! Employees not only baked, bought cakes and generously donated money to the fundraiser, several of them also donated raffle prizes.

GD Rectifiers invited the local community to the popular Macmillan Coffee Morning this year and were pleased to welcome friends from DVSA, Royal Mail and several residents of Burgess Hill who all helped to reach our fundraising target and beat last year's total.

The team prepared a stunning array of baked goods, from classic cakes to delightful pastries, ensuring there was something for everyone. Some of this year's favourites included: Victoria sponge, carrot cake, brownies, fudge, quiches, sausage rolls, bacon and cheese turnovers and chicken biryani. Each item was created with so much creativity, care and effort, and it was truly heartwarming to see so many people coming together to support such a wonderful cause.

GD Rectifiers' Macmillan Coffee Mornings are getting bigger and better every year, and we couldn't continue to put on such big events without the help of the local community. We were fortunate enough to offer 38 raffle prizes worth over £1,700. A huge thank you goes to 32 local businesses that donated a raffle prize in our Macmillan raffle this year, including Lindfield Golf Club, RiseUp Gym, Ridgeview, Flex Physiotherapy, Haywards Heath Golf Club, Hotel Du Vin, Malmaison, The Salt Room, Jupps, and Bake Out.

We also donated our leftover bakes to Woodlands Nursing Home in Burgess Hill where 30 residents and staff members were very grateful for the donations.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings – our pledge
Whilst our coffee morning has come to an end, there's still time to donate if you couldn't make it to the event and would like to contribute. Every contribution, no matter how big or small will help Macmillan continue to provide its vital services, you can find our donation page **here.**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed towards the success of our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Your generosity and support have made a meaningful impact, and we

look forward to continuing our efforts to support Macmillan and other charitable causes in the future.

For further information on our Macmillan coffee morning or if you'd like to get involved next year, please email **marketing@gdrectifiers.co.uk**

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All Upcoming BHBPA Events

28th October **HPC - Evening tour of one of Burgess Hill largest businesses**
5.30pm - 7.30pm HPC

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.
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