# BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

### Weekly Newsletter - Every Friday Morning

# **Opening Remarks**

### A Focus on Collaboration

As we look to the new year we touch on the many ways we will focus on collaboration. Collectively our members share many common goals and the association will pursue these, sharing best practice and offering the forums of our communications, in this newsletter, our social media, on our website and with our events.

### **BHBPA Events**

A February event is announced, it'll be an evening one, at Burgess Hill Town Football Club, with an opportunity afterwards to watch their U18s play. That event will be the official launch of training courses we will be offering through 2025, cybersecurity awareness training, sales training and leadership courses from carefully vetted suppliers with discretionary discounts for members, all taking place right here on your doorstep in Burgess Hill.

At our January event our special guest speaker will be **<u>Rachel Watkyn OBE</u>**, a passionate Eco-preneur and speaker with a focus on making a difference. Our event has an international theme, so we expect a varied crowd in attendance. <u>Book Events</u>

We have a short report on our Christmas drinks networking event this week.

Keep the stories coming in: richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk

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# Fundraising for our nominated charity

The annual tally of our efforts this year for St Peter & St James Hospice



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We want you to make the most of your membership, if you'd like to know more, get in touch:<u>richard.cox@bhbpa.co.uk</u>

## **Great Team Work**

The Rows & Vine - recognised at this year's BHBiz Awards



I visited the busy team on a beautiful morning in August this year, some of whom pictured here on the top deck of the restaurant, overlooking the vines. Restaurant Manager Gareth Pugh on hand to receive their certificate.

### Purpose, People & Place

Team of Stars award was sponsored by Galloways Accounting

This **BHBiz24** category was judged by our independent judge <u>**Dr Kul Verma**</u>, a Leadership Coach and Equality Diversity & Inclusion Consultant for SMEs and public sector organisations. Here's what Kul had to say about the entry from Ridgeview's Retail, Tours & Hospitality Team for this year's **BHBiz24** award:



"Ridgeview Came a close second in the Team of Star finals. The team's dedication to sustainability and community engagement was well demonstrated. Annual personal development plans and KPIs for all members aligned with the strategy of providing the best service and wines in the business."



# **Christmas & New Year at the Rows & Vine**

Following a record breaking summer season, the restaurant continues to extend its fabulous offering



Dining alfresco in summer at this sublime venue.

Gareth Pugh, Hospitality Manager commented on this past season: "Summer 2024 at The Rows & Vine has been a huge success, with the restaurant welcoming a record number of guests, and receiving outstanding reviews from the public and reviewers alike. This acclaim was further emphasised by our relatively new restaurant placing fourth in the **Best Sussex Restaurant category** in the Brighton Restaurant BRAVO awards."

The world-class wines at Ridgeview are now complimented by outstanding seasonal & local food, supported by exceptional service, for which the hospitality team were recognised as Highly Commended in the "Team of Stars" category at the **BHBiz24** awards.

Despite the challenges that come with operating an al-fresco restaurant in England, The Rows & Vine team have delivered an exceptional hospitality experience in 2024, and look to take this to the next step in 2025... we're going to see if we can beat our record of serving over 4,000 roast dinners next year!

Come & see for yourself, in our current winter experience, inside the winery or make a booking for next summer! **Book your table here!** 

### **Opening Times:**



Wishing all our fellow BHBPA members a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

The Rows & Vine



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# January Breakfast Networking

Burgess Hill BUSINESS PARKS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 14th 8.30am - 11.00am

### International Markets - Asian Opportunities Dept. for Business & Trade with the UK India Business Council

Department for Business & Trade Mid Sussex Golf Club: Spatham Lane, Ditchling BN6 8XJ Guest speakers to be announced soon



Mumbai Skyline

FREE Members only

Non-members can attend one event

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We will have Rob Lewtas from the department's Exports Directorate explaining more about the massive marketplace that is Asia, and how his team can support you on your journey.

Market insight, intelligence, and expertise on India at this seminar event, exploring this high-growth market. India has become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, and with the UK Government's announcement of the re-opening of negotiations for the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in the new year, the timing for this meeting of minds couldn't be better.

Other guest speakers will talk specifically about their experiences developing their businesses by thinking internationally.

Join us and find out how to expand your horizons There'll be plenty of networking opportunities before and after our presentations. Mid Sussex Golf Club - Networking - 14 January - CLICK HERE

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### Don't miss out!

A Festive Fun Raceday, Monday 16th December, at Plumpton Racecourse - from mulled wine and mince pies to the decorations around the course, there's something for everyone. Kids are free when accompanied by an adult.

# Festive Sunday

If you've never been to the American Express Football Stadium, now is your chance to visit. Their Festive Sunday lunch promises to be a magical experience where you create memories and share joy and laughter, in this iconic Brighton landmark.

WHEN: Sunday 22nd December, please book here.

#### time of year?

With the countdown to the big day, there's a huge selection of festive events worth attending with family and friends.

Our free to use website www.golark.co.uk is bursting with ideas!

## Pick Your Own Christmas Tree

We love <u>Goddenwick Farm</u> <u>Christmas Trees</u>, just north of Lindfield, West Sussex. Keep an eye out for the reindeer and pygmy goats when you are choosing your tree and be sure to say hello!



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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 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

# **Member's Offers**

### Have you got an offer for our members?

We already have a few offers on the BHBPA website: <u>Member's Offers</u> page. (You'll find this page as a drop down under Membership.)

If you've got an offer, such as a free audit, seminar or some sort of discretionary discount for BHBPA Members, send me about 90 words of text explaining your offer, include your contact details for the offer and a suitable image.

Check out our other Members Offers HERE

# **All Upcoming BHBPA Events**

14th January
Mid Sussex Golf Club - International Trade
Dept. of Business & Trade & UK India Business Council
Special Guest speaker to be announced soon
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

### 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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