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Business support and advice

From Horsham District Council

4Sight Vision Support

Each fortnight we give you, our newsletter subscribers, an opportunity to win a mention in the next newsletter.

This edition's winner is 4Sight Vision Support, an independent charity providing specialist advice and support for blind and partially sighted people of all ages across West Sussex enabling them to live life without limits. They create personalised support plans to help people access support and maintain their independence after a sight loss diagnosis. Using a holistic, person-centred approach, they provide advice, accessibility aids and a caring, friendly and inclusive community.



[Find out more about 4Sight Vision Support](#)

Would you like the opportunity to win a mention for your business to over 2,000 subscribers? Scroll down to the bottom of this newsletter for this week's quiz.

Could you be the Young Market Trader of the Year?

The local heat of the national competition is set to return to Horsham on **Sunday 27 April**.

The local winner will have the sought after opportunity to progress to the Regional Final at Broadway Market in Hackney with the goal of reaching the National Final and the chance to be crowned Young Trader of the Year.

For new or existing traders aged 16-30, this exciting competition is free to enter.

[Apply here](#)



Organised by local market operator Coden Events in association with the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) and supported by Horsham District Council.

Access new Business Training Programme workshops

Here are some of Horsham District Council's upcoming workshops for businesses.

Some courses have a nominal cost to the ticket with the remainder being paid by the Council on behalf of Horsham District businesses and are part-funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

[Find out more](#)



New date added: Emergency First Aid at Work Course

Become an 'Everyday Lifesaving Hero' in your workplace!

Join us for a 1-day FAA Level 3 Award course in partnership with Training Legs First Aid, on **Wednesday, 26 March** at 9:30am at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington.



This Level 3 qualification will provide delegates with the knowledge and confidence to attend any first aid situation.

[Book your spot](#)

Now on YouTube: Market Trading Top Tips

Join Brendan from the NMTF to learn useful tips, as a market trader, on how you can make the most of your market stall.

The five-part video series covers what to bring, social media for market traders, maximising your stall layout, pricing and signage and taking cashless payments. Now available to watch on YouTube.

[Watch now](#)



Prepare to apply for a £5,000 LEAP grant from April 2025

Start preparing your business plan now to apply for up to £5,000 worth of Green LEAP small business funding from Wednesday, 2 April.

Watch our 'How to write a business plan video', to help you plan in advance so you can submit your application early.

Grants of up to £5,000 will be available for small Horsham District based businesses towards climate-friendly projects which will not only help future-proof their businesses but also support the achievement of their business' climate ambitions. Grants of up to £2,000 will also be available to fund towards other project ideas which will help future-proof local businesses.

Applications will close on Friday, 25 April 2025, or earlier if all funding is allocated.

[Find out more](#)



Mandatory food waste collections - are you ready?



By **31 March** most businesses will be mandated to remove any food waste from their general refuse ready for collection.

Horsham District Council's Commercial Waste Team is here to help. We can offer reliable food waste collections that will keep your business legally compliant, and help you make a positive impact on the environment.

Contact the team today to arrange your first collection or for more information on how we can help with your business waste.

[Find out more](#)

Apprenticeships funding available for local businesses

Did you know your business can access funding to train your staff and new learners from West Sussex County Council's apprenticeship training transfer funding?

West Sussex County Council is part of the government's apprenticeship levy fund scheme and can transfer up to 50% of its own funding to other employers. Any business based in West Sussex can apply for the funding to help upskill their current workforce or bring in an apprentice.

Applications can be submitted at any time of the year.

[Find out more](#)

Get involved in English Tourism Week

This year English Tourism Week returns from **14 to 23 March**.

Led by Visit England, the annual campaign raises awareness of the importance of the sector and the contribution it makes to the English economy to stakeholders including media and Government.

Featuring this year's slogan, **Supporting people and places to drive growth** and the hashtag **#EnglishTourismWeek25**, an industry toolkit is available which includes branded imagery and logos that can be shared online to promote the week to your partners, stakeholders and customers.

[Get involved](#)

Join the conversation on local food

The Arun & Chichester Food Partnership are holding an event for people and organisations involved in food on **Wednesday 26 March at Brinsbury College**, near Pulborough. The event will focus on challenges and obstacles to increasing the market for local agroecological food, and how we can work together to address this on a regional level.

Our own [Sussex Six](#) project will be represented.

This event will be of particular interest for farmers, producers, buyers and retailers.



[Find out more](#)



This week's Business Newsletter Quiz

Submit your three correct answers to the following questions via our online form. A winner will be picked at random at midday on Wednesday 12 March. They will receive a mention for their business/organisation in the following issue. Please note: maximum of two wins per organisation.

Q1) When does the next round of LEAP funding open?

Q2) At what venue will the Emergency First Aid Work course take place in Storrington?

Q3) What is the hashtag for English Tourism Week?

[Submit your quiz answers](#)

