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Business Support and Advice



**Horsham
District
Council**



New business training opportunities coming soon



Our popular Business Training Programme will soon return, delivered by local experts offering engaging, interactive workshops and 121 sessions to help provide valuable knowledge and skills development to local businesses.

Bookings will open from Friday 5 December for workshops taking place early 2026. Businesses can express their interest today, with some workshops, 121 sessions and online resources already available to book or access now.

[Read more online](#)

Win a mention for your business in our newsletters

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

Have your say on wholesale water charges



Is your business a high consumer of water? Have your say on how wholesale water charges for business customers could be reshaped to better promote water efficiency, through Ofwat's consultation.

Under section 66E of the Water Industry Act 1991 (WIA91), Ofwat is required to issue rules (wholesale charging rules, WCR) for water and wastewater companies' wholesale

charges for businesses, and to revise these rules if, having regard to Government charging guidance, it considers that it is appropriate to do so.

In this consultation Ofwat are reviewing current and potential wholesale charging structures for larger users and examining the rationale for offering discounts. They also identify several options for how they might amend the WCRs to enable reforms aimed at better environmental and social outcomes. The consultation closes 1 October 2025.

[Find Out More](#)



Horsham District Jobs and Skills Fair

Horsham District Council is once again hosting a Jobs and Skills Fair at Horsham's Drill Hall on Saturday 27 September 2025 from 10am to 2pm.

The event is expected to welcome hundreds of local jobseekers, providing them with the opportunity to meet local employers with current or future vacancies and find out about training opportunities.

Would your business like to get involved? There are still a few stands available to book.

[Find Out More](#)



WEBINAR: Funding for local food and drink producers

Calling all Sussex-based food and drink producers! Join SALSA (Safe and Local Supplier Approval) on Tuesday 16 September, 12:30pm for a webinar to learn about an exciting funding opportunity to help you prepare for SALSA certification.

Understand your existing food safety systems and the steps required to achieve this certification. Through a mentoring visit led by an experienced SALSA Mentor, participating businesses will receive tailored guidance and a bespoke action plan to bridge the gap between their current operations and SALSA requirements.

Supported by Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council.

[Book Now](#)



The Blindspot Business Growth Accelerator Programme

Accelerate your business growth! Join Kate from Blindspot for Business for three interactive workshops taking place January to March 2026, based on the successful "Blindspot Boardroom" concept, providing a unique opportunity for business owners to identify and address their most pressing challenges through guided peer-to-peer problem-solving.

Participants will gain practical insights, actionable strategies, and valuable connections to accelerate their business growth.

Part of our Business Training Programme.

[Book Now](#)



Measuring & Managing Sustainability workshop

Future Skills Sussex



Attend the Sussex Skills Conference 2025

Book your place at the Sussex Chamber of Commerce Sussex Skills 25 event on Tuesday 30 September.

Sussex Skills 2025 is the region's flagship skills conference, designed for forward-thinking employers who want to stay ahead of the curve.

Whether you're actively hiring or simply planning for what's next, this is your opportunity to influence, understand and benefit from the transformation already happening in Sussex through the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP).

[Register Now](#)



Apply for The King's Awards for Enterprise

Measuring and reporting sustainability in your business should be taken seriously. Why? Because there is a business case:

- It can help you win more business
- It can save your business money
- It can make your business more efficient and productive.

Join this informative and interactive online workshop that will help you understand how to measure and report on how your business is being sustainable.

The workshop takes place 18 September 10am-1pm and is sponsored by London Gatwick Airport, making it free to all delegates.

[Book Now](#)

Applications are now open for The King's Awards for Enterprise, the UK's most prestigious business award.

Categories you can apply for include:

- innovation
- international trade
- sustainable development
- promoting opportunity through social mobility.

Winning this award means a Royal reception, national recognition, increased visibility and value and flying the King's Awards flag.

Submit your application by Tuesday 9 September, 1pm.

[Apply Now](#)

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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 10 September, who will receive a mention for their business/organisation in the following issue.

Please note: maximum of two wins per organisation.

Q1) When do bookings launch for our upcoming Business Training Programme workshops?

Q2) What does SALSA stand for?

Q3) Name the organisation consulting on wholesale water charges.

[Submit your quiz answers](#)

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