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Business Newsletter Quiz Winner: Ankr Accountancy



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

This edition's winner is Ankr Accountancy, founded in 2025 by Horsham-based Chartered Accountant Mario Riet-Muller. Ankr supports individuals and small businesses with accounts, bookkeeping, payroll and tax, alongside practical advice to help owners understand their finances and make confident decisions.

Would you like the opportunity to win a mention for your business to over 2,600 subscribers? Scroll down to the bottom of this newsletter for this week's quiz.

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Business Leaders Forum: Meet our panellists



Tom Denman,
Managing Director of
Chef's Farm



Claire Deane,
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Jo Fairley,
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BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM



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Senior business leaders from across Horsham District are invited to attend our second Business Leaders Forum taking place on Tuesday, 20 October 2026, 9:30am-2pm at Leonardslee Wine Estate in Mannings Heath, Horsham.

The October event will feature two interactive panel sessions focussed on supply chain resilience and sustainability.

Facilitated by MC Tim Fifield, Sales Director at britweb, the panels will include insights from local experts, businesses, and keynote speaker Jo Fairley, co-founder of Green & Black's Chocolate.

Building resilient supply chains

Resilient supply chains are a strategic asset, not just an operational function. In this panel session, you will learn how you can make your business' supply chain stronger and less vulnerable.

Speakers on this panel are:

- Jo Fairley, Co-Founder of Green & Black's Chocolate
- Tom Denman, Managing Director of Chef's Farm
- Claire Deane, Senior Category Lead at London Gatwick
- Gabby Day, ESG Manager at Pentagon Plastics.

Sustainability as a growth strategy

Sustainability is no longer just about doing the right thing, it's about building a stronger, more competitive and resilient business.

Hear from local businesses discussing the commercial benefits of sustainability and why it has moved from a "nice to have" to a commercial necessity.

Speakers on this panel are:

- Guy Watts, Owner & Managing Director of Architectural Plants
- Steve Pomery, Director of Tottington Manor
- Anya Ledwith, Founder of Eshcon.

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Made Smarter: Empowering UK Manufacturers to Adopt Digital Technology



Made Smarter is a government-funded programme designed to help manufacturing SME manufacturers and makers adopt digital technologies to improve productivity and accelerate growth.

The programme provides access to expert advice, digital transformation workshops, leadership and workforce development training, and grant funding of up to £20,000 (up to 50% match-funded) towards eligible technology investments.

It supports businesses in implementing solutions such as automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, Industrial IoT, data analytics and additive manufacturing.

If you are a manufacturer or a craft based maker register with the Made Smarter programme.

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Hundreds flock to Horsham's Big Nibble to celebrate Sussex food and drink



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Horsham Big Nibble event on Sunday and made the day such a success! Bringing together around 30 local food and drink businesses, along with talented chefs and hundreds of enthusiastic visitors it was a vibrant day celebrating the very best of Sussex produce.

Highlights included:

- A live cookery theatre featuring top Sussex chefs from local businesses, including Horsham's FELIX Bistro and South Lodge, using locally sourced ingredients
- An impressive array of Sussex producers and traders, from artisan foods and local delicacies to award-winning drinks
- A special celebration of Sussex honey products at the event's 'Sussex Beehive' market feature, sponsored by Schrodgers
- Musical entertainment from Little Notes Fruit & Veg Band and and Big Notes Choir
- Live window painting by local artist Annalees of Whistlestop Arts
- Delicious tasters from town centre businesses including Beeches Buffet and Urban Fuse
- Photo opportunities with a buzzy bee mascot.

[Read more online](#)

New upskilling opportunities for Horsham District businesses coming soon



Our popular Business Training Programme will soon return, with bookings opening from Friday 4 December 2026, the week of Small Business Saturday.

Delivered by local experts, the programme invites local businesses to take part in a range of engaging, interactive workshops and 121 sessions, providing valuable knowledge and skills development opportunities.

Building on the success of previous years, this new programme of training will introduce a variety of exciting new topics based on feedback from local businesses.

These include public speaking, AI for business, resilience and more. Sessions on social media, first aid, carbon literacy, photography and videography will return for another year, due to popular demand.

Explore what will be on offer with some support already available to book or access now.

[Find out more](#)

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

Please note: maximum of two wins per organisation.

Q1) Name one of the panellists at the Business Leaders Forum

Q2) Name a workshop being delivered as part of the Business Training Programme

Q3) How many food and drink businesses took part in the Big Nibble?

[Submit Your Quiz Answers](#)



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