

BUSINESS NEWS



Your regular newsletter from Gosport Borough Council

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Take your business to the next level with free mentoring

Free advice and mentoring is available to small business owners and those considering self-employment or in the process of starting a business.

Gosport Borough Council has a partnership with Business South to offer its Enterprise South service, which provides a wealth of support and guidance for the borough's many entrepreneurs.

On offer is expert, independent one-to-one advice and mentoring to help you with business planning and to undertake a business review.

[Request support](#)

New bespoke monthly market to boost town centre trading



Following the success of Gosport's Christmas market, a new bespoke monthly market is arriving this Spring to further boost Town Centre trade.

Running on the last Saturday of the month and starting in March, it will include craft stalls, various types of food and drink, as well as live entertainment and free children's activities.

Kicking off on Saturday 30 March will be an Easter market, packed with Easter-themed fun and games. It's thanks to a partnership between Gosport Borough Council and Nest and Anchor, underlining the council's commitment to increasing footfall to Gosport's High Street and supporting businesses.

The regular Tuesday and Saturday markets has also had a revamp - alongside the regular traders are former favourites like the meat and egg traders, with new additions lined up for the Spring.

[Find out more](#)

A creative hub for work and play



Calling all local creatives! The **Imagination Refinery** in the town centre's High Street is a place where creatives can participate in craft workshops, classes and drop-in sessions, and showcase their hard work on offer.

It also offers freelancers free coffeeshop style co-working space to work and have meetings in.

It's led by the Makers Guild and funded via the council's High Street Heritage Action Zone to help support Gosport's local creative industries and attract footfall to the High Street.

[Find out more](#)

New bus station work starts

Construction of the new bus station as part of the Gosport Interchange redevelopment has started.

Work has been completed on the new taxi rank, passenger set-down and short-stay parking facilities which are now open for use.

A new shelter for the taxi rank will be installed in late February, whilst the final landscaping works will be undertaken later this year.

[Read more](#)



Get inspired during Business Week

Portsmouth and South Coast Business Week is next week (19-23 February), and includes a networking lunch for Fareham and Gosport businesses on 21 February at the Fareham Innovation Centre. The week offers a range of inspiring, free events, opportunities to interact with likeminded businesses and network with peers. Reserve a spot at the Wednesday lunch and find events:

[Networking lunch tickets](#)

Gosport Informal Networking event

Do you run a business or are you thinking of starting one? Then join us for GIN (Gosport Informal Networking) at the Old Bake House on 14 March. Co-hosts Enterprise South and Gosport Borough Council invite you to this free event to help expand your business connections in the area, to get support from your peers and to obtain free business advice.

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