

BUSINESS NEWS



Your regular newsletter from Gosport Borough Council

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The graphic features a central circular logo with a yellow and blue wave-like design. Inside the circle, five white stars are arranged in a horizontal line above the text "GOSPORT BUSINESS AWARDS". The background is a dark blue gradient with white stars and a subtle grid pattern.

NOW OPEN

Applications are **now open** for the Gosport Business Awards. 23rd May 2024.

Nominations now open for the Gosport Business Awards

Are you a Gosport-based business star? If yes, nominations are open for this year's Gosport Business Awards.

The council is working in partnership with The News, 22Midnight and St Vincent College to launch the Gosport Business Awards 2024, with the ceremony being staged at the college's Jervis Gallery on the evening of Thursday 23 May.

A total of nine awards are up for grabs to help showcase the wide range of businesses across the borough. It is free to enter and just click on the categories listed below to complete an online entry form:

- [Independent Small Business of the Year](#)
- [Commitment to Supporting Talent in Business](#)
- [Best Use of Heritage in Business](#)
- [Independent Retail Business of the Year](#)
- [Independent Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year](#)
- [Independent Cultural and Creativity Business of the Year](#)
- [Commitment to Sustainability Award](#)
- [Start-up Business of the Year](#) (less than two years)
- Overall Business Award (will be selected from winners of the above categories)

The **deadline for entries is Friday 26 April** and the awards ceremony will take place at the Jervis Gallery, St Vincent College. Every shortlisted nominee will be given two free tickets to the event, which offers food, refreshments, entertainment and a licensed bar. Additional tickets are £25 per person.

Interested in sponsoring an award? To find out more about the sponsorship opportunities please email nina.tennant@nationalworld.com

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Would you like to supply your goods or services to the council and others in the south east?

The council is keen to see more local businesses registered on the South East Business Portal (SEBP), that it and the other 73 local authorities in the region use to promote their contract opportunities.

By registering (free of charge) on the portal, you'll get personalised notices of new opportunities, as and when they arise, and be able to review existing local authority contracts.

As part of your company profile on the portal, you can stipulate your preferred category areas and geographical locations. Your preferences will then be matched against the latest opportunities when they are published.

If you experience any problems registering, use the [help centre website](#) or email for support: support@proactisservicedesk.kayako.com

[Sign up on the Portal](#)



Business reps wanted for new Prosperity Partnership board

Building on the legacy of the successful Local Enterprise Partnerships, Hampshire County Council (HCC) is working in partnership with businesses, local authorities and the education and skills community to drive economic growth.

As a result HCC is seeking highly successful members of the business community to be part of its new Hampshire Prosperity Partnership board. The board will focus on investment and initiatives across the county, in partnership with local government and the education sector.

The new partnership of business, place and skills being established will benefit residents, businesses, institutions, and the environment right across Hampshire.

This business-focused board will provide strategic leadership and insights. It will forge a close partnership with its stakeholders while supporting HCC directly in pursuit of its Hampshire 2050 Vision.

Applications to join the board will be accepted up to the Friday 22 March.

[Find out more and apply](#)

Management course for SME leaders to deliver from Gosport

The University of Portsmouth will soon start delivering its 'Help to Grow: Management Course' to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Gosport for the first time.

The fully-funded course is aimed at senior leaders and covers strategies for growth and innovation, how to lead high-performing teams, digital adoption, financial management and responsible business practices.

The 12-week 'Help to Grow: Management Course' is 90% government funded and currently Portsmouth Business School is funding the remaining 10%, making it fully-funded for local SMEs.

Beginning this September, the programme is delivered by entrepreneurs and industry experts and accredited by the Small Business Charter. It will be delivered from the Imagination Refinery in the town centre and includes online and face-to-face sessions, 1-to-1 mentoring and peer networking, and is designed to fit around existing work and commitments.

[Find out more](#)

A graphic for the Central South Business Awards 2024. The text is centered within a white rectangular border. The background of the graphic is a dark, starry space with vibrant, colorful nebulae in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

CENTRAL SOUTH BUSINESS AWARDS 2024

Central South Coast Business Awards

Shine a light on your business and the town's business community! Nominations for the Central South Business Awards are open. The awards acknowledge organisations and individuals who have gone above and beyond, achieving great results, inspiring others and showing best practice. Does your business or staff member deserve recognition? Then enter before April 17 (entries are £25 plus VAT per submission). The finalists will be announced on 5 June and the awards ceremony takes place on 4 July at the Leonardo Hotel in Southampton.

[Submit your entry](#)



High Vibes women's business network

'Brilliant businesswomen' in Gosport are invited to join a network which meets regularly. High Vibes is hosted by Gosport Business Ambassadors Annelies James and Emma Paxton. The group meets on the last Wednesday of the month, alternating between daytime and evening at various locations across the town. Whether you're thinking about self-employment, running your own business, or you're an employer or employee, you are welcome to join the group. The next meeting is Wednesday 24 April, Gosport Museum, High Street, 10am - 12pm.

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