



*Colin Barber, Chairman of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce*

## A Message From Your Chairman

Welcome to your latest Chamber newsletter, bringing you news of what has been happening in the Chamber and news about our members. We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new newsletter editor, Gillian Brooks, and this is the first newsletter to be edited by Gillian.

This is your newsletter and therefore an opportunity for you to tell your fellow

members about your business. If you have any items of news or upcoming events which you would like to share then this is the place to do it.

As you will see a large part of this edition is devoted to the Brentwood Business Awards. Thank you to all of you who entered, and congratulations to those of you who are finalists. I am sure it will be a wonderful evening on 10th November.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barry Hearn OBE, from Chamber member Matchroom Sport, for generously hosting our summer barbecue, which enabled us to raise £2,900 for St Francis Hospice, Barry's chosen charity.

Colin Barber  
Chairman of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

## Summer Barbecue at Matchroom

The Chamber summer barbecue is always a popular event and this year's proved more popular than most.

Local entrepreneur Barry Hearn OBE kindly hosted the barbecue at his [Matchroom](#) Headquarters in Brentwood. About 150 people attended on a warm summer evening and enjoyed entertainment from [Sophisticated Entertainment](#) and [Funk2K](#). Barry took the opportunity to announce a new sponsorship deal with [Brentwood Town Football Club](#), who are planning to install a new all weather pitch.

At Barry's request, proceeds from ticket sales were donated to [Saint Francis Hospice](#) and Anne Brown spoke to the guests about the amazing work the hospice does for the people of Brentwood.

Chairman, Colin Barber, said how lucky we are to have such a successful global business based here in Brentwood.



*Jez Dickinson from Brentwood Town Football Club, Anne Brown from St Francis Hospice, Barry Hearn from Matchroom Sport, Colin Barber from Brentwood Chamber and Sophia-Marie Hornsey from Sophisticated Entertainment at the Chamber's Summer Barbecue.*

BRENTWOOD  
BUSINESS  
Awards

2023

See the full list of finalists on the next page.

# BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FINALISTS

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST SOLE TRADER

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- **LISA CHRISTIE COACH**
- **SHANNON'S CAKES**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST SMALL / MEDIUM BUSINESS

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- **ACES ACCOUNTS & TAXATION LTD**
- **CREATE BUSINESS HUB**
- **EASIGRASS ESSEX**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST LARGE BUSINESS

SPONSORED BY

- **M J BUSHELL**
- **THE TREEHOUSE CLUB**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST SALES & MARKETING

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- **CREATE BUSINESS HUB**
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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST LOCAL CHARITY

SPONSORED BY

- **KIDS INSPIRE**
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- **SNAP CHARITY**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SPONSORED BY

- **BRENTWOOD TOWN FC**
- **PHOENIX FM**
- **THE BRENTWOOD THEATRE**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY

- **FRASER DONALDSON - EASIGRASS**
- **JENNY O'SULLIVAN - JK BEAUTY**
- **MARC CHAMP - WHARF FINANCIAL**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
RISING STAR

SPONSORED BY

- **CALUM WAUDBY - BLUE SERIF**
- **LOUIS WEBSDALE - WEBSDALE LTD**
- **MEGAN TOWNER - AA&T**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
BEST EMPLOYER

SPONSORED BY

- **BLUE SERIF**
- **SNAP CHARITY**
- **THE TREEHOUSE CLUB**

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

2023 FINALIST  
THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

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## Brentwood Business Awards

The Brentwood Business Awards recognises and celebrates the very best of local business. It was launched by the Chamber back in 2018 off the back of a discussion at a Business Breakfast about how to better support local business. Each year it has gone from strength to strength.

The 2023 Awards includes 11 categories with an additional overall "Brentwood Business of the Year" award category. Each one is proudly judged and sponsored by local businesses. Congratulations to all the category finalists! The winners will be announced at the prestigious Brentwood Business Awards ceremony on 10 November at Stock Brook Manor. Make sure you've got your tickets which are now on sale.

In addition to all the category sponsors, we would particularly like to thank our Media Sponsor PhoenixFM, and our Headline Sponsor Pinney Talfourd Solicitors, both of whom have supported the event since its launch in 2018.

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



Interview with our Chairman, Colin Barber, on Phoenix FM.

[LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW HERE](#)

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS Awards

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
PREVIOUS WINNERS

2018

Ignite Business Communications

2019

Baker Labels

2021

SNAP

2022

Zest Recycle



Brentwood Business of the Year 2022 - Zest Recycle

## Brentwood Business Awards - Last Year's Winner, Zest Recycle

Winning the Brentwood Business Award 'Business of the Year' is a tremendous achievement and a great boost to the winner in many ways. Last year's winner was Zest Recycle, and we talked to their Managing Director, Tony McPartland, about how winning has impacted them.

Tony said, "Essentially, a full company rebrand provides the opportunity somewhat to start again – and with a new lease of life, we pushed for entering awards for validation and recognition of the work we do and have committed to.

In 2021 we was successful in the Best Sales and Marketing Award, and was Overall runner up in Business of the Year. This gave us great momentum to know we was on the right

track and others within our business community thought the same. So in 2022 to win Best SME and subsequently the Overall Business of the Year was a huge sense of achievement and pride for both myself and my colleagues. We are somewhat of a family within Zest and so to share that wave of emotion, and be able to highlight and showcase this to potential clients and existing – has led to increases in revenue, better ability to recruit new talent and drive our business further forward."

"I would absolutely recommend taking part in the Awards, as the validation of the judging process, the externalising of your thoughts about your own business through the award entry submission are all benefits that only serve to enhance your own thoughts on your business. I would recommend it to any business owner in the local community – find an award that fits and go for it!"

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## St Francis Hospice Partnership

We spoke to St Francis Hospice about our long-standing partnership.

*"Saint Francis Hospice and the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce have worked together, serving the people of Brentwood, for many years. During that time we have attended many Chamber meetings and 'meet the members' events, and have gone on to work with several Chamber members on an individual basis.*

*We have been proud to have a stall at the Brentwood Business Showcase for the last few years, where we have joined with other integral Brentwood businesses and organisations to show what Brentwood has to offer.*

*We were delighted to be the chosen charity for the Chamber's 2023 Summer event, and enjoyed meeting the many businesspeople serving our community. We were overwhelmed by the support offered to the Hospice from many Chamber members.*

*The Chamber has raised over £3,000 for Saint Francis Hospice, for which we are extremely grateful. This amazing amount has paid for over 45 hours of our vital Hospice at Home care, allowing people to spend their final days at home with their loved ones, while receiving compassionate, loving care from Hospice nurses. We look forward to continuing to work with the chamber for many years to come."*



Chamber Chairman Colin Barber and Admin Manager Donna Wilkes presenting a cheque to Adam Gordon and Sean Erwood from St Francis Hospice for £2900, which was raised from our Summer Barbecue, hosted by Barry Hearn OBE President of Matchroom Sport.

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## A date for your diary

Friday 15th December - Celebrate your 2023 successes and make new connections for a prosperous 2024 at our annual Christmas Lunch. This year's event is sponsored by Tees, a local law firm offering expert legal services and independent financial advice.



The Christmas Lunch will be held in the recently refurbished Lake View Suite at Warley Park Golf Club. Some of you may remember that they hosted our Summer Barbecue back in 2022.

Consider bringing your colleagues, clients and suppliers to what promises to be another great festive event. Table bookings are now available. Please contact [office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk](mailto:office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk) to secure your place. Individual tickets will be available from 1 November.

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## Parking Forum

As part of our plans to develop an ever closer working relationship with Brentwood Borough Council, we recently held our first joint forum with the Council. The topic was parking, and the panel consisted of Chamber Chairman, Colin Barber, together with Councillors David Kendall and Mark Lewis who are respectively Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance, Assets, Investment & Recovery Committee, which has responsibility for parking in the Borough.

Parking is always a hot topic which generates a lot of discussion and ideas, and the Councillors were keen to hear the views of Brentwood Businesses. It also gave an opportunity for the Councillors to explain which areas of parking fall under the remit of the council.

We have summarised the Questions and Answers - you can [view them here](#).

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## 'Meet the Members' Returns

Meet the Members is a simple and effective approach to networking, with the unique attraction being that each event is hosted by a different member at their business premises.

It is an opportunity for a member to showcase their business and of course for other members to get ideas and inspiration by seeing how other businesses are run.

Another positive aspect is that there is no charge to either host an event or to attend one. All we suggest is that the host supplies some light refreshments.

Recent Meet the Members events have been hosted by a wide variety of members including Nuffield Health, Blue Serif, DiemX and Reach Hippotherapy.

The events are normally held from 6pm till 8pm on a weekday evening and we are flexible on dates. If you are interested in hosting an event or would like to hear more about what is involved do let us know:

[Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)

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## Sponsorship Opportunity

We have sponsorship opportunities available for our Business Breakfasts. These events are held at Marygreen Manor Hotel on the second Friday of each month, with informal networking from 7:30am - 8am followed by breakfast and structured networking from 8am - 9am.

Our Sponsorship Package costs £175 and includes:

- Short introduction at the previous month's Breakfast
- 5 free places
- Ten-minute introduction and presentation slot
- Opportunity to display publicity
- Publicity in the previous month's Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- Publicity on the Chamber of Commerce website

For more information or to reserve your month, contact the Chamber office – [Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk](mailto:Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk)



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## Brentwood Connected BID

The businesses of Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone voted for the Business Improvement District (BID) and the yes vote has secured £2m to be spent on improving our area. BID came into effect on 1 October 2023 so we can look forward to increased footfall, dwell time and perception of the area.

Sarah Walmsley is the Brentwood Connected BID Manager. She will be reaching out to BID members from October to introduce herself and seek their views on BID activities. Sarah can be contacted [here](#).

## Upcoming Chamber Events

**3 NOV**

Friday

**Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel**

Sponsored by Tees

[BOOK HERE](#)

**10 NOV**

Friday

**Brentwood Business Awards at Stock Brook Manor**

[BOOK HERE](#)

**22 NOV**

Wednesday

**Winners and Finalists Celebration Event**

Hosted by Pinney Talfourd 30 Brentwood High Street

**8 DEC**

Friday

**Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel**

Sponsorship available

[BOOK HERE](#)

**15 DEC**

Friday

**Christmas Lunch at Warley Park Golf Club**

Sponsored by Tees

[BOOK HERE](#)

**12 JAN**

Friday

**Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel**

Sponsorship available

[BOOK HERE](#)

## Upcoming Member Events

### Brentwood Council - GET SET GROW

Free 10 week business growth programme for businesses at a pre-start, start-up, or well established stage. The course consists of a blend of group business coaching, one-to-one mentoring and the exclusive Big Pitch event.

[More information](#)

### Brentwood Council - South Essex Business Expo

14 March 2024

10am - 3pm

The Brentwood Centre

If you would like to register your visit (free), book an exhibitor space or sponsor the event, click [here](#).

### Beresfords - Beet the Wine Bluffers

Beresfords have teamed up with SNAP, The Shenfield Wine Company and Lady Penelope Wines for an exciting evening of alcoholic frolic!

November 30

7pm - 10pm

Brentwood School Middleton Hall Lane,  
Brentwood, Essex

[More information](#)

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