



M J Bushell - Business of the Year 2023 winner



M J Bushell wins Brentwood Business of the Year 2023

Congratulations to M J Bushell for winning the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award.

They are a locally based accountancy firm working alongside both local and international clients. Client service is highly valued at M J Bushell and each advisor takes a genuine interest in their client's personal or business goals.

Dan Sayers from M J Bushell shared what winning this award means to him and his team, "We were absolutely thrilled by the entire Awards ceremony – it was a fantastic celebration of local business excellence. The atmosphere was uplifting, and being surrounded by so many inspiring companies and entrepreneurs from Brentwood and beyond was truly encouraging.

When M J Bushell was announced as the winner of the top award, it was a surreal moment. We felt a mix of immense

pride and gratitude. This award is not just a recognition of our hard work but a testament to the incredible support we've received from our clients, our dedicated team, and the Brentwood community. It motivates us to continue striving for excellence and making a positive impact.

We're excited to share this success and hope it serves as an inspiration for the other businesses in the thriving business community in Brentwood to enter the award."

Interview with Chamber Chairman Colin Barber and PhoenixFM about the Brentwood Business Awards.

[LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW HERE](#)

Christmas Lunch - 15 December 2023

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. Our guest speaker is Paul Clement from Locus - The company behind the successful Brentwood Connected BID.

Consider bringing your colleagues, clients and suppliers to Warley Park Golf Club on 15 December for what promises to be another great festive event.

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The Treehouse Club receiving the Best Large Business Award from Fraser Donaldson (Easigrass) who himself received the Business Person of the Year Award.

Brentwood Business Awards

On Friday, 10 November 2023, we dressed in our best to partake in the Chamber's 5th annual Awards ceremony. Almost 250 guests gathered at Stock Brook Manor to witness the best businesses in Brentwood rewarded and celebrated.

Each of the 11 categories were independently judged and this year's winning individuals and organisations have impressed the judges and stood out for their exceptional accomplishments.

Congratulations to all our 2023 winners!



"It is amazing to win the Rising Star award in only the 3rd year of the business and it is great proof that starting your own business can be incredibly beneficial, especially at a young age."

Rising Star - Louis Websdale - www.louiswebsdale.co.uk

"Thank you for giving 21UP Movement the amazing opportunity to be recognised in front of local businesses. I hope this raises our profile and the likelihood of funding and potential sponsors. Thanks again to everyone involved"

Special Recognition - Best Local Charity - 21Up Movement - Perry Blake - www.21upmovement.com

"To win the Best Business Person 2023 award is just excellent. It's being acknowledged for the work you put in over the course of a year and how this has made a difference for your company. To win such an award is not just about

one person though, it is a whole team effort. I am just at the forefront of such a great team. To see how happy my team were when I collected the award on stage meant everything to me. It makes it all worthwhile. It certainly made the awards ceremony all the worthwhile, and wasn't it a great night!"

Best Business Person 2023 - Fraser Donaldson - www.easigrass.com

"In a service-based business such as coaching, reputation, credibility and trust are everything – and winning this award has been fantastic in raising my profile locally, as well as through wider networks via word of mouth and LinkedIn. On a personal level, it's very rewarding and motivating to know that independent judges have recognised the value of my work in supporting parents and closing generation gaps in the workplace – both areas that I am passionate about."

Best Sole Trader - Lisa Christie - www.lisachristie.co.uk

"We are deeply honoured to have received both awards for best large business and best employer of the year in the Brentwood Chambers Award Night, our team, children, and parents are still celebrating, we are so grateful for this recognition and has given us the determination to go bigger and better for next year"

Best Large Business and Best Employer - The Treehouse Club - Ashley Wilson - www.thetreehouseclub.co.uk





Brentwood Business Awards

"Both Me and my Team are overwhelmed to be selected as the winners of 'Brentwood's Best Small/Medium Business'. As Aces Accounts & Taxation Ltd have only been trading just over 2 years we are always striving to be the best and offer a new type of accountancy to our clients, receiving this award feels like a pat on the back for me and especially my team whom I could not do this without.

This award will now help us to grow to a new level. Being able to use this to flood social media and will give confidence for new customers to come on board."

Best Small/Medium Business - Aces Accounts & Taxation - Dean Hollisey - www.acesaccountsandtaxation.co.uk

"Phoenix FM are delighted to have won the Best Community Engagement category at the Brentwood Business Awards. It's great that all the hard work and long hours we put in to working with the local community has been recognised.

We'd like to thank The Chamber for once again putting on a great night and all of the sponsors, especially Brentwood Council who judged our category. Well done to both Brentwood Town Football Club and Brentwood Theatre who were also finalists, I'm sure this will be something that both of them win in coming years."

Best Community Engagement - PhoenixFM - Steve Roach www.phoenixfm.com

"We are so grateful to receive such an amazing award. We have worked extremely hard over the years however we wouldn't be where we are today without our amazing staff and customers, so a huge Thank you to everyone involved at Merrymeade tea rooms."

Best Customer Service - Merrymeade Tea Rooms - Alex - www.merrymeade-tea-room.business.site



Left to right Donna Wilkes (Chamber), Kay Thurgood (Chamber), Leah Burke (Chamber), Colin Barber (Chamber), Mayor Gareth Barrett, Noelle Hones (Chamber) and Jay Laplain (Brentwood Council)

"It really is such an achievement to win the People's Choice. It's extremely rewarding to know the service we go above and beyond daily to give our clients has been recognised. We will never forget that spectacular moment of having our name announced."

The People's Choice - Hanz & Tanz - Donna Parrish - www.hanzandtanz.co.uk

"We are proud and honoured to have won the Brentwood Business Award for Best Sales & Marketing. This recognition not only serves as a testament to our dedication and expertise in digital marketing but also highlights the significance of hard work, consistency and the collective strength of our stellar team. We are extremely grateful to each of our clients who have helped pave the way for this achievement. We would also like to express special thanks to the Brentwood Chamber and all the Awards sponsors for their support. We look forward to the journey ahead."

Best Sales and Marketing - The Dux Digital - Jason Windle - <https://thedux.digital>

"We are delighted to have won the 'Best Local Charity' title at the Brentwood Business Awards last week and honoured to have been in the company of our fellow nominees, SNAP and St Francis Hospice who we also celebrate for the work they do. This award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our entire team, both voluntary and paid, and our wonderful supporters. We are proud of the position that Kids Inspire holds within the local community and would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this decision, it means a lot to us all to be recognised."

Best Local Charity - Kids Inspire - Sue Bell OBE, CEO and Clinical Director - www.kidsinspire.org.uk



Chris Hossack, the Chamber's newest Executive Committee member

Welcome to Chris Hossack

Many of you will be familiar with Chris Hossack who was leader of Brentwood Borough Council until he stepped down as a councillor in May this year to concentrate on his own business. We are pleased to announce that Chris has agreed to join the Chamber Executive Committee.

Commenting on the news, Chairman Colin Barber said "Chris will be an excellent addition to our committee. He has a wealth of experience, a passion for Brentwood, and a habit of getting things done. We are pleased that Chris has taken up this opportunity to continue to serve the businesses of Brentwood."

Member's News

Made in Essex – The Podcast Attract and Engage

Hear the inside story of successful Essex-based business owners.

Celebrating what makes Essex unashamedly enterprising, the podcast is a melting pot of stories, wisdom and humour – as Jill Willis invites tenacious & highly successful business owners from across Essex to lift the bonnet on their journey so far.

[Find out more](#)

Santa Needs Some Helpers - The Rotary Club of Brentwood

Santa will be back in Brentwood this year with the help of the Rotary Club of Brentwood but they need some people to help make Christmas special.

They are asking for people:

- with a full driving licence who have experience of towing vehicles, to tow the sleigh around some of the streets of Brentwood. A mini bus will be used to tow the sleigh. They are looking at weekday evenings from 17:00 to 21:00. You will be fully briefed and have a team to help you.

- who might be happy to take on the role of Santa at any of their events with the sleigh around the street, Santa's Grotto or static on Brentwood High Street.
- who will be willing to be one of Santa's Elves, assisting Santa and collecting money.

If you would like to help, please email secretary@brentwoodrotary.org.uk

Speed Networking - The Chamber & Brentwood Borough Council

Brentwood Chamber and Brentwood Borough Council have joined forces to run this event. Most of you will be familiar with networking, but have you experienced Speed Networking? The benefit of Speed Networking is that it enables you to meet a lot of people in a short space of time, with the objective of finding a few people who you would like to connect with further. The format is structured, so no need to worry about who to talk to or how to approach them.

A light buffet lunch will be available after the event, which will give you the opportunity to continue networking.

[Find out more](#)

Upcoming Chamber Events

8 DEC

Friday

Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel

Sponsored by Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club

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15 DEC

Friday

Christmas Lunch at Warley Park Golf Club

Sponsored by Tees

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12 JAN

Friday

Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel

Sponsorship available

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Upcoming Member Events

Speed Networking - Chamber & Brentwood Council

Join us for a Speed Networking event jointly hosted by the Chamber and Brentwood Borough Council.

24 January 2024

10:00 - 12:00

Old Brentwoods Club

[More information](#)

Brentwood Council - South Essex Business Expo

14 March 2024

10:00 - 15:00

The Brentwood Centre

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

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