

Alex Burghart's Plan to Support Local Business



We hosted a [Meet the Candidates](#) event ahead of the general election and [Alex Burghart](#), as you know, was re-elected to represent the Brentwood and Ongar constituency. We reached out to him about how he plans to continue representing businesses within the area.

Alex Burghart said; "Being a member of His Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition is a new challenge for me, having been first elected in 2017, but I am determined to continue to stand up for businesses in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency.

"As I said at the hustings organised by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce in June, the way we shop has changed in recent years, and this means High Street business opportunities and trends are changing too. I sincerely hope the Labour Government will continue our excellent work in supporting businesses through good times and bad.

"The Conservative Party's 2024 Manifesto had a strong tax offer for business and pledged to abolish Class Four National Insurance Contributions, reform VAT and improve access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises. However having lost the election the right to set business policy goes to the Labour Party who show no sign of taking these policies forward. The measures put forward in the King's Speech by the new Government are at best a mixed bag. The Labour Government's plans are likely to create more red tape and bureaucracy for small businesses - the very thing they don't want or need.

"The most significant issues are around increased protections for employees against employers and a significant ramping up of trade union powers. Such policies - which were tried unsuccessfully in the 1970s - are very likely to increase costs and complications for

business, and place a drag on the economy. As always, I will do all I can to make sure your voice is heard - if there are particular issues you would like to bring to my attention please get in touch.

Brentwood Business Awards 2024 A Celebration of Local Success



The Brentwood Business Awards raise the profile of organisations, enhance reputations and provide a platform to celebrate local success.

This year's entrants are currently being judged and the winners will be announced at the Gala Awards Ceremony on Friday 8th November.

The People's Choice Award winner 2023, Donna Parrish from [Hanz & Tanz](#) said, "It was such an honour to win the People's Choice Award in 2023. It has made a great impact to my business as people know that they can trust us to provide them with the best service and treatments possible after receiving such a prestigious title and award. Trust from our new and former clients is a reward in itself that we are so grateful for."

Headline Sponsor, [Pinney Talfourd LLP Law](#) and Media Partner, [Phoenix FM](#).

Speed Networking

Wednesday 2nd October

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.

We are pleased to announce that, due to popular demand, in conjunction with Brentwood Borough Council we will be holding another Speed Networking event on Wednesday 2nd October at The Old Brentwoods Club. We look forward to seeing you there.

[BOOK HERE](#)



Speed Networking at Old Brentwoods Club

Body Language Workshop

Wednesday 18th September

Body Language or 'non-verbal communication' happens irrespective of whether we are aware of it. It is one of the most influential factors in successful (and unsuccessful) communication. It therefore follows that if we increase our awareness of non-verbal communication, then we can utilise it to help us communicate more effectively. Colin Barber has spent many years studying and teaching communication skills, and in this Zoom workshop he will share some revealing insights into effective non-verbal communication and how to understand body language.

[BOOK HERE](#)

North Essex Business Expo

Wednesday 11th September

You may remember attending the South Essex Business Expo that was held in the Brentwood Leisure Centre in March. The North Essex Business Expo will be on the 11th September at the Charter Hall, Colchester. It is free to attend and will have a mix of business types from around the county and beyond.

This is a great opportunity to find out what help for your business is out there from funding, training, mentoring etc to meeting potential new suppliers, customers and finding out what new tech is on the market.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Member's News

Home Instead is Rated Outstanding

Homecare provider, [Home Instead Brentwood, Billericay & Upminster](#) has received the highest possible Outstanding rating from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), England's care regulator, and has been praised for going the extra mile.

A client said, "Their work is invaluable and trusted in the local community. [Home Instead](#) helps people stay independent for as long as possible and I cannot recommend Home Instead highly enough."

Managing Director Steve Willoughby said, "We were delighted to receive an outstanding rating and humbled to read so many positive comments. The feedback from clients, relatives and external professionals regarding our contribution to the local community and going the extra mile were very positive. Claire and I have built a fantastic team and this outstanding rating bears testament to their dedication and empathetic approach to care."

[READ THE FULL REPORT HERE](#)



Members of the Home Instead team

Brentwood Council Offers Free Support for Entrepreneurs

Brentwood Council have opened applications for [GET SET GROW](#) a FREE business growth programme for start-ups and businesses looking to grow. The programme consists of peer group sessions and 1-2-1 mentoring on a range of business topics such as marketing, access to finance, innovation etc. There is specialist support for young entrepreneurs, female entrepreneurs, 50+ entrepreneurs and neurodivergent entrepreneurs.

The group cohort sessions will commence in September 2024 and the whole programme runs until 31 March 2025.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

SNAP Celebrates 30 Years

Hilary Needham MBE (Founding member, original SNAP Manager, and Honorary Life President) set SNAP up in 1994 after being personally concerned about the lack of provision for families like hers who had children with special needs.

Since formation, SNAP has had some proud moments over the years. In 2000, they were awarded a grant from Children in Need and their Monday group featured on the BBC in 2000. In 2003, Lord Petre presented the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award to SNAP. In 2007, The Royal Opening of SNAP happened with Sophie, The Countess of Wessex (now the Duchess of Edinburgh). In 2020, they went online during the pandemic and some sessions still remain hybrid today.



Honorary Life President, Hilary Needham MBE, met the now Duchess of Edinburgh, Sophie, at the official Royal opening of The SNAP Centre (2007).

Brentwood Town FC Project 3G Is Ready

Many of you will remember last year's Summer BBQ hosted by Barry Hearn and Matchroom at Mascalls. In his presentation, the Chairman of Brentwood Town FC Jez Dickinson spoke about Project 3G, the club's ambitious plan to replace their pitch at The Brentwood Arena with a 3G pitch (Third Generation pitch consisting of synthetic turf, sand infill and rubber infill). This is a substantial refurbishment of their stadium. They are pleased to report that 12 months on, they have completed these works and their first home game was on Saturday 24th August v Walthamstow FC.

As the new facility will be open seven days a week, their commercial team have been working on a great range of sponsorship opportunities starting at just £495 Plus VAT for the season. Please contact the club's Commercial Consultant Keith Woodcock on 07885 233210 for more information.



The new Brentwood Town FC 3G Pitch

Zest Recycle Turns 3

Celebrating three years of sustainable waste management solutions. Zest Recycle is thrilled to announce that it is celebrating its third birthday! Since their beginning in 2021, they've been on a mission to make recycling easier, more efficient, and more impactful for everyone.

"We're so proud of everything we've accomplished together over the past three years," said Tony McPartland, Managing Director of Zest Recycle. "Our success wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our amazing team, the trust of our customers, and the support of our partners. We're excited about what the future holds and are more determined than ever to help work towards a circular economy."



Zest celebrates turning 3

Welcome To Our New Members



Lombard Recruitment

Operating within sectors such as Construction, Logistics, Finance and Sales, building long-lasting relationships with our clients and candidates is paramount in order to provide a service resulting in the highest quality of staff for our clients, as well as candidate job satisfaction.

CONTACT



the marillac neurological care centre

Marillac is an independent charity and an integral part of the Brentwood community for over a century. Their centre provides specialist care and rehabilitation to adults aged 18 and above who are navigating complex or profound disability following traumatic brain injury, spinal injury, or progressive neurological conditions.

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Wild Forest Outdoor Activity Centre is based in Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood. Whether you're looking to book a muddy obstacle party, a school trip, a corporate away day, a hen or stag do, or raise money for a charity, this is the place to visit. They also offer fitness classes, axe throwing, school holiday activities for children or just a fun day out with friends. Wild Forest promises a unique & unforgettable outdoor adventure.

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Old Brentwoods
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The Old Brentwoods Club is a sports and social club run by the members, with all profits being re-invested back into the Club. It offers opportunities to get involved in competitive and social sports clubs and provides facilities to host a range of events within the clubhouse and grounds.

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Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December 2024

Many of you will remember enjoying delicious traditional food and singing the 12 Days of Christmas at last year's Christmas lunch. This year's Christmas Lunch will again be at Warley Park Golf Club, on Tuesday 17th December. Join us for an afternoon of networking opportunities in a relaxed environment around a traditional Christmas Dinner. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon.

Welcome To Kimberley Craigmile, Our New Social Media Manager

We are very excited to introduce you to the Chamber's new Social Media Manager, Kimberley Craigmile. Kimberley has previous experience working in advertising agencies, and now runs a business from home producing chilli jam named [Kimbers Chilli Jam](#). She built up her business using social media, and has lots of ideas on how to promote the Chamber.



Kimberley Craigmile, Social Media Manager

New Chamber members welcome

If you are a local business and have not yet been to a Chamber of Commerce event, you are very welcome to come along to take advantage of the Chamber's programme.

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Upcoming Chamber Events

11 September Wednesday	Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel Sponsored by Brentwood	BOOK HERE
2 October Wednesday	Speed Networking Old Brentwoods Club	BOOK HERE
9 October Wednesday	Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel Sponsored by Essex Private Doctors	BOOK HERE
17 December Tuesday	Christmas Lunch Warley Park Golf Club	BOOK SOON

Upcoming Chamber Training

18 September Wednesday	Body language Online Workshop	BOOK HERE
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Upcoming Member's Events

8 September Sunday	Bennetts Funerals Suicide Awareness: Smashing the Stigma Butterfly Meadow, Hall Lane, Shenfield	MORE INFORMATION
13 September Friday	Meet the Marillac Eagle Way, Warley, CM13 3BL	MORE INFORMATION
21 September Saturday	Pinney Talfourd Solicitors Wills & Lasting Power of Attorney Seminar 30 Brentwood High Street, Brentwood	MORE INFORMATION
28 September Saturday	Nuclear Fit Ongar Road, Kelvedon Hatch	MORE INFORMATION
12 October Saturday	Pinney Talfourd Solicitors Wills & Lasting Power of Attorney Seminar 54 Station Road, Upminster	MORE INFORMATION
18 October Friday	Charity race night with Marillac and PhoenixFM Warley Park Golf Club	MORE INFORMATION

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