

Ready to take your business to the next level?

Enter the 2025 Brentwood Business Awards

What makes your Brentwood business exceptional? The Brentwood Business Awards are here to celebrate those very qualities, recognising the best of our local community. Whether you're an individual, a thriving company, or a dedicated organisation of any size or sector based in or doing business within the Borough of Brentwood, this is your chance to be recognised.

Invest in Reflection, Reap the Rewards.

The straightforward application process provides a valuable opportunity to pause, appreciate your successes, and spark ideas for future growth. See how you measure up against the leading businesses in our area and beyond.

Picture This: Your Business in the Headlines.

Becoming a shortlisted finalist opens doors to fantastic publicity, with the awards consistently generating buzz on local social media and in the press. Envision the power of being able to say you're an "award-winning" business!

You're invited to enter a maximum of two categories from our diverse selection.

ENTER THE 2025 BRENTWOOD BUSINESS AWARDS

Meet the Neighbours & Barry Hearn Monday 9th June

As part of our plans to work closer with Havering Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to announce a joint networking event at [The Holiday Inn, Brentwood](#), on Monday 9th June from 6pm till 9pm.

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Brentwood & Havering Chambers of Commerce have teamed up to bring you

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

With Guest Speaker

BARRY HEARN OBE

PRESIDENT OF MATCHROOM SPORT

Monday 9th June | 6-9pm

Holiday Inn, Brentwood



Meet the Neighbours & Barry Hearn

Monday 9th June



Our Guest speaker on the night will be the well-known local personality, Barry Hearn OBE, president of [Matchroom Sport](#). Barry started out on the path to sports promotion with the purchase of a snooker hall in Romford, and Matchroom's worldwide headquarters are now in Brentwood, so he is the ideal speaker for this event.

A portion of proceeds from the event will be donated to [St Francis Hospice](#), which provides such an important service to the people of Havering and Brentwood.

We will be inviting all of the Chambers of Commerce in Essex and East London to join us for what should prove to be an entertaining evening. We are expecting a full house, so do book early.

The event will also be open to non-members, so feel free to invite friends and clients.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Summer Barbecue

Wednesday 16th July

As the weather warms up, we turn our attention to this year's eagerly anticipated summer barbecue. It is shaping up to be a major social and networking event and all businesses in Brentwood are invited. Chamber members will of course have discounted tickets so bring your colleagues and friends.

This year's Summer Barbecue will be held at [Brentwood Brewing Company](#) on Wednesday 16th July. What better place for a summer social and barbecue than a brewery! Don't worry if you are not a beer drinker, they have a well stocked bar with a good selection of gins, spirits and wine.

This will be a great event and we look forward to enjoying the sunshine with you.

A variety of sponsorship packages are available. Please contact us at Office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk for further details.

Tickets will be available soon

AI Workshop

Thursday 5th June

We have invited [David Bell of Simboc](#) to share his knowledge of AI at this workshop. He has vast experience and knowledge in communications, IT solutions and technology, backed by a solid understanding of business management, leadership and communication.

In 2013, David founded [Simboc Limited](#), a business, technology consultancy and management company that provides bespoke services to other organisations. Motivated by his passion for seeing others reach their potential, David enjoys mentoring and coaching others to help them realise their dreams and business goals.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Neurodiversity Workshop:

Essential Knowledge & Strategies

Thursday May 1st

Thank you to Lisa Christie, Coaching Psychologist and founder of [genpotential](#), for helping us understand more about ADHD and Autism. You have equipped us with practical strategies to support neurodivergent individuals at work but also at home.



Lisa Christie, Founder of [genpotential](#), leading the Neurodiversity workshop.

Speed Networking

Wednesday 4th June

We are delighted to bring you another Speed Networking event together with Brentwood Borough Council on Wednesday 4th June at the Old Brentwood's Club.

Most of you will be familiar with Speed Networking as we've run a few successful sessions. 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. Tea & coffee will be provided on arrival and there is chance to stay on for some informal networking after the event when the bar will open. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Speed Networking

Meet the Committee



Dean Newman,
Chamber Executive
Committee Member

Following our interviews with the Chamber Executive Committee last year, we're excited to introduce our new members, starting with Dean Newman.

What is your role on the Chamber Committee?

My role is as an ad hoc member of the Chamber Committee. This means providing extra "bench strength" for the Committee, helping with some Chamber

events and being an advocate for the benefits of Chamber Membership. Hopefully, I can also bring the perspective having done business in a wide range of countries around the world and an understanding of the early-stage business ecosystem.

Tell us about your current job.

After 35 years working as a fund manager, in both the City and Henley-On-Thames, I am now retired. I am involved in a number of early-stage businesses and I am a founder shareholder of Dubai based digital investment bank and crowdfunding platform Eureeca.

What do you like about Brentwood?

It's a proper town with its own strong identity. Brentwood is clearly part of Essex but also well connected with London. Most of all, I like the entrepreneurial spirit of West Essex that Brentwood exemplifies.

What was your first job?

My first full-time job was working as an investment analyst at Legal & General, which was a fantastic place to work. The City was changing dramatically at the time and the "play hard, work hard" spirit of the time was an exciting backdrop for anyone with ambition and an appetite to succeed.

What job did you think you would like to do when you were a child?

I never had the driving desire to do a particular job. I just knew that I had to work hard at school and that I wanted to do something where success would be well rewarded.

Who do you admire in the business world?

I admire Stephen Saad, the founder and Chief Executive of South African based pharmaceutical company Aspen Pharmacare. He created this business from scratch and turned it into a global player, whilst also becoming one of the richest men in Africa. His relentless drive, enthusiasm and optimism combined with a microscopic attention to detail and clear strategic thinking have been the driving force behind Aspen's success. I was lucky enough to first meet Stephen when Aspen was a fledgling listed business and then subsequently every year at the company's modest Durban headquarters. Over this whole period, Stephen was always honest, stuck to his guns and had undimmed enthusiasm.

Have you had any mentors and if so, what did you learn from them?

You can learn from bosses both good and bad. One guy that I really respect is called Bob Yerbury (who also happens to be from Essex) and his honesty and fairness really permeated the whole organisation where we worked. This meant that people were able to debate openly along the path to making good investment and business decisions and that no grudges were held over past disagreements. Good or bad culture always comes from the top.

What advice would you give to someone just starting up in business?

Sweat both the detail and the big picture. When making decisions, ask yourself the simple question "Does this actually

make sense?" and do this from a simple common sense perspective. If it doesn't truly make sense, then don't do it.

How do you handle set backs or frustrations?

I don't think that any of us has the perfect answer to this question and everyone is different. In my opinion, you just have to take a deep breathe and try and carry on doing the right thing.

What are your hobbies and interests outside of work?

I am a keen fan of cricket, golf and motorsport. Although I do occasionally watch cricket at Chelmsford, I am actually a Middlesex member. I also love bulldogs!

Who would you like to spend one day with and why?

British author J G Ballard is a hero of mine and now sadly no longer with us. He survived and thrived during his early teenage years spent in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. He's a massively influential thinker who doesn't have a big public profile, although his influence stretches far and wide. His work is as fresh today as it was 40 years ago.

Welcome to Our New Members



WHITE
LOTUS
WEALTH

[White Lotus Wealth Manager](#) helping professionals, business owners and retired persons plan around tax, invest wisely and mitigate risk through careful financial planning. Arpit is an experienced adviser having spent over 19 successful years in the City. The aim is to look after their clients and ensure all eventualities are explored carefully.



[FIGO restaurant](#) reflects both the tradition and the modern aroma of cucina italiana! They've created a space where food and wine provide the perfect backdrop to inspiring memories.



[Q Mix Concrete](#) is a local ready mix concrete manufacturer for B2B and B2C sector.



[Green Power Home Services](#) is a renewables and home improvement business located in Shenfield high street but operate all over the UK. Their jobs range from landscaping to solar and air source heat pump installations.



[VAULT](#) has been a favourite spot on Shenfield's high street offering great drinks, music, and atmosphere for the past five years.

Chamber AGM

At our recent AGM [Phil Scott](#) and [Gillian Brooks](#) were elected as the newest members of our Executive committee. We welcome them both on board, and are sure that they will both help to ensure that the Chamber continues to offer support to our members in growing their businesses.

Member's News

Nuclear Races Brings the Fun to Brentwood Mud, Muscles & Community Spirit



Nuclear Races drew thousands to the iconic Kelvedon Hatch venue in May for a weekend of fitness, fun, and fierce competition. Glorious sunshine set the stage for two unforgettable days of racing. Elite athletes competed for national titles, adults participated for fun or charities and the children had their own scaled-down race. Our very own Social Media Manager, Kimberly Craigmile, also took on the challenge.

Last year's Nuclear Fallout in November saw Joe Swash with his family and friends join in the fun while filming 'Stacey & Joe' from BBC One—yet another reminder that Nuclear Races continues to attract both everyday heroes and household names.

Brentwood Borough Council

Brentwood UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Culture and Sport Grant Programme

Brentwood Borough Council is inviting applications from not-for-profit organisations, registered charities and businesses for a share of funding available through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. They're looking for applications that support improvement to health and wellbeing through sports facilities and participation, as well as projects that bring communities together through arts, culture and heritage.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Brentwood Connected:

Annual Art Trail Event

A record number of creatives will participate in the Brentwood Art Trail this year, with 84 artists or groups exhibiting in 66 locations. Along with the Brentwood Art Trail itself, there will also be a Painted Window Trail with prizes, involving an additional eight businesses whose windows have been painted by local artists as part of Brentwood Connected's VE Day commemorations.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Pinney Talfourd Solicitors Neurodiversity in the Workplace: Webinar

Thursday 5th June

Join [Pinney Talfourd Solicitors](#) for an engaging webinar, where Alex Pearce from Pinney Talfourd and Lisa Christie from [genpotential](#) will explore the fundamentals of conditions such as ADHD, Autism and Dyslexia and an employer's duty under the Equality Act.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Attract & Engage

Podcast

[Attract & Engage](#) in collaboration with Grant Thornton UK and Birketts LLP shares their latest podcast entitled Stories of Essex Limited which offers practical insight and inspiration for ambitious business leaders across Essex. In the launch episode, Stefan Payne, CFO of Titan Airways, shares what it really takes to lead through uncertainty — from scaling through Brexit to building a values-led team culture.

[WATCH THE FULL EPISODE](#)

Upcoming Chamber Events

04 June Wednesday	Speed Networking Old Brentwood's Club	BOOK HERE
05 June Thursday	Workshop: AI Holiday Inn Brentwood	BOOK HERE
09 June Monday	Meet the Neighbours and Barry Hearn Holiday Inn Brentwood	BOOK HERE
11 June Wednesday	Business Breakfast at Marygreen Manor Hotel Sponsorship Available	BOOK HERE

Upcoming Member's Events

05 June Thursday	Neurodiversity in the Workplace: Webinar Pinney Talfourd Solicitors	MORE INFO
June	Art Trail Brentwood Connected	MORE INFO

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