

Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony 2025

Friday 10th October



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 2025 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! You can see a list of them all on the next page. The winners will be announced at the prestigious Brentwood Business Awards ceremony on Friday 10th October at Stock Brook Manor. Make sure you've got your tickets!

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.

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Networking: A Heart Warming Connection



Sometimes, a simple conversation can blossom into something truly special. That's exactly what happened at a recent networking event when Craig Knott, Manager at [Bennetts Funeral Directors](#) mentioned he was trying to raise £200 to replace a worn-out planter at the [Marillac care home](#).

Sitting next to him, John Brandler of [Brandler Galleries](#) immediately stepped up, generously offering to donate the full amount. But he didn't stop there. Inspired, John encouraged others at the table to contribute. Andy from [HS Estate Agents](#) and Jason from [Unison IT](#) both pitched in, each donating an additional £200.

Thanks to this outpouring of generosity, the original goal was not only met but exceeded, allowing Craig and his team at Bennetts to do so much more. Instead of just one new planter, they were able to build three beautiful planters using sleepers. These have now been placed at the entrance, exit, and in the courtyard of the Marillac, bringing a vibrant touch of colour and enhancing the facility's appearance.

This story is a perfect example of how genuine connections made through networking can make a tangible and lasting difference in our community.

2025 BRENTWOOD BUSINESS AWARDS

FINALISTS

BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

SOLE TRADER

- DR SASHA HALL
- LOUIS WEBSDALE
- SUE MILLS

HALL & CO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE
WEBSDALE LTD
CURLY CLOUD ART / CURLY CLOUD FACE PAINTING

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HOSPITALITY

- BONNIES CAFE
- FIGO
- MALINA PATISSERIE

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- BRENTWOOD A BECKET ROTARY CLUB
- CHICKEN AND FROG BOOKSHOP
- SAINT FRANCIS HOSPICE

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

HIGH STREET IMPACT

- CHICKEN AND FROG BOOKSHOP AND RIDGEWELL & BOREHAM
- NATIONWIDE
- THE BRENTWOOD BUZZ

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Awards

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- DELTA RESIDENTIAL
- ESSEX PRIVATE DOCTORS
- NUCLEAR RACES

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SALES & MARKETING

- ACES ACCOUNTS & TAXATION LTD
- GOWANDERWITHB
- INK DIGITAL

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Awards

CHARITY WORKER

- CAROL DODD
- LIESBETH NEWMAN

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPICE
MARILLAC NEUROLOGICAL CARE CENTRE

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

- MARK MELLOR
- MICHAEL RYAN
- SAM BANTICK

DAISY MUD PIE
INK DIGITAL LTD
SAM'S SWEETS N SHAKES

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

- BEAUMONT HOME CARE
- BUTTERFLIES MONTESSORI SCHOOL
- HOME INSTEAD BRENTWOOD, BILLERICAY & UPMINSTER

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BRENTWOOD BUSINESS
Awards

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

- JAYDEN FRIEND
- MIA BAGOT

CROWN STREET DENTAL
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THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

- CIARA DRUMS LTD
- HANZ AND TANZ
- NUCLEAR RACES

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Meet the Committee



We're excited to introduce our new Chamber Executive Committee member, Phil Scott.

What is your role on the Chamber Committee?

I help run the Chamber's Business Breakfast meetings alongside my good friend Steve Roach from [Phoenix FM](#). Together, we're focused on creating a welcoming, productive environment where local businesses can connect, share ideas, and build lasting relationships.

Tell us about your current job.

I'm the co-founder and Director of [Green Tornado](#), a Brentwood-based digital agency. We specialise in building websites and providing local SEO services to help businesses get found online.

We also offer graphic design, print services, business stationery, brochures, NCR pads—you name it. Whether online or in print, we help businesses present themselves professionally and effectively. In a nutshell, we help businesses get more business.

What do you like about Brentwood?

Brentwood has a strong business community. There's a real sense of entrepreneurship here—lots of driven business owners and a good mix of B2B and B2C opportunities. The town's location is also ideal, with great connections and a strong local economy that makes it a great place to grow a business.

What was your first job?

I started on a Youth Training Scheme (YTS) at the Woolwich Building Society when I was 16. I was earning the princely sum of £40 a week.

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

Like many kids, I went through a few phases—astronaut, dolphin trainer... anything that seemed exciting at the time. I've always been driven and creative, so it's no surprise I ended up running my own business.

Who do you admire in the business world?

I admire local business owners who've been around for years and built something that lasts. It's not easy navigating the ups and downs of business, but those who stay the course and continue to adapt really earn my respect.

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

I've not had a formal mentor, but I've learned a great deal from people I've met over the years. The best advice I've taken on board is to build relationships, stay consistent, and always deliver on your promises.

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

Get involved in a good networking group. When you're just starting out, being surrounded by other business owners can be a big help. I joined one over 20 years ago and still work with some of the people I met back then—including my accountant.

How do you handle setbacks or frustrations?

Try to keep perspective. Business is full of highs and lows, and I've learned not to let either one throw me off course. Stay focused, keep moving forward, and trust that things tend to balance out over time.

What are your hobbies and interests outside of work?

I enjoy live music and spending time with friends. I also like supporting local venues and events—it's a great way to unwind and stay connected with the community.

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

Anton Newcombe from The Brian Jonestown Massacre. He's an incredibly creative individual who's taken an independent approach to his work and stayed true to his values. I think there's a lot to learn from people who carve their own path and stick with it.

Workshop:

CPR Familiarisation by SADS UK

Thursday 4th September

If you would like to know how to do CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and/or use a defibrillator in the case of an emergency, please join [SADS UK](#) for a workshop on Thursday 4th September between 6pm – 7pm at the Holiday Inn.

SADS UK (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) is a National Cardiac Charity based in West Horndon, Essex. SADS UK provide Defibrillators, Cabinets and Bleed Kits throughout the UK. The Charity supports and offers counselling to people who have been sadly bereaved and affected by SADS. They support those who have been diagnosed, living with an inherited cardiac condition and those who have witnessed and/or performed CPR.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Speed Networking

Wednesday 1st October



Looking for a better way to network? Our Speed Networking events, a partnership with [Brentwood Borough Council](#) at the [Old Brentwood's Club](#), prove to be incredibly popular. Participants find them invaluable for building networking confidence, discovering new business connections, and finally putting faces to the names they knew.

Speed Networking is your chance to meet numerous professionals efficiently. The structured approach takes the guesswork out of introductions, ensuring you connect with plenty of people in a short amount of time. Enjoy complimentary tea and coffee when you arrive, and feel free to stay for relaxed, informal networking at the bar after the main event.

Mark your calendar for our next session on Wednesday 1st October. It's the perfect opportunity to step out of the office, re-energise your networking efforts, and grow your professional community. We can't wait to see you there!

[BOOK HERE](#)

Brentwood High Street Closure

15 September - 27 October 2025

[Cadent](#) are upgrading the old metal gas pipes along the High Street in Brentwood from 15 September 2025 for six weeks until 27 October 2025. The work on the High Street will be completed under a full road closure from Crown Street to St Thomas Road. The High Street will be open for pedestrians at all times and access to businesses for deliveries will be maintained throughout.

If you have business deliveries, please speak to a member of their team on-site and they will be able to accommodate these for you. You'll receive a further letter to confirm if your gas supply will be interrupted and Cadent will confirm the exact date/s of interruption with you 48 hours before.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Welcome to Our New Members

Sharon De Torres Photography



Freelance commercial photographer based in Brentwood, Essex and east London. Portraits, fashion, beauty, branding and events. Founder of Diva Photoshoots a premium, milestone editorial photography experience aimed at ladies in and around Brentwood with no modelling experience. All post production work is done in house to ensure quality of final images (editing, retouching, colour grading).

Beaumont Home Care



Beaumont Home Care is a privately owned domiciliary care company providing high-quality, person-centred care across Brentwood, Basildon, Chelmsford, and surrounding areas. We are known for delivering exceptional hourly, overnight, respite, and live-in care with old-fashioned family values at our core.

Member's News

Rotary Club of Brentwood

Bring Christmas Magic to Brentwood

As the festive season approaches, the [Rotary Club of Brentwood](#) is once again preparing to bring joy and community spirit to our town through the cherished Christmas Campaign—and they warmly invite your business to be part of it. This campaign is more than just festive fun, it's a vital fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds go directly to local charities and community initiatives, supporting those most in need during the winter months and beyond. There is a range of sponsorship opportunities to suit businesses of all sizes.

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Bennetts Funerals

Smashing the Stigma: Sunday 8th September

An afternoon entitled 'Smashing the Stigma' will run on 8th September from 1pm - 4.30pm at the Butterfly Meadow Hall Lane, Shenfield, CM15 9AN. As part of National Suicide Prevention Week, this event will be held for those who have lost loved ones, friends or colleagues to suicide.

The original idea of Smashing the Stigma came about after a local minister contacted [Bennetts Funerals](#) about working together on an event following a death by suicide within their family unit; this was the trigger they needed as they had wished to confront this tragic subject for some time.

[MORE INFO](#)

Attract & Engage

Podcast & BizzFest Discount

[Attract & Engage](#) are always on the lookout for new people to feature in future podcast episodes with interesting stories & successes, Chamber members are invited to email recommendations to info@attractandengage.co.uk

In the latest episode of Made in Essex, Jill Willis sits down with Rebecca Rickwood, founder of Gement, to explore how the organisation is helping to reshape perceptions of construction, make space for underrepresented talent, and build a culture where people feel they truly belong.

[LISTEN HERE](#)

Jill is going to be speaking at BizzFest 2025, a new business festival launching in Essex. She is offering all Chamber Newsletter readers a 10% off discount code >> Code: JILL10.

Upcoming Chamber Events

3 September Wednesday	Business Breakfast Brentwood School	BOOK HERE
4 September Thursday	Workshop : CPR Familiarisation by SADS UK Holiday Inn, Brentwood	BOOK HERE
1 October Wednesday	Speed Networking Old Brentwoods Club	BOOK HERE
8 October Wednesday	Business Breakfast Barnyard Cafe	BOOK HERE
10 October Friday	Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony Stock Brook Manor	BOOK HERE

Upcoming Member's Events

7 September Sunday	REACH Family Fun Day	MORE INFO
13 September Saturday	Bennetts Funerals Smashing the Stigma	MORE INFO
9 October Thursday	Brentwood Borough Council Brentwood Jobs, Skills & Health Event	MORE INFO
24 October Friday	Marillac Neurological Care Centre Musical Bingo Night	MORE INFO
5 December Friday	Marillac Neurological Care Centre Meet the Marillac	MORE INFO

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