

Consider Entering The Brentwood Business Awards in 2026

“Winning both the Customer Service Award and the Business of the Year Award has been an incredible honour and a huge boost for our team. These awards are a true reflection of our team’s dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork, all of which drive our continued success.” Sam Alexander, Manager, Nuclear Wild Forest.

Consider entering the Brentwood Business Awards this year. You could win too! It’s open to individuals, companies and organisations of all sizes and sectors as long as you are based in, or doing business in, the Borough of Brentwood.

Reasons to apply

- **Free Publicity** on social media and in the local press. Consider the impact that placing the phrase ‘award winning’ could have on your PR and marketing efforts.
- **Opportunity to reflect on your achievements.** It can spark ideas for taking your business to the next level.
- Help you **benchmark your business** against your peers both locally and nationally.
- **Free to Enter. You have nothing to lose.** Just being shortlisted for the final is a remarkable achievement and it could lead to local success and recognition.
- Shortlisted finalist are offered a **free place to attend the awards ceremony**, which is always a fantastic evening.

Applications open in March 2026 so keep an eye on our website and socials for the opening date.



Nuclear Races wins the Business of the Year 2025 award.

Save the Date: Brentwood Business Awards 2026 Launch

Thursday 26th March



2025 Brentwood Business Awards Ceremony

We are excited to announce that the official launch event for the Brentwood Business Awards is just around the corner.

Join us for an evening of networking, inspiration, and celebration as we kick off the most prestigious event in the local business calendar. This will be an exclusive first look at this year’s award categories and a chance to connect with Brentwood’s leading businesses.

Whether you represent a seasoned local business or run a rising startup, the launch event at FIGO Loft Bar is the perfect opportunity to learn how you can get involved and showcase your success.

We can't wait to see you there and start the journey toward celebrating the best of Brentwood business. Keep an eye out for details about registration for this event.

Member spotlight

Julien Pritchard - Partner, Pinney Talfourd Solicitors



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Pinney Talfourd Solicitors

Tell us briefly about your business and how long you have worked there?

Pinney Talfourd is a full service law firm located in Upminster, Hornchurch, Brentwood and Chelmsford. We now have around 120 employees (but increasing by the day), 77 lawyers and 16 partners. We have an extensive private client team dealing with

wills, probate, estates and trusts and a tier 1 legal 500 family department with one of the largest teams in Essex. We cover all areas of law (including conveyancing and general litigation) save for immigration and criminal work.

What is your role in this business?

I am a partner who heads up the commercial team dealing with commercial property and company and commercial transactions.

How long have you worked there?

I joined Pinney Talfourd in 2011 and became a partner in 2014. I will have been at Pinney Talfourd for 15 years this year.

What was your first job?

My first job was working in a dairy in Sible Hedingham working on the factory floor dealing with the packaging of milk and dairy products.

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

Sadly, I wanted to be a solicitor from quite a young age. I believe I started out wanting to be judge but thought the wig would be itchy.

Who do you admire in the business world?

I think I would have to say Bill Gates who made Microsoft a tool we all use every day, however, I have admiration for anyone who has the vision to see a niche or gap in the market and the drive to fill it.

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

I have benefited from guidance and advice from a number of great solicitors over the years in a number of firms. It may be cliched but I also need to recognise my parents for instilling a work drive which has got me where I am.

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

Have a clear vision and a solid business plan. Network effectively with people who can further your objectives. Every day is a school day, be open to new ideas and trust your instincts, if it sounds too good to be true it almost certainly is!

How do you handle setbacks or frustrations?

Take a deep breath and work the problem. Break it down, prioritise and do one job at a time and do it well.

What are your hobbies and interests outside of work?

I am a geek at heart and enjoy sci-fi, fantasy and gaming. I also belong to a local amateur dramatics group working strictly backstage on the technicalities of putting on a show. I have been the Assistant Stage Manager on several productions. I also enjoy shooting both air-rifles and shotguns, a hobby I enjoy with my son.

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

I think it would have to be Robin Williams, what a roller coaster that would be!

Workshop: How to Shoot Reely Good Reels

Wednesday 4 March

Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

Workshop

HOW TO SHOOT 'REELY GOOD REELS'

Presented by
James Garrett 



Learn how to make your videos for your socials look and feel more professional with some simple tips. Join James from [HNE Media](#) as he takes us through various camera techniques to take your reels to the next level. This will be hands on so bring your phone!

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Success at Breakfast

At our recent Business Breakfasts, we've been actively encouraging members to collaborate more effectively by introducing referral and 1-to-1 request slips in place of the second round of verbal referrals.

This small change has streamlined the meetings, kept the energy high, and made it easier for members to connect with the right people.

At our last breakfast at Brentwood Theatre alone, we documented 16 referrals and 1-to-1 meeting requests, showing that the room is genuinely working together, not just networking for the sake of it.

It's a simple but powerful way of turning conversations into real business opportunities.

Join us for Breakfast

Wednesday 4th February - SOLD OUT!

This month, we're serving up breakfast at SNAP. We, again, have had a fantastic response to this month's Business Breakfast and are now completely sold out.

Wednesday 4 March

If you'd like to join us for our March breakfast at Mason's Restaurant, please book early to guarantee your place. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our Business Breakfasts, this is a great chance to connect, collaborate, and grow your local business in a professional and welcoming environment. Both members and non-members are welcome. We're looking forward to seeing you there..

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Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

MASONS RESTAURANT

MEETING
Weds 4th March
7.30am-9.30am



Join us for the
March Business Breakfast at
Masons Restaurant, Brentwood

✓ New structure ✓ Open to members & non members

In Memory of Julian Goode



We were very sorry to hear that former Chamber Executive Committee member, Julian Goode, passed away recently. Julian contracted Leukemia a few years ago, and had a bone marrow transplant, which was successful initially, but his health later deteriorated.

After a career in journalism and later social media, Julian joined the Chamber when he started his own Social media business. Being a keen walker, he regularly attended our summer 'Netwalking' events. We are planning to re-introduce Netwalking this summer in Julian's memory. Julian later joined the Chamber committee and was our Newsletter Editor and Social Media Manager from 2017 to 2020. After his bone marrow transplant, Julian went on to train as a mountain walking guide, and undertook a long walk around the UK to raise funds for his two chosen charities, Bart's and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Our thoughts go out to Julian's family. His funeral will take place at 11.30am on Wednesday, 4th February at Brentwood Cathedral followed by a family burial nearby. Afterwards, there will be refreshments at Old Brentwoods Rugby Club to celebrate Julian's life.

Welcome to Our New Members

DM Delights



DM Delights is a family-led, independent coffee, confectionery, and gifting brand based in Hutton, Essex. They offer award-winning barista drinks, indulgent sweet treats, bespoke gifts and cards, and beautifully designed confectionery ranges.

Kelly Caira House of Colour



Colour Analysis Expert and Personal Stylist based in Hutton offering colour and style services from a home studio in Hutton. Kelly works with individuals wanting to elevate their professional image and also offers talks/workshops for local businesses who are keen to develop their staff and provide educational and informative sessions.

Birketts



Birketts is a full service, UK Top 50 law firm. With a heritage spanning 160 years, they have more than 700 lawyers and legal professionals based in Bristol, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Ipswich, London, Norwich and Sevenoaks.

Member's News

Brentwood Council: Brentwood Business Briefing

Monday 9th February



Join us at a FREE networking event that will feature topical updates from Brentwood Borough Council and partners:

- The latest news about the redevelopment of **The Brentwood Centre** and **The Baytree Centre**, including supply chain opportunities
- An overview of budget priorities for Brentwood Council for 2026/27, including business support initiatives.
- An **update on changes to UK apprenticeships in 2026**, including a new focus on digital/AI skills, shorter minimum durations (down to 8 months), more flexible off-the-job training and increased funding for SMEs and younger apprentices.

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Brentwood School: Careers Convention

Tuesday 24th March



Brentwood School

Would you like to exhibit at Brentwood School's annual Careers Convention?

The event offers excellent opportunities for:

- Meaningful networking with other professionals
- Raising your organisation's profile with young people and families
- Engaging directly with motivated students who are eager to learn about future careers

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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. To find out more visit the website at brentwoodchamber.co.uk. If you would like to join the Chamber email us at: office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk

Brentwood Council

FREE Business Workshops

Women's Start-Up Programme: Her Biz

Wednesday 4 and 11 February

This workshop is perfect for women in Brentwood who are pre-start or newly registered (within 12 months). Includes a 1-2-1 with a Start-Up Coach. Open to Brentwood residents and early-stage businesses.

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Marketing for Beginners

Tuesday 17 March

Learn how to identify your ideal customer, craft your brand story, choose the right channels and create a simple plan you can actually use.

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Brentwood à Becket Rotary

Annual Charter Night

Monday 23rd February



Celebrate Brentwood à Becket Rotary's annual Charter Night in style. They are delighted to announce Barry Hearn from Matchroom as the special guest speaker. Dress to impress in jackets, ties, and posh frocks. Gather your friends and fill a table of eight or ten for this unforgettable evening of prestige and storytelling.

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Annual Quiz Night

Saturday 7th March 2026

Calling all trivia buffs! Gather your friends for an evening of fun at Brentwood à Becket Rotary's Annual Quiz Night, supporting SNAP (Special Needs and Parents).

Enjoy a lively atmosphere and their signature "Backwards Bingo" game. Book a table, or two, and challenge your friends. Let's make it a night to remember.

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SADS UK

Valentines Musical Dinner Quiz

Friday 13th February



Celebrate Valentine's Day with a heartbeat. Join SADS UK for an evening of live music, a two-course meal, and a spirited quiz. In the words of Shakespeare, music is the food of love, so let's play on! Your support helps save lives by preventing Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome..

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Upcoming Chamber Events

4 February Wednesday	Business Breakfast SNAP	BOOK HERE
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4 March Wednesday	Workshop: How to Shoot Reely Good Reels Holiday Inn Brentwood	BOOK HERE
26 March Thursday	Brentwood Business Awards 2026 Launch	BOOK SOON

Upcoming Member's Events

4 & 11 February Wednesday	Brentwood Council Women's Start-Up Programme: Her Biz	MORE INFO
9 February Monday	Brentwood Council Brentwood Business Briefing	MORE INFO
13 February Friday	SADS UK Valentines Musical Dinner Quiz	MORE INFO
23 February Monday	Brentwood à Becket Rotary Annual Charter	MORE INFO
7 March Saturday	Brentwood à Becket Rotary Annual Quiz Night	MORE INFO
17 March Tuesday	Brentwood Council Marketing for Beginners	MORE INFO
24 March Tuesday	Brentwood School Careers Convention	MORE INFO

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