

Reef Shares Vision for Major Data Centre in Havering



At our recent Chamber Committee meeting, Reef presented an ambitious vision for Havering: the East Havering Data Centre Campus (EHDCC). Representing a monumental £14.7 billion private investment, this project is set to become a massive engine for local and national economic growth and will start soon.

The EHDCC will deliver next-generation hyper-scale digital infrastructure designed to power cloud computing, AI, and machine learning. The scale of the development promises a profound economic impact, predicting to create 330 jobs per year locally during its 21-year construction phase and establishing 620 permanent, high-value operational roles. Once fully operational, the campus is projected to inject £281 million annually into the local economy.

Beyond technology, the campus champions a groundbreaking "circular industry" model. It will feature an integrated commercial horticulture facility spanning 50,000 square meters, utilising the data centre's waste heat to produce thousands of tonnes of tomatoes and cucumbers annually. The masterplan also includes a 113-hectare Ecology Park, exceeding statutory biodiversity net gain targets.

This major initiative signals immense cross-borough opportunities for our local supply chains and business community.

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AI Workshops



We have partnered with Brentwood Council to bring back David Bell from Simboc to present a series of focused half day sessions on AI.

Workshops in the series will run to October and include:

- **Friday 19th June** – AI for LinkedIn Growth
- **Friday 10th July** – AI Tools for Sales and Lead Generation
- **Friday 4th September** – Smarter Social Media with AI
- **Friday 9th October** – AI-Powered Video Creation for Beginners

For those who attend all the workshops there will be a certificate of completion available at the end of the series.

Brentwood Borough Council have funded these workshops and the Chamber are charging a small fee to cover administration costs.

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Workshop : Men's Mental Health in the Workplace

Wednesday 3rd June



Brentwood Chamber of Commerce

WORKSHOP

MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Stuart Fawcett
from ANDYS MAN CLUB



Wednesday 3rd June
6-7pm
Holiday Inn, Brentwood
£5 Members £10 Non Members

This workshop will focus on the important and increasingly discussed topic of men's mental health.

As awareness continues to grow around mental wellbeing in professional environments, there is a clear recognition that men's mental health remains a sensitive and often under-

addressed issue. Cultural expectations, stigma, and workplace pressures can make it more difficult for men to seek support or openly discuss challenges, which in turn can impact both personal wellbeing and organisational performance.

This workshop aims to provide a constructive and practical space for discussion. It will focus on increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and equipping attendees with tools to better support themselves, their colleagues, and their teams. Topics under consideration include recognising early signs of stress and burnout, fostering open conversations, and creating workplace cultures where mental health is treated with the same importance as physical health.

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Summer BBQ

Wednesday 8th July

BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUMMER BBQ

Join us for a relaxed summer evening of food, drinks, networking and live music.

We'll have Oasis Only, an Oasis tribute band, performing on the night, so bring your work colleagues along and make an evening of it.

oasis only
Oasis Only Tribute Band

DATE
Wednesday 8th July

TIME
6pm-10pm

VENUE
Brentwood Rugby Club, King George's Playing Fields, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM13 2AQ

TICKETS
£30
Includes a choice of burger or hotdog with sides.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

We're excited to invite both Chamber members and non-members to our upcoming Summer BBQ. This offers a perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate summer together.

Join us on Wednesday 8th July at the Brentwood Rugby Club for an evening of food, drinks, networking and live music from Oasis Only an Oasis tribute band. Whether you're looking to catch up with familiar faces or build new local connections, this is an event not to miss.

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Another Strong Turnout for May's Business Breakfast



Photo taken by Tina Wing Business Photography: May Business Breakfast at The Brentwood Kitchen.

May's Business Breakfast saw another excellent turnout at [The Brentwood Kitchen](#), bringing together a broad range of businesses, Chamber members and first-time guests.

With representatives from sectors including finance, legal, care, insurance, media, telecoms, hospitality, website design and charity, the morning created exactly what these breakfasts are designed for, meaningful conversations, new introductions and stronger local business relationships.

It was particularly encouraging to welcome a number of non-members experiencing the Chamber breakfast for the first time, alongside regular supporters and Executive Committee members.

These breakfasts continue to prove that

business networking works best when it is consistent, local and relationship-driven.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to another valuable event.

The next Business Breakfast will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at [Brentwood Town Football Club](#).

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AI Workshops : AI for LinkedIn Growth

Friday 19th June

AI for LinkedIn Growth

Holiday Inn Brentwood
100 St. Dunstons Quay West
Friday 19 June 2022
10am - 12pm

£10 Brentwood Chamber members
£15 for non-Brentwood Chamber members

www.brentwoodchamber.co.uk/chamber-events

Following on from a successful Introduction to AI workshop held last November we have partnered with [Brentwood Council](#) to bring back David Bell from [Simboc](#) to present a series of half day sessions on AI.

The second workshop will focus on AI for LinkedIn Growth. It will cover how AI can help small businesses optimise profiles, create engaging posts, and build consistent visibility on LinkedIn with less effort.

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Welcome to Mayor Nicky Cuthbert and Deputy Mayor Ben Rigby



New Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Nicky Cuthbert.



New Deputy Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Ben Rigby.

We are thrilled to extend our warmest welcome to [Nicky Cuthbert](#), who has officially taken office as the new Mayor of Brentwood and our very own Chamber Executive Committee Council representative, Councillor Ben Rigby, who has been appointed as the Deputy Mayor of Brentwood.

Having a Chamber Committee member in such a vital civic position bridges the gap between local government and our vibrant business community like never before.

Please join us in wishing them both the absolute best in their new roles. We look forward to working closely with them to champion our local economy and take Brentwood to new heights.

Chamber Live Success



More than 40 people attended our recent Chamber Live evening at The Essex Arms, helping launch a new, more relaxed style of Chamber event that combined business, conversation and live music in a social setting.

The atmosphere was positive with members and guests

making connections and enjoying the live performances from Annie Alice and The Six.

The event showed there's a real appetite for networking events that feel more natural and social, where people can bring colleagues, partners or friends and simply enjoy the evening rather than feeling like they are attending a formal business function.

Havering Chamber Showcase

Wednesday 10th June



For one day only, [Havering Chamber of Commerce](#) is taking over the main promotional space inside The Liberty Shopping Centre, showcasing member businesses.

If your business sells products or services to the general public this is a unique opportunity for you.

[MORE INFO](#)

A Space, A Place, A Brentwood Showdown



Chamber team picking up first prize at the showdown.

When an invitation to an afternoon of food, drinks, and team challenges lands in your inbox, how could you say no? The Chamber team had the absolute pleasure of attending a fun-packed showcase for the LGH London Region, hosted by the [Holiday Inn, Brentwood](#).

The day kicked off with welcome drinks, followed by a stunning afternoon tea. Our table unanimously agreed that the selection of sandwiches, cakes, and bubbles was easily some of the best we have ever experienced. Next, we teamed up with GOTO Events for a series of hands-on physical challenges. It was hilariously fun, and we are thrilled to report that the Chamber girls walked away with first place!

The excitement continued back at the bar with a cocktail-making masterclass led by the fantastic head barman, Thomas. To top off an incredible day, the hotel's talented chef treated us to a spectacular "street food feast", spoiling us with everything from gyozas and burgers to curry and a build-your-own salad bar.

We were well and truly looked after. A huge thank you to Kevin Coombes and Sandra Merry for inviting us to such a memorable event!

Welcome to Our New Members

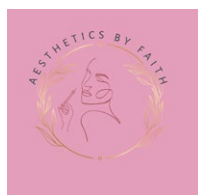
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Business and leadership advisor helping business owners and SLT operate effectively under pressure. She reviews how a business is really operating— leadership behaviours, decision flow, expectations, boundaries and ways of working. She

helps leaders understand how and why they operate as they do under pressure, the impact that has on their people and results, and what needs to change next.

[Aesthetics By Faith](#)



Independent Aesthetics by Faith is a family-run beauty and wellness business founded by Faith, with her sisters joining the business in 2024. Built on a passion for holistic wellbeing, the business combines professional aesthetics with a strong healthcare foundation. In 2023,

the business launched KLL Skincare, a vegan-friendly, ethically produced skincare range. The products are free from parabens and toxins, cruelty-free, and designed with sustainability in mind, supporting environmentally conscious consumers.

Member's News

Matchroom Brentwood Half Marathon Sponsors



The Matchroom Brentwood Half Marathon is looking for new and additional sponsors.

If there are any members of the Chamber of Commerce who would like to be involved in the 2027 Matchroom Brentwood Half Marathon joining Barry Hearn's bandwagon, then

please let Tony know. The entries open on 1st June so if you want to come on board then we need to publicise your support as soon as possible. There are many things that can be sponsored, or if you prefer, a cash input is equally acceptable. Details of your support goes out in newsletters to our database of 25,000 runners, and a link to your website is permanently on the half marathon website.

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or email Tony directly on tonyowenclark48@gmail.com

Brentwood Connected : Brentwood Art Trail

This year's annual Brentwood Art Trail from [Brentwood Connected](#), the Business Improvement District (BID), is set to be the biggest ever, and will take place until Sunday 28 June, bringing a whole month of creativity to Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone.

There will be an official Brentwood Art Trail Pop-Up Gallery located at The Baytree Shopping Centre, open daily from 10am to 4pm, with different artists in residence each day. Free Brentwood Art Trail Event Days will take place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 6 June (Brentwood), Saturday 13 June (Shenfield) and Saturday 20 June (Ingatestone) with artists live in action, more guided tours, musical performances, and interactive activities for all ages.

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Holiday inn : A Space to Watch the World Cup

Join Holiday Inn Brentwood to watch the World Cup live!

Get together with friends, enjoy the atmosphere, and don't miss a moment of the action on the big screen. Treat yourself to a USA-style pizza and a pint of beer for just £20, available throughout the games.

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Chamber AGM

The Chamber AGM was held on Thursday 14th May at the Council Offices. The accounts were agreed and Colin Barber, Paul Mason-Hughes, and Noelle Hones were re-elected onto the Executive Committee.

Please contact the office at office@brentwoodchamber.co.uk if you would like a copy of the minutes.

Upcoming Chamber Events




3 June Wednesday	Business Breakfast Brentwood Town FC	BOOK HERE
3 June Wednesday	Workshop: Men's Mental Health in the Workplace Holiday Inn	BOOK HERE
19 June Friday	Workshop: AI for LinkedIn Growth Holiday Inn	BOOK HERE
1 July Wednesday	Business Breakfast Holiday Inn	BOOK HERE
8 July Wednesday	Summer BBQ Brentwood Rugby Club	BOOK HERE

Upcoming Member's Events

June	Brentwood Connected Brentwood Art Trail	MORE INFO
June - July	Holiday inn A Space to Watch the World Cup	MORE INFO

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