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I hope you had a good Easter break, and have survived the many viruses flying around? As I mentioned in my last edition, this will be my last e-newsletter as a WSEP employee. But fear not, your usual fortnightly bulletin will continue as I continue to blaze a trail in Arun's colours! It will continue to be "Coastal", and even has a proud new link on the Lancing Business Park pages. So keep sending me stories and profiles about what you're up to, and I'll try and keep you informed with what's going on in the Business Parks of Coastal West Sussex.

## New contact details

And on that note readers I need to inform you that some of my contact details will be changing from April 1st (no its not an April Fool - ed!).

My mobile number will stay the same: **07929 030816**

New landline: **01903 713372**

New email: **chris.shephard@arun.gov.uk** (TBC)

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

## Littlehampton Vehicle Crime

In recent weeks, a significant vehicle crime spree has hit the Littlehampton Area. This has been felt on business parks, in residential areas and possibly in the town centre. Thanks to CCTV footage from cameras in Riverside, and other information to police, some of those responsible may already be identified. However, this does not mean it's over. Please assume that it is not safe to leave any vehicles outside when it's quiet or they are out of view, and do all you can to help yourselves until we hear that the perpetrators have been caught.

## London 2012 Business Event Review

Last week Worthing Chamber of Commerce held a very informative and well attended London 2012 breakfast meeting. The focus of the meeting was about how to ensure your business is fit to supply to London 2012 by registering on the new Compete For website. There is further information in the [attachment](#) on how to do this. READ MORE....The guest speakers also identified that once registered, businesses will be in a good position to take advantage of further government contracts in other areas.

It is not just for large contracts, but also for supply contracts all the way through the supply chain. 7 companies in West Sussex have been successful in tendering so far, so why not have a look and see what benefits your business could gain? Visit:

[www.london2012.com/business](http://www.london2012.com/business).

As always with Government documents, the process is fairly intensive. However, for every enquiry that is submitted that does not meet the requirements first time round, Business Link receive an email notification and will be in touch to assist. So what have you got to lose?

## Youth Conference

Yesterday I had the pleasure of being involved with the Arun Youth Conference held this year at the Flintstone Centre, Littlehampton. This was a fantastic event (as it was last year), which has always inspired me and made me feel that our young people are, in general, fantastic. The day was about asking young people how Arun District Council's service areas, such as Economic & Cultural Development, Strategy & Partnership, Clean & Safe etc, involve them... Read More

It generated some excellent new opportunities for these services to involve young people in the work of Arun District Council, ensuring that "Every Child Matters". It also encouraged the young people to think about how they can meet their challenges, Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy & Achieve, Make A Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing, in conjunction with Arun District Councils service areas.

These are our employees of the future. They are very bright, enthusiastic and fun. If you don't already get involved with your local schools, see if you can make the time to do so. I can't recommend it highly enough.

## Lancing BID

Lancing Business Park's Business Improvement District is right in the middle of the crucial voting period, with only 7 days remaining. If you're reading this as a business in Lancing Business Park and you haven't voted, what are you waiting for?! Please visit [www.lancingbusinesspark.co.uk](http://www.lancingbusinesspark.co.uk) or call Mike Botting on 07859 031243 for more information as soon as you can! Voting ends April 7th so don't delay!

## Commercial Property Focus

There is a lot of positivity about Commercial Property in Coastal West Sussex. Don't forget if you're searching for a suitable property to visit WSEP's Commercial Property Database ([click here](#)). Here are some examples of the quality property on offer in Arun & Adur.

### ***Lancing Business Park***

As well as the positive changes a BID will bring to Lancing Business Park, commercial property seems to be following suit. Recently, Steve Berrett at Michael Jones Commercial brought to my attention some excellent developments that have become available including one major refurbishment creating a new Business Centre.

The first is a modern two storey detached office freehold premises. The building has been fitted with the most up to date of business requirements to include air con/heating system, internet/broadband connection, Cat 4 data and voice cabling. The 3750 sq ft is arranged as open plan office accommodation together with boardroom, directors office and front reception area. These offices are available for sale freehold priced at £410,000 and area available due to the expansion of the current occupiers. For further details please contact Michael Jones Commercial on 01903 228602

The second Lancing Business Park property, [The Chartwell Centre](#), is a Business Centre with 10 available units. Agents, Michael Jones Commercial report that having recently undergone major refurbishment, the site provides a series of 3,800 sq ft light industrial / warehouse premises to be fitted with first floor office space. Each warehouse has full height front window fascia for excellent natural light together internally complete with three-phase electric, water supply and WC facilities. Works also include roller shutter door, separate pedestrian door, suspended ceiling and allocated parking. Each unit is approx 3,800 sq ft at a rent of £8 per sq ft. For further details contact Michael Jones Commercial on 01903 228602

### ***Littlehampton - Own Your Own***

You may remember that not long ago I visited the launch of the Own Your Own development in Littlehampton. These quality units are an excellent opportunity for a growing business looking for a freehold investment. You can find out more about these by [clicking here](#).

## LAM Office

LAM Office wanted to tell the business park community that they are an expanding business that has just moved in to Ford, offering "used" office furniture at excellent prices. Please [view their PDF](#) for more details.

## Result of Rustington Prize Draw

As many of the regular readers will be aware, Rustington Trading Estate businesses recently took part in a study to establish whether a Business Improvement District is something that is wanted or needed at the Trading Estate. This study has now been completed and the prize draw (sponsored by Wineware - [www.wineware.co.uk](http://www.wineware.co.uk)) winners have been drawn out of the hat... [Read More](#)

1st prize: **IEC Engineering**  
2nd prize: **Topak Marketing**  
3rd prize: **Precision Products**

Thanks to everyone who took part. The decision on whether a BID might be pursued will be taken at the next Rustington Trading Estate meeting (date TBC). I will send out the report shortly.

## Restaurant Of The Year

Which? Have opened the nominations for the Good Food Guide restaurant of the year. The story is up on the Arun Business Partnership website - <http://arunbusinesspartnership.co.uk/content/view/3220/65> Why not take 5 minutes to nominate your favourite restaurant(s) in Coastal West Sussex. Feel free to vote for any restaurant you'd like - I will be voting for mine, which happens to be in Arun!

And finally have a great weekend!