

# BUSINESS NEWS



Your regular newsletter from Gosport Borough Council

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## 'Gosport Lines' exhibition invites feedback on public art concepts

Businesses, residents and community groups are invited to have their say on bold new concepts for public art installations, interactive play areas, gathering spaces, trails and interpretation along the town's historic waterfront.

The project's aim is to encourage more people to visit existing and new attractions and businesses in the area to help boost the local economy.

The exhibition runs until Monday 30 September at Gosport Discovery Centre in the High Street and is also available on the council's website.

[Find out more](#)

## Plan to turn bus station into welcoming public space

The existing bus station building is proposed to be demolished this November to enable the council to provide both residents and visitors a greater public space and an enhanced gateway entrance into Gosport.

The site will be incorporated into the new 'Peoples Park' development, which proposes a bandstand area, office space, food and drink concessions, alongside the new bus service station and taxi rank. Proposals for the cleared site will form part of a separate planning application.

Find the planning application by clicking on the council's online planning portal and searching with the reference number **24/00278/DEMO**

[View planning application](#)

# Community ambassadors improving town centre safety



Community ambassadors are patrolling The Falkland Gardens and the town centre to improve safety for businesses and residents.

They are employed by the council via funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to help reduce anti-social behaviour, work with police and other agencies, and proactively engage with the community.

[Find out more](#)

# Free mentoring for start-ups and small businesses

The Council has a partnership with Business South to offer its Enterprise South service to start-up and small businesses.

A wealth of support and guidance is on offer from free 1-2-1 advice and mentoring sessions. Discussion topics include business plan reviews, external funding sources and marketing techniques to grow your business.

[Request support](#)



## Scale your business - Hampshire Growth Hub

Are you looking to start, grow or scale your business? The Hampshire Growth Hub is on hand to help you. It can provide one-to-one tailored business support, focusing on your growth plans and priorities. Whether you need help with marketing, finance, bid writing, exports or investments, the Hub is here to help.



## Free digital skills courses available

Spaces are still available on the free Digital Accelerator Programme for businesses. It's for both established and start-ups, who will receive dedicated training to understand the digital technologies available to expand their businesses. You'll get dedicated training and mentoring from

Get in touch by emailing [growth.hub@hants.gov.uk](mailto:growth.hub@hants.gov.uk), call 0330 124 2068 or visit the website:

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