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Wednesday 8 October 4-8pm
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SHOWCASE TIMETABLE

- 4pm Showcase Opens**
- 5:15pm Cllr Sue Ospreay, The Worshipful Mayor of Havering**
Officially opens the Showcase
- 5:20pm Welcome from Mark Dover** Nation Radio
- 5:25pm Welcome from Janet Smyth**, Chair of the Havering Chamber
- 5:30pm Graham Williamson**, Havering Council Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration and Chamber Committee Member
How can we help SME's in Havering
- 5:40pm Manzurul Islam**, Partner in Mullis & Peake Solicitors
Unlocking Ai's Potential: Navigating the Promise and Perils
- 5:50pm Julie Frost**, Managing Director, Romford BID
Tackling Safety and Security in Romford
- 6:00pm Nina Eastman Waite**, InkTree Education
Winner of the 2025 Havering Small Business Award for Best Newcomer, sponsored by Havering Chamber
- 6:10pm Natalie Bays**, Centre Manager, The Mercury Shopping Centre
- 6:15pm Spencer Hawkin**, General Manager, Lumiere Cinema
- 6:20pm Canape and Drinks reception**
- 7:30pm Business Card Raffle** to win an advertising package from The Havering Daily worth over £2,340.
- 8pm Showcase closes**

All times are approximate

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am delighted to welcome you to our 2025 Havering Chamber annual Business Showcase.

Our hosts this year; Lumiere Cinema and Mercury Shopping Mall have given us the scope to increase our number of exhibitors and provide a fantastic opportunity to showcase to the public as well as fellow businesses. We're also offering an amazing advertising bundle from the Havering Daily for the lucky winner of our business card draw.

As a team we are always looking to develop the Havering Chamber; this year has seen the launch of the Chamber's Women in Business events. Executive Chamber members, Carol Hussey, Julie Frost and Laura Streets have taken the lead on this and what a great success it's been!

Vice Chair Bob Clark, has supported and orchestrated various initiatives, including the Active Member loyalty scheme programme, members directory and taken a lead role in the extensive arrangements for today.

Our membership continues to grow and we are seeing that reflected in increased attendances to our networking events; we attracted over 60 people to our June event at Palms Hotel!

Executive member Ian Gorsuch continues to arrange our monthly breakfast meetings which this year included a joint event with our neighbours at the Brentwood Chamber. A fabulous event with Barry Hearn as our entertaining Keynote speaker.

It's also our pleasure to sponsor Havering Small Business Awards for the fourth year. The event develops each year and champions small independent businesses within the borough. It was fantastic to see businesses flourishing and receiving public recognition for their services and products. We were delighted to award our Best Newcomer award to InkTree Education and look forward to welcoming them to the Chamber business community.

Thank you for joining us and I hope you enjoy our exciting timetable of speakers, exhibitors and, of course, free hospitality!



Janet Smyth, Chair, Havering Chamber



InkTree Education is a small business with a big heart.



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The Havering Chamber of Commerce was founded following the merger of the Romford Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Hornchurch Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the late 1980's. It is believed the Romford Chamber was founded pre-war whereas the Hornchurch Chamber was founded in 1946.

The borough has seen significant economic changes over the decades and the Havering Chamber has adapted to the evolving business landscape. Today, the Chamber remains an influential organisation, representing a diverse range of businesses across various sectors. It continues to provide invaluable support to its members through networking opportunities, business advice and advocacy.

As the borough of Havering continues to evolve and embrace new economic challenges, the Havering Chamber stands as a testament to the resilience and vitality of the local business community. Its mission remains to promote a positive, balanced, vital economy and preserve those unique qualities that are good for business and good for the community so making Havering a special place in which to live and work.

The Chamber is not funded to employ any full or part-time staff so is managed on a day-to-day basis by an executive Committee comprising volunteers from a range of Havering based businesses and organisations.

The Havering Chamber is affiliated to the London Chamber of Commerce & Industry many of their services are available to members of the Havering Chamber some without charge and others with discounts. The Chamber is also part of London's Local Chambers business network.

NETWORKING WITH THE CHAMBER

Havering Chamber runs a monthly networking meeting on the last Wednesday of every month which we try to hold on the premises of a Chamber member allowing them to tell everyone a little about their business and show first hand where and how they work.

In 2025 we have enjoyed some unusual venues including The Hop Inn, Romford Job Centre, Bedfords Park Visitor Centre and Anytime Fitness.

Our meetings are free to members and we welcome visitors for a nominal fee. They provide a great opportunity for Havering businesses to get together and network.

You can see a gallery of all this year's meetings and upcoming meetings on the Chamber website.



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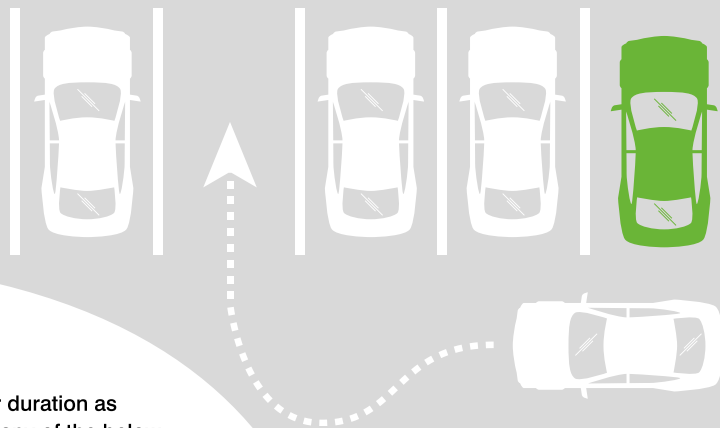
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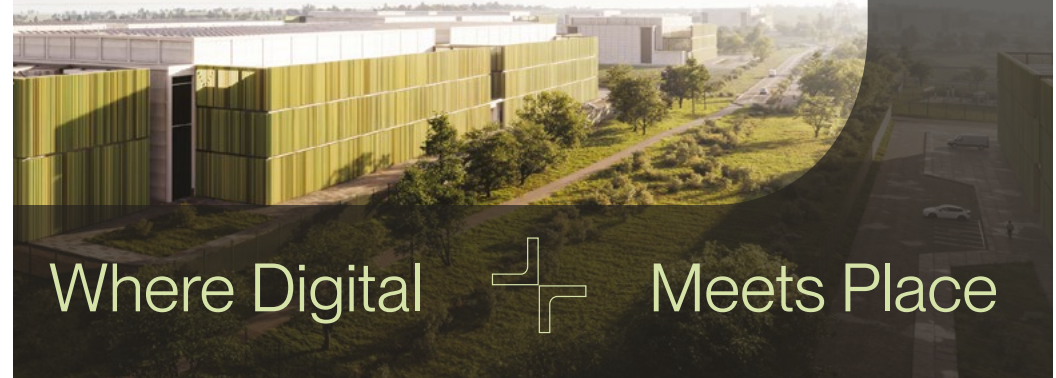
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