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BUSINESS NEWS



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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Marine Tech Expo announce their exciting programme**
 - **MTV: Ocean City Sounds host incredible live music concert**
 - **Massive jobs boost for Rittal as turnover increases**
 - **Five new Premier Inn hotels planned in region**
 - **Kawasaki creating more jobs as sales soar**
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NEWS



Marine Tech Expo announce exciting programme timetable

The event programme features 34 high profile, inspiring speakers, including international keynote Ralph Rayner, non-executive chairman of Sonardyne International; Michael Jones from USA's biggest Marine Cluster, The Marine Alliance; and Chris Langford of Thales Group, which recently relocated Plymouth for its unrivalled location for deep water access. Find out more, [click here](#) to book your tickets [click here](#)



MTV Presents: Ocean City Sounds taking over Plymouth Hoe this summer

Please can you share the event details below in your staff communication and across any social media channels where possible. On 26 and 27 July, Plymouth Hoe will host two nights of incredible live music in a new open-air music event, MTV Presents: Ocean City Sounds. Buy your ticket online now: www.theticketstore.co.uk/oceancitysounds or find out more at: www.oceancitysounds.co.uk



GDPR

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Five new Premier Inn hotels planned for Cornwall and Devon that could create 170 new jobs

Five new Premier Inn hotels are to be built in Cornwall and Devon this year as part of a multi-million investment by Costa coffee owners Whitbread, which could create more than 170 new jobs. Find out more, [click here](#)

Plymouth factory Kawasaki to create more jobs as sales hit £54m



Huge Kawasaki plant looks to recruit and invest as demand for its pumps and motors soars. Plymouth's huge Kawasaki factory is creating jobs as it expects sales to jump by £4million in 2018. Find out more, [click here](#)



Massive jobs boost for Plymouth as £90m firm reveals its plans for the city

Rittal one of Plymouth's leading manufacturers already has 500 workers - and it needs more as it expects turnover to reach a record £90million. Find out more, [click here](#)



Drake Circus Leisure

Find out about the latest work carried out at the exciting Drake Circus Leisure. Find out more, [click here](#)



Digital Skills survey for businesses – what is important to your enterprise?

Please complete this short survey, to help us to better understand your Digital skills needs and knowledge. The survey is for the businesses in Devon, Plymouth, Somerset, and Torbay and the results will inform the planning of future training in this area and thus help our businesses to adapt and compete in the future. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete and your response can be completely anonymous. There will also be an option to get involved in similar work with the LEP and its partners, as we develop our Digital Skills Partnership in the coming months. Thank you for your help. <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=152604297103>



New Productivity Strategy for the HotSW area

Representatives from 23 organisations across Devon and Somerset agreed steps to drive up productivity at the first meeting of the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Joint Committee on Friday 23 March. The inaugural meeting of the Joint Committee unanimously endorsed the Productivity Strategy that has been taking shape over the last two years and aims to double productivity over 20 years. The Strategy is now live. To view the Productivity Strategy [click here](#)



UK among world's top economies to embrace industrial automation

The UK is one of the world's top-ranked economies in its preparations for smoothly integrating intelligent automation; the UK is ranked seventh, according to a new report. Find out more, [click here](#)



The Herald Business Awards 2018

All 15 award winners are named at glittering ceremony. Leading figures from the worlds of education and construction have been honoured at the Herald Business Awards 2018 for a lifetime spent bolstering Plymouth's economy. To find out more, [click here](#)



Sustainable travel grants

Organisations in Plymouth can now apply for up to £5,000 for schemes to make it easier for their staff to travel to work either by bike, on foot, or by bus. Match funding of up to £5,000 is being made available through Plymouth City Council's Plymotion at Your Workplace programme, to provide facilities or initiatives to encourage employees to leave their car at home, and make the switch to greener modes of transport. Find out more, [click here](#)

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Heart of the South West Growth Hub Business Review Available

Eligible businesses can now access a fully funded one to one advice session with an external Business Adviser through the Growth Hub. The service provides you with an opportunity to speak to an expert adviser about your business and growth ambitions.

For your local Growth Hub details [click here](#)

FREE Mentoring Support to Grow Your Business in the Region

The Growth Support Programme is an EU funded support package for ERDF Eligible businesses based in Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay. The programme offers an initial 3 hour diagnostic to businesses wishing to grow or expand. Find out more, [click here](#)

Test your Innovation and Start-Up Ideas

The One Stop Ideas Shop provides practical a forum for individuals to talk through their inventions/business ideas in a confidential setting, receive face to face expert guidance to enable them to understand how to protect them and explore any potential for business opportunity. Find out more, [click here](#)

Help to grow your business through collaboration and innovation

Knowledge Transfer Partnership is the programme that supports innovation and promotes business growth, (part funded by Innovate UK) provides resources and expertise to thriving organisations who wish to innovate, expand or improve their competitiveness and productivity. Find out more, [click here](#)

Plymotion at Your Workplace - Free Adult Cycle Training , cycle groups and Walk and Talk

Free Adult Cycle Training , cycle groups and Walk and Talk. Plymotion is working with companies to promote sustainable travel and encourage staff to be more active on their journey to work. Plymotion at Your Workplace is a free programme which helps encourage sustainable travel for the daily commute . There is a range of initiatives on offer including free adult cycle training, bike maintenance, walk leader training and travel plan management tools. Why not have a look at our web pages and our latest business newsletter which you can find [here](#). If cycling in a group why not have a look [here](#). If walking is more your thing- here's the latest Walk and Talk programme [here](#). For more information email Plymotion@plymouth.gov.uk

Weekly Roadworks Roundup

Get notice of all planned roadworks in the Plymouth area. To subscribe to the weekly email [click here](#)

International Trade

Looking to overseas markets to grow your business is a big decision for any size business. To support you in your growth plans Devon Chamber offers International Trade advice and support, via our International Trade team and our involvement in [Devon International Trade Forum](#). Find out more, [click here](#)



Grants for charities to develop websites and Facebook advertising

Transform Foundation aims to encourage investment in digital technologies, skills and marketing in the charity sector. Offering grants to charities (with annual revenue between £350,000 and £30million) to develop websites and advertise through Facebook. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE: On going

Horizon 2020: EU Research Programme

EU funding for large-scale, international collaborative research projects. New work programme for 2018-2020: UK businesses, universities, public bodies, charities and healthcare providers can still participate. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE: On going

Horizon 2020 Live longer, better, healthier: new innovation funding

£300 million from the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund will support our ageing population, with opportunities for businesses and researchers to work together. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE ongoing

Project: Responsible pharMacy practicE and societY (REMEDY)

University of Portsmouth, UK are looking for funding partners. This project is about Specific Objective 3.2 - Enhance and protect coastal and transitional water ecosystems "pioneer utilising the role of the pharmacist to manage the impact of pharmaceuticals on the environment." They are looking for potential partners defined as: Universities, research institutes, professional pharmacy organisations, commercial pharmacy organisations, pharmacy businesses, organisations involved in environmental toxicology, socioeconomic aspects of health and illness, public health and antimicrobial resistance. Please telephone Helena Herrera of University of Portsmouth on 00(44)2392845665 or email Christelle Pereira - Interreg facilitator on christelle.pereira@norfolk.gov.uk

START DATE October 2018 DEADLINE Spring 2023

Funding Project: WHE-STORVAL (Waste HEat Recovery, STOrage and VAlorization) [provisional]

University of Picardie, are looking for funding partners. This project is about Specific objective 2.1 Increase the development and uptake of existing or new low-carbon technologies in the sectors that have the highest potential for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. They are looking for potential partners defined as: Professional organisation in the field of energy, SMEs with experience in waste heat recovery and energy efficiency, Industries and industrial areas as heat producers or end-users, Councils with interest in energy transition plan, Universities/R&D centres with research activities related to the above topics. Please contact Dr M. CHADLI on mchadli20@gmail.com or email Agi Musset Interreg facilitator on –agi.musset@norfolk.gov.uk

START DATE October 2018 DEADLINE Spring 2023

Up to £150k grant for local community capital projects

One off grants scheme in 2018 to support Capital projects that will benefit local communities across the UK. Grants range from £30,000 – £150,000. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE 30 June 2018

Government Promotes Agri-tech Revolution with £90m for Transforming Food Production

UK businesses can make connections and find out about £90 million of investment to improve food and farming, as part of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. Find out more, [click here](#)

€2.7 Billion in H2020 Research Funding for Information and Communication Technologies

The 2018-2020 Industrial Leadership Information and Communication Technologies (LEIT) Work Programme covers ICT technology in a comprehensive way, covering technologies for Digitising European Industry, HPC, Big Data and Cloud, 5G and Next Generation Internet. Find out more, [click here](#)

£21m to boost UK's world-class tech sector and spread the benefits across the country

The UK's world-leading tech sector will go from strength-to-strength after plans unveiled today set out a £21 million investment to create a new national network of regional tech hubs in areas across the country, including Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Birmingham. Find out more, [click here](#)



Launch of 2018 Sunny Art Award for Emerging and Established Artists

This fine art competition represents an opportunity for both emerging and established artists to showcase their work and gain recognition for their talents on a global level. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE: 20 June 2018

2018 Chamber Awards - Entries Now Invited (UK)

The Chamber Awards, which celebrate the success and achievements of businesses around the UK, are open to entries for 2018. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE 29 June 2018

The WISE Awards (Women in Science Technology & Engineering)

The WISE Awards is a unique annual event, a special opportunity to recognise inspiring organisations and individuals actively addressing the core concerns of WISE: promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics to girls and women. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE: 29 June 2018

DXA '18 UK Digital Experience Awards

Recognising Digital Excellence and Innovation. Now open for Entries. Find out more, [click here](#)
Awards Finals: Thursday 12th July 2018, Wembley Hilton

Launch of the 2018 Great British Entrepreneur Awards (GBEA)

The annual Great British Entrepreneur Awards are intended to acknowledge and celebrate individual entrepreneurs within the commercial business world. The awards are made in order to boost talent that exists within businesses, rather than rewarding the company itself. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE : 3 August 2018

The 2019 Queen's Awards for Enterprise

Nominations open for The Queen's Awards for Enterprise recognise business performance in the UK. They acknowledge and reward outstanding achievement by companies from across the country. Find out more, [click here](#)

DEADLINE: Wednesday 12th September 2018



Torbay Hi-Tech Forum hosted by Plymouth Electron Microscopy Centre

Friday 25 May | 9.30am to 11.30am | Plymouth Electron Microscopy Centre (PEMC)

The event is open to all companies who are interested in finding out how they could use the FIB-SEM to support new product development or simply gain a better understanding of their materials or components. There will also be an update from Innovate UK on funding opportunities. To book your place please email daniel.newman@tda.uk.net Find out more, [click here](#)

Starting Post

Tuesday 29 May | 5pm to 7pm | Plymouth

The Starting Post is Plymouth's newest business network for the city's growing start-up community, for people with a new business or those thinking about starting up. It is there to support the start-up community across all sectors. Find out more, [click here](#) To register [click here](#)

FOLK2FOLK@ Crunchy Breakfast (Plymouth)

Wednesday 6 June | 7.30am to 9am | Plymouth

Join Giles Cross, FOLK2FOLK CEO as he explains how The Local Lending Movement is helping to build and sustain socially and financially successful rural communities across the UK; something we believe is essential to Britain's pre-and post-Brexit success. Find out more, [click here](#) To register [click here](#)

One Stop Ideas Shop

Tuesday 12th June | 1pm to 6pm | Plymouth

Got an idea? Want to know how to turn it into a business? The One Stop Ideas Shop provides a forum for individuals to talk through their inventions/business ideas in a confidential setting, receive face to face guidance to enable them to understand how to protect them and explore any potential for business opportunity. Contact Plymouth University's Enterprise Solutions. To book email: enterprisesolutions@plymouth.ac.uk / tel: +44 8000 525600. Find out more, [click here](#)

Devon Chamber of Commerce - Devon Business Show 2018

Wednesday 13 June 2018 | 9.30am to 4.30pm | Plymouth

Devon Chamber of Commerce is delighted to announce the return of the Devon Business Show.

To register [click here](#)

Research Conference

Friday 15 June | 9am to 5pm | Plymouth

The 6th Annual Research Conference takes place as we recognise and celebrate all the fantastic research achievements of the Research community here in the South West. Find out more, [click here](#) To book your place, [click here](#)

Marine Tech Expo 2018

Thursday 21 June 2018 | All Day Event | Plymouth

Marine Tech Expo 2018 showcases the vibrant marine sector, inspiring knowledge base, and excellent opportunities for collaboration present in Plymouth and the wider South West. Find out more, [click here](#).

To book your place, [click here](#)

Talking Business @ PL1

Thursday 21 June | 5.45pm to 9pm | Plymouth

Controversial debate and honest opinions are the name of the game at City College's Talking Business, run in partnership with The Herald. The only event of its kind in Plymouth, it enables business professionals to debate key topics that matter to the South West. To find out more and to book your place, [click here](#)

South West SME Regional Roadshow

Friday 29 June | 9.30 to 1.30 | Exeter

Composites UK is bringing its SME Roadshow (supported by the National Composites Centre) to Exeter on 29th June 2018 to cover the South West region. These events are designed to showcase innovations, opportunities for fibre-reinforced composites and business support available to companies in the area. Find out more and book your place, [click here](#)

Plymouth Armed Forces Day - Plymouth Hoe

Saturday 30 June 2018 | All Day event

This hugely popular family-fun event promises a packed line-up We have advertising opportunities within the official event programme, which may be of interest to you. The 32 page, full colour programme is A5 size, with a 20,000 print run, and is also available as a digital guide which will go onto our website [click here](#) and is supported by our social media channels and network of partners.

To advertise your business please email sara.tapp@plymouth.gov.uk

Learn business skills with Prince's Trust Online

Want to gain the skills you need to set up your own business? Sign up to Prince's Trust Online, and learn at your own pace with dedicated support along the way. Join Prince's Trust Online today and learn new business skills through a mix of videos, articles, and interactive content.

To get signed up [click here](#)

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Department for International Trade

This is the central hub for business and networking opportunities. Search for future events and missions; register online and network with fellow delegates.

Find out more, [click here](#)

USEFUL GUIDES

ICO: Preparing for the GDPR - 12 steps to take now

Access the ICO's 12 step plan to ensure your business is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which, despite Brexit, is here to stay.

Find out more, [click here](#)

Information for your Potential Workforce

All you need to know when looking to live and work in Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City. For the online brochure [click here](#) For video [click here](#)

Startup skills made simple

Join other entrepreneurs gaining the skills to start, grow or join a digital business

Find out more, [click here](#)

Made Smarter Review

An industry-led review exploring how UK manufacturing can maximise benefits from increasing adoption of digital technology through a strong industry and government partnership.

Find out more, [click here](#)

PROPERTY



48 Mutley Plain

Size: 2,422 sq ft

Rent: £47,500 per annum

Facilities: Car parking, kitchen facilities, secure storage.

Address: 48 Mutley Plain, Plymouth PL4 6LP

To find out more, please email the agents on georgie.osborne@cbre.com

PROCUREMENT

Plymouth City Council is open for business, so if you are a supplier and want to find out more about how to do business with the Council, please click [here](#).

To find out more about opportunities the Council is advertising, please register with our regional Procurement Portal at www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk. The Portal is used by Plymouth and nearly 30 other Councils across the region to market opportunities in accordance with their local Policies.

If you are interested in selling to the wider Public Sector you may be interested in the following web page:

<https://www.gov.uk/tendering-for-public-sector-contracts> where you can find out more information and search for other Public Sector opportunities through Contracts Finder.

BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Whether you're just starting out, or an established business looking for practical business advice, we are offering free one hour business information, advice and guidance sessions at City Business Park every month for business owners looking to grow. To find out more and to book, please email david.lea@plymouth.gov.uk

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