

# Leading Business Support across the South

Dorset Growth Hub:  
Funded £1.5million in  
Growth & Recovery  
grants.

**GROWTH**  
**3,880**

Businesses assisted  
via grants, advice  
and/or training

**DIGITAL**  
**1,138**

Entrepreneurs/businesses  
supported to streamline  
performance

Inspiring Enterprise:  
200+ budding  
entrepreneurs attended  
digital upskilling courses.

**STARTUP**  
**556**

Entrepreneurs/pre-startups  
supported into business

**ALL  
SUPPORT**  
**5,774**



The Business Hothouse:  
As a delivery partner,  
we have had 100+  
1-2-1 meetings advising  
on available finance.

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# Expert Business Support Programmes Delivering Success across the South

## Supporting Startups

**Be Your Own Boss:** Startup support for unemployed people in West Sussex & South London.

**Dorset Growth Hub:** Offers professional guidance, events and grants to ambitious Dorset SMEs, aspiring entrepreneurs, startups and micro-businesses looking to grow.

**Entrepvet:** Working with EU Partners, supporting new, young entrepreneurs across Europe and developing pan EU startup business training.

**Inspiring Enterprise:** Help and support for those out of work to progress to setting up their own business in Hampshire and West Surrey.

**Inspiring Enterprise Portsmouth:** Helps unemployed people, who have been affected by health issues, set up their own business, find a job, or enrol in a training course.

**Mobile Business Advice:** Pop-up business support for 18–24 year olds, in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole region.

**One Stop Shop:** Interreg Europe programme looking at ways to improve first line business support for startup businesses, SMEs & entrepreneurs.

**Speed You Up:** EU project supporting schools & young people to develop their business skills.

**Starting & Succeeding in Business-South East LEP:** Free online series of business startup courses, 1-2-1s and more in Essex, Kent and East Sussex.

**Sustainability driven entrepreneurship:** EU project to help women gain employment in the digital sector.

**Success to StartUp Tool:** A 5-step online tool to get entrepreneurs started on their business journey.

**WeAreFND:** A new community for young entrepreneurs, freelancers and side hustlers based in Dorset.

## Supporting Digital Capabilities

**Adapting with Digital-South East LEP:** An online programme supporting businesses who have been trading for 1 year plus to adapt their businesses digitally post covid, available in Essex, Kent and East Sussex.

**Digital Accelerator-Solent LEP:** A support package providing expert Digital Accelerator advice to Solent-based businesses affected by COVID-19 & Brexit.

**Digivet:** Working with EU Partners, aims to increase digital skills for new entrepreneurs furthest from the labour market.

**Dorset Growth Hub:** Supporting startups, micro-businesses and SMES with all things digital.

**WOMIN:** Working with EU Partners, aims to increase women's participation in the labour market through digital training.

## Supporting Business Growth

**Aldershot Enterprise Centre:** Cost-effective co-working space and offices for entrepreneurs with free business support.

**Business Hothouse:** Helping SMEs to access finance solutions across the Coast to Capital LEP area.

**Dorset Growth Hub:** Supporting SMEs to grow, increase employment, improve competitiveness and encourage inward investment to the county.

**Everywhere International SMEs:** Interreg Europe programme looking at ways to improve the support available for SMEs looking to internationalise their business.

**Mentor-Net:** Business mentoring and advice for new and established businesses.

**Recover & Rebuild-Solent LEP:** Support package providing expert business advice to Solent based businesses affected by Covid-19 and Brexit.

**Resilience QUICK SCAN Tool:** Helping businesses focus their resources and innovate capacity in an uncertain and challenging future.

**SPEED:** Interreg2 Seas programme encouraging 'Smart Ports'; entrepreneurial ecosystems for small ports.

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