

SHAPING PORTS MOUTH

TRANSFORMING PORTSMOUTH TOGETHER

IMPACT SUMMARY 2025



£750,000

worth of social value
enabled in 2025



BUSINESS

Supporting a thriving business ecosystem



PORTSMOUTH BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE

- Over 500 businesses now registered to PBSS
- 41 current business mentors and 97 mentee businesses
- 242 attendees on free workshops/courses with commercial value of £66,237
- 593 hours of business support delivered

WORKPLACE HEALTH & WELLBEING

- 202 PSA prostate cancer screening tests
- 8 high risk PSA levels flagged for NHS referral
- 2 confirmed prostate cancer diagnoses
- 58 people attended mental health walk and talk events
- 68 people received free emergency first aid at work courses

CRUISE PASSENGER PROGRAMME

- Supported Portsmouth visitor economy
- 35 Cruise call ships visited Portsmouth
- 62 Cruise Ambassadors volunteered at the port
- Delivering 2490 volunteer hours
- Greeting 31,150 passengers
- £52.5 million generated for local economy from cruise ships

CLIMATE READY PORTSMOUTH

- Supported businesses to be sustainable
- 79 attendees at Green Partnership day workshop
- Launched Climate Ready Portsmouth Programme
- Submitted £1.4M lottery bid to support this work



EDU

Equipping their need



SHAPED BY SOLENT

- 2024/25 Programme had 5 students in 7 teams
- Students from 3 SEND schools
- 210 products sold at 2025 conference
- Winning item now being sold
- 2025/26 Programme has 14 teams
- Students from 6 SEND Schools
- 300 products being sold at 2025 conference

APPRENTICESHIP BUS

- 9 secondary schools visited
- 500 students spoke to our apprenticeship
- 79% students said they were interested in apprenticeship

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

- Supported a number of local businesses
- Kier trial of work experience delivered by 5 Shaping Portsmouth Schools
- Bespoke support for The Harbour delivered by 5 Shaping Portsmouth Schools
- Supported UoP CRED interview preparation
- Supported Cowplain School

EDUCATION

people with the skills
and to be employable



6 Special Educational Needs

ools
conference raising £791.43
old in Mary Rose gift shop
involved 112 SEND students in

ools/College units
Shaping Portsmouth

by the bus tour
apprentices
re now inspired to consider an

dership sessions
e project at Milton Cross

arbour Future Project - sessions
portsmouth partners visits
view days
l interview days



COMMUNITY

Making our city a
better place to live



ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

- 23 businesses signed Armed Forces Covenant
- 246 Portsmouth businesses now signed up to the Covenant
- 83 attendees at inaugural Shaping Forces event
- £600 raised for armed forces charities this year

PORTSMOUTH AMBASSADORS

- Programme refresh and relaunch for 2026
- Ambassadors linked to Portsmouth Volunteer Passport
- 186 hours volunteering supporting IOW festival, Victorious festival and Clipper Race

CHARITY SUPPORT NETWORK

- 20 Trustee vacancies filled
- 10 requests for urgent support fulfilled
- 4 laptops and 1 bicycle provided to community initiatives
- Support to collapsing charity with closedown and grant distribution
- MCP project to support marketing of Portsmouth Community Lottery

CHOOSE EMPLOYABILITY

- **Care Leavers Academy** - 2 sets of 6 workshops delivered by partner businesses
- 6 participants from first set – 2 in employment, 2 in work placements, 1 back in education and 1 in volunteer role
- **NEETS** – Actively supporting DWP NEET Zero workshops
- **Homeless** – 1 homeless referral in employment
- **SEND** – Hosted SEND Employers event

SHAPING **PORTSMOUTH** EVENTS

In 2025 we brought more Portsmouth businesses together: Hosted 35 separate events with a total event attendance of 1464 people. Welcomed 26 new businesses, taking Shaping Portsmouth to 83 Partner businesses

2026 Dates

- **Apprenticeship Bus Tour** – 9th to 13th Feb 2026
- **Portsmouth & South Coast Business Week** – 23rd to 27th Feb 2026
- **Portsmouth Business Excellence Awards** – 27th February 2026
- **Enterprise Fest** – UoP, Thurs 19th March 2026
- **Portsmouth Pride Stakeholder Group** – 30th April 2026
- **Spring PBLF** – Thurs 16th April 2026 Royal Maritime Hotel
- **Mental Health Walk and Talk** – Thurs 21st May 2026
- **Portsmouth Pride** – Sat 7th June 2026 Southsea Common
- **Shaping Forces** – Weds 10th June 2026
- **Partner Only Networking** – Weds 1st July 2026
- **Mental Health Walk and Talk** – Thurs 16th July 2026
- **Victorious Festival 2026** – Fri 28th to Sun 30th Aug 2026
- **Shaped By Solent 2026 commences** – 1st Sept 2026
- **Mental Health Walk and Talk** – Thurs 17th Sept 2026
- **Portsmouth Pride Stakeholder Group** – 29th October 2026
- **Autumn PBLF** – Weds 21st Oct 2026 - Portsmouth Grammar School
- **Green Partnership** – Climate Ready Portsmouth – Lakeside, North Harbour Tuesday 18th Nov 2026
- **Portsmouth Pride Stakeholder World Aids Day** – 1st Dec 2026