

# Isle of Wight

The place to do business



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# Space to breathe...

*"It's a great place to hang out and it's really easy to get to from London - I'm here within two hours."*

John Giddings - Solo, Organiser of the Isle of Wight Festival

## Business

Well-known businesses on the Isle of Wight include GKN, Mitsubishi, Vestas, BAE Systems and Gurit.

*"There is a flourishing composites sector on the island, originally born out of its traditional marine industries, but now leading in the development of cutting-edge products for the aerospace, automotive and environmental tech sector."*

Bob Sherwood - Financial Times

The breadth of activity here spans a whole range of sectors including the advanced engineering, marine, aerospace, business services, environmental technologies, tourism and leisure.

## Lifestyle

With over 60 miles of unspoilt coastline and countryside the Isle of Wight offers space to breathe.

The Isle of Wight hosts a range of world-class events. On the water, there's the JP Morgan Round the Island Race, Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week, while for music lovers there is the Isle of Wight Festival and Bestival.

*"The Isle of Wight has a fresh youthful buzz... attracting a new generation of urbanites and romantic weekenders with gastro-pubs, slick hotels and big music festivals"*

Lonely Planet Guide to Great Britain



*"A British brand, created on the Isle of Wight, that resonates with consumers globally."*

Tina Jennings - Global Director, Liz Earle



## Eco-island innovation

The Isle of Wight will become one of the UK's most sustainable areas through resource efficiency and renewable energy generation.

We have already installed one third (60MW) of our target for renewable energy.

The Isle of Wight is at the forefront of the offshore energy revolution. The most powerful commercial offshore wind turbine blade was created here and we have one of the most significant tidal resources in the UK. Over £2M has been invested in the Perpetuus Tidal Energy Centre (PTEC)



## Infrastructure investment

As a part of the Solent Growth Deal the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership and Red Funnel will invest £30m in new cross-Solent infrastructure.

BT and the Isle of Wight Council are investing £12M in next-generation fibre broadband as part of the BDUK programme.

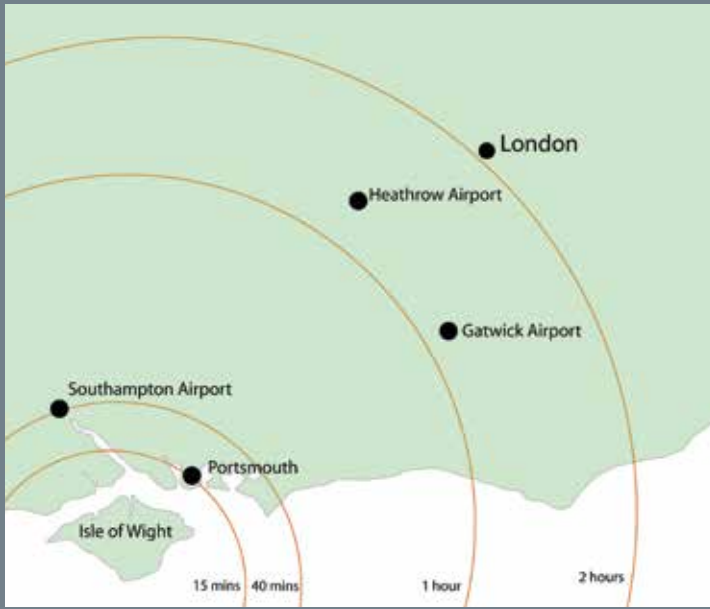
The Isle of Wight College is currently constructing a new £6.5M science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) centre. With the Solent LEP the college also plans to invest £12M in a new centre of excellence for composites.

*"Supporting local employment and investment on the Isle of Wight is part of our ongoing commitment to developing a 25 year partnership."*

Paul Herbert – Director, Island Roads (Highways PFI - £720M)







# Location

The Isle of Wight is located on the South Coast of England with a population of 138,400 and a growing economy.

# Well-connected

You'll benefit from peace and quiet but the Isle of Wight is very well connected. Over 220 fast and frequent Solent ferry crossings every day and London is just two hours away. By October 2015 the Isle of Wight will have 99% superfast broadband connectivity so you need never be out of touch.

# The Isle of Wight - why not...



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