

**Press Release**  
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**Hat trick for Basepoint as Basepoint Chatham wins BCA Workspace of the Year Award  
2011**

Basepoint is delighted to announce that the Basepoint operated business centre in Chatham, 'The Joiner's Shop', has won the prestigious 'workspace of the year' award at this year's Business Centre Association (BCA) Awards, held at London's Park Lane Hotel.



Established over ten years ago, the annual BCA Awards include four categories, Business Centre of the Year, Workspace of the Year, Office Broker of the Year and Trade Supplier of the Year. In all categories, nominations are submitted by clients to the BCA for verification. All the nominations are then sent to the carefully selected judging panel for discussion and they decide upon a winner and two runners up. The 'workspace of the year' award is given to a business centre that has added value to its clients' business, rather than simply providing clean, well managed work space.

Basepoint Chatham first opened in March 2009 and focuses on the needs of small and start up businesses specialising in the creative industries. The centre is currently home to 44 thriving creative businesses, ranging from graphic designers, specialist printers and engravers.

John Luchford, centre manager at The Joiner's Shop, who collected the award, comments: "As a newly appointed centre manager, I was content with being shortlisted along with two other Basepoint centres; Swindon and Newhaven. When the Chatham centre was announced as the winner, it was quite a shock and a huge honour. Winning is testament to all the effort we have put in to ensure that our licensees thrive within a positive environment. I believe in the opportunities and support Basepoint offers to SMEs and this award is something I will share with all of my colleagues as recognition of all of our hard work and determination to succeed."

Basepoint has been nominated for the award every year since 2009 and has successfully won consecutively. The winner of last year's award was Basepoint Ipswich and in 2009 it was Basepoint Southampton.



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Basepoint Business Centres Ltd is the main trading arm of a leading UK grant making charity, The ACT Foundation. All profits that are generated by Basepoint centres are ploughed back into charitable projects throughout the country.

The Joiners Shop is a listed monument set in the heart of The Historic Dockyard providing 1,200 sqm of commercial accommodation, focusing on the needs of small and start-up businesses, particularly those in the Arts, Crafts and Design sectors. The accommodation comprises a range of studios, workshops, office units, virtual office and communal facilities, designed with flexibility in mind which includes gallery space and breakout areas, plus serviced meeting rooms available for hire. All Inclusive rent is available on a two week rolling license agreement giving flexibility for growth or change. Benefits also include 24/7 access, CCTV, site security, on-site management, high speed internet access, free parking, business support, networking along with a stunning location within The Historic Dockyard, Chatham. All of this makes this unique workspace the perfect location for businesses.

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#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

Basepoint specialises in the development and operation of managed business, innovation and enterprise centres. These centres provide comprehensive accommodation and support infrastructure packages to new and early-stage companies within a supportive and secure environment. The company operates both wholly- and part-owned centres as well as managing facilities on behalf of public sector bodies. Group operations currently extend across Southern England and the Midlands, with additional opportunities under assessment across the UK.

Basepoint is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ACT Foundation, a leading grant-making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. The ACT Foundation derives its income from a substantial and diversified property portfolio of which Basepoint is a major constituent.

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