

April Update from Dorking BID

BID Updates

BID updates are being sent out to the community every other week, so businesses are kept up to date with news and developments from the BID Board.

Banking Facilities

Due to the loss of several banks on the High Street alternative methods for businesses and residents to do their banking are being considered. Ideas include a banking hub and banking kiosks.

Future Dorking Project

Initial discussions have taken place regarding the Future Dorking project and how best to take the initiative forward, this includes liaising with businesses and the local community, how the project will be funded and next steps. Priorities will be set along with a timeline to take this forward.

The King's Coronation

The arrangements for the King's Coronation are well underway for 8th May. There will be live music, an interactive town trail map ending with a goodie bag at Waitrose, a sustainability market, a Big Help Out volunteer area, street performances, children's entertainment and bunting and flags around the town. The Community Spirit Award winners will be announced and the designs from the art competition winners will be displayed on the town banners and in the local shops.

Finances

The BID levy repayments to businesses from the previous BID tenure has been discussed in detail by The Board to ensure refunds can be issued. The Board are currently liaising with Mole Valley District Council for the best and quickest way for this to be achieved.

Website Updates

The best way to utilise the Dorking Town Partnership and Visit Dorking websites is being discussed. Both websites need to give relevant updates both to the businesses and people of Dorking, and to champion Dorking as a destination to visit for day trippers and tourists.

Town Safety

Meetings have been held with Surrey Police to ensure businesses within Dorking can deter crime and keep themselves and their customers safe. A WhatsApp group has been created so businesses can liaise and share information with each other.

Mole Valley District Council Update

The next Mole Valley Networking Lunch will be on 25th April 2023.