

November Update from the Dorking BID

BID Levy Collections

The BID is working hard to assist with the matter of businesses receiving, or not receiving, correspondence for payment of the BID levy. Some of this may recently have been exacerbated by the issues with Royal Mail. The BID is liaising with Mole Valley District Council to find the best way to approach this to minimise the impact on businesses.

A Very Dorkensian Christmas Event

The final details for the Christmas event are being put into place, including street cleaning, bins, and volunteers. Four competitions will be running for the event in the following categories:

- ★ Best Decorated Tree - decorated by the local schools
- ★ Best Dressed Person - in Dorkensian fancy dress
- ★ Best Decorated House - judged by Seymours Estate Agents
- ★ Best Decorated Shop Window - judged by the public

BID Conference

The BID was represented at the National BID Conference 2023. Connections have been made with the Surrey BID Group and other BID managers within the Mole Valley and Surrey area, and meetings are being arranged to make connections, share best practice and discuss ideas. Chris Turner, who has previously held the role of Head of BIDs, has asked to visit Dorking. Arrangements will be made for the visit to take place.

Policing

Discussions will be held with other local BIDs to share issues around crime and policing. It is important that the BID does not step into the role of dealing with the crime within the town and there are avenues for proper reporting and recording crime.