

January Update from the Dorking BID

BID Collaboration

The Dorking BID has been in talks with other local BIDs, such as Epsom and Guildford, to discuss sharing information and ideas.

BID Website

The redesign for the website is in draft form with rebranding, video, images and copy being finalised for review. This will be presented to the Board before it goes live.

BID Newsletters

BID newsletters will now be sent out to coincide with the BID levy bills to advise businesses to expect them and to be available for advice should it be needed.

Dorking Master Plan

A new Master Plan for Dorking is being created by Mole Valley District Council. The BID Board are keen to incorporate the work already done on Future Dorking into the plans.

Surrey Hills Enterprises

The BID will be collaborating with Surrey Hills Enterprises at future Dorking events and the 2024 Christmas celebrations.

Business Training

Arrangements are being made for BID businesses to receive training in the areas of first aid and mental health.

BID Committees

The BID will be introducing committees to the structure of the Board to better engage with businesses and ensure areas of work are progressed. There will be four areas of responsibility: PR and Marketing, Tourism, Safety and Sustainability, and Placemaking. Each board member will choose an area to work within. It is also possible that other community members could join the committees, this is currently under discussion.

Pippbrook House

Mole Valley District Council have advised that the contract to renew the roof is about to go out to tender with the work completed in the summer. There are two working groups at the Council, the Asset Working Group, and the Pippbrook Working Group, who are both looking at ways forward with the future use of Pippbrook House. The BID Board discussed possible uses for Pippbrook House and further investigation into ways in which the building can be maintained and kept in use will be progressed.

The Foundry

The building work at the Foundry is entering the demolition phase.

Dorking Halls

Essential works to deal with the ceiling have been agreed and will take place over the summer, during which time the venue will have to close.