

March Update from the Dorking BID

BID Levy Bills

The BID Levy bills will be issued imminently. The BID will be contacting BID members to support them during this period through a campaign of leaflets and emails.

Loyalty Scheme Apps and Local Gift Cards

A number of methods are being looked into to support people visiting and shopping in Dorking. This includes loyalty schemes, discounts and offers, trails and gift cards.

Policing

Surrey Police have informed the BID they are no longer advising the use of the Disc system, despite previously recommending the Board to invest in the technology. The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner is attending the Dorking BID Guild meeting on 3rd April and the matter will be raised. After the March Board meeting, the issue of CCTV with Mole Valley District Council and it was noted that CCTV can be recorded and maintained, however there is a short window for review and storage should an incident occur. The BID are considering different ways this can be addressed.

Christmas Festival

The BID is liaising with Surrey Hills Enterprises and Dorking Halls to discuss collaboration for this year's Christmas festival.

Restaurant Week

To BID are holding a Restaurant Week to coincide with this year's Surrey Day. This will promote and support local restaurants in the area.

Bucher Municipal

The BID has been approached by Bucher Municipal to help support their 100th year of business with a local caterer. An email has been sent out to local restaurants to see if they want to be involved.

UKSPF Business Grants

Businesses in Mole Valley can apply to Mole Valley District Council for grants in amounts from £1k - £15k to help with a range of possible business projects. The deadline for applications is midnight on 5th April 2024. More information, and the online application, can be found on the Mole Valley for Business website.

Mole Valley Employment and Skills Hub

Mole Valley Employment and Skills Hub, managed by Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership, has secured a further year of grant funding to enable the service to continue to develop its offer. A new grant has been secured from DWP to offer a new youth initiative, delivering intensive employment and learning support to young people in 24/25.

Pippbrook House

The contract for the vital repairs to Pippbrook House has been tendered and two planning applications – one for listed building consent and one for planning consent have been

submitted for these works. Officers have finalised a revised Expression of Interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund under the new scheme to be submitted by 26 February 2024.

The Food Float

On Fridays the Food Float will now be located outside the old Barclays Bank as it is on Saturdays and no longer be in St Martin's Walk.