



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

September Update from the Dorking BID

Sinkhole in West Street

The BID is liaising with Hazel Watson regarding the sinkhole in West Street. At this time there is date for the work to be complete, however, any updates will be communicated to BID members.

BID Manager

Jo McGowan will be the new BID Manager and starts on 23rd September. She will get started by meeting BID members, stakeholders and organising the Dorking Christmas event. Engaging with BID businesses on issues surrounding the sinkhole will be a priority.

Christmas Event

A SAG meeting will take place for the Christmas event. Further assessments may not be necessary due to the information already provided. There are currently 58 stalls due to be taking part in the market, which is being organised in partnership with Surrey Hills Enterprises.

BID AGM

AGM is taking place on Wednesday 25th September. Everyone is welcome to attend, however, only BID businesses will be eligible to vote. Refreshments will be provided.

Mole Valley Masterplan

The BID continue to represent Dorking at meetings for the Mole Valley Masterplan, which includes making sure the plans for the Future Dorking project are considered and incorporated where possible. The next meeting is on 12th September.

Mole Valley District Council Networking Lunches

3rd October at Leatherhead Football Club

27th November at Hartsfield Manor, Betchworth

Banking Hub

The current rules for Banking Hub state that if there is one bank in a town, then there will be no banking hub. MVDC continue to monitor the situation and liaise with Link for any updated guidance.

The Foundry and Church Street

On 12th September, Mole Valley District Council are hosting a drop in meeting to provide updates about The Foundry.



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Mole Valley For Business

Mole Valley Business for Business are hosting an event at the Dorking Rugby Club on Thursday 19th September from 9am-12.30pm to advise and assist budding new businesses on initial startup requirements. Please register if you wish to attend.

Pippbrook House

The works at Pippbrook House are ongoing and will take some time to complete. MVDC have applied for a change of use on the ground floor at Pippbrook House for the option to show displaced events from Dorking Halls when it has to close for further refurbishment in 2024.

Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days launch is on Friday 6th September at Crossways Baptist Church. No tickets are available for the launch, but you can find out more at the Heritage Open Days website.

Town Centre Seating

The situation with the sink hole in West Street has raised the issue of seating outside Dorking's cafes and restaurants to attract customers. While there are regulations that govern outside seating, the BID will raise the issue with Mole Valley District Council and with Chris Coghlan MP.