



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## August Update from the Dorking BID

### **Hello Dorking Website**

The Hello Dorking website is now live following a soft launch! BID businesses have been asked to provide images of their business for the site. Those provided are being uploaded.

### **BID Manager**

Kathy Kyle has now finished her tenure as the BID Manager and her replacement will be announced in due course. The Board expressed their thanks to Kathy for the hard work and dedication she had shown during her time in the role.

### **Guild Talks**

The next BID Guild Talk has been postponed until the new BID Manager is in place.

### **Christmas Event**

A SAG meeting has now been requested ahead of the Christmas event. Further assessments may need to be undertaken prior to parts of the event being given the go ahead, this includes the use of St. Martin's Walk car park and the provision for a funfair.

### **Beautification**

Boots has been repainted and the exterior renovated.

The hanging baskets and DTP planters are all in place for the summer season.

### **Litter and Cigarette Bins**

It is reported that litter in town is getting worse, especially with an increase in cigarette butts on the ground. The BID continue to address this with organised litter picks and by looking into the provision of cigarette bins. Mole Valley District Council are currently completing a review of bins in the area and will report back to the board with their findings.

### **Policing**

Talks are being held about the use of radios so businesses can stay in touch with one another while dealing with crime on their premises.

### **Business Support**

The BID has provided support to BID businesses in the following areas: pitching, marketing, finance, reporting and launching.

### **BID AGM**

Documents of the BID AGM to be held in September are being circulated to members prior to the event.



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### **Mole Valley For Business**

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

### **Mole Valley Master Plan**

The consultation is being formulated and will be publicly available in due course.

### **Changing Places Facilities**

The Changing Places toilet is now open and ready for use at the top level of St Martin's car park.

### **Diesel Spill**

A taskforce will be reviewing the impact the road closures have had a (change to) on residents, and Mole Valley District Council have advised that this should also include businesses.

### **Meadowbank Park**

Complaints were received about the level of workmanship on the repairs made to the playground in Meadowbank Park. This will be reviewed by Mole Valley District Council.