



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

July Update from the Dorking BID

Hello Dorking Website

The Hello Dorking website is now live! Work continues on SEO, Google Analytics, optimising the site and migrating email. An audit taking place to ensure all mapping is reflected from the previous Dorking Town Partnership site to the new Hello Dorking site. BID businesses have been asked to provide images of their business for the site to go with their listing for the business directory and provide a range of images for the site.

Mole Valley Master Plan

Mole Valley District Council have set the meeting dates for the continued consultation of the Mole Valley Master Plan. The meetings will be held virtually. A representative from the BID will attend each meeting to ensure the views of the BID and BID businesses are considered.

Guild Talks

The BID Guild Talks continue, and BID businesses are invited to attend. Join the BID on Wednesday 3rd July, 6pm at Ralph James Estate Agents where Surrey Police will be joining the discussion.

Christmas Event

All paperwork for the BID Christmas event is complete. Mole Valley District Council have advised there does not need to be a SAG meeting. Mark Carter will compere once again and there will be a market by Surrey Hills Enterprises and entertainment throughout the day. A digital survey is now available for people to complete regarding the plans.

BID Manager Role

Applications have been received and processed for the role of BID Manager. Candidates have been selected for interview and these will be taking place between 1st – 8th July. When the interviews are complete the BID board will review the candidates and select the most appropriate person for the role.

Vacant Unit Academy

The BID is in contact with the Vacant Unit Academy, an initiative that seeks to match empty premises with businesses to reduce vacant shops on the high street.

Policing

There is still an issue with crimes being committed in town, fake notes and shoplifting are a particular issue. Surrey Police will be at the BID Guild Talk on Wednesday 3rd July, 6pm at Ralph James Estate Agent and businesses are encouraged to attend.



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Partnership Working

The BID are seeking to work more closely with Mole Valley District Council to address issues impacting BID businesses. A partnership approach can help issues to be dealt with more efficiently and to ensure businesses are supported.

Meadowbank Bandstand

A temporary bandstand will be in Meadowbank for the Dorking Halls Family Fun Day. There is the opportunity for a local business to sponsor the bandstand.

Mole Valley For Business

The next Mole Valley for Business Networking Lunch will be held at the Dorking Rugby Club on Tuesday 9th July. Speakers Bex Bolland (Surrey Sustainable Business Network) and Brune Torrente (Surrey County Council) will cover Getting Smart About Sustainability: Saving Where it Matters. Businesses are encouraged to book their place at the event via the Mole Valley for Business website.

Mole Valley Master Plan

Over 60 local stakeholders (representing resident, business, community, faith, volunteer groups, sports clubs and schools) were invited to meetings regarding the Dorking and Bookham masterplans between 15 May and 3 June. From the meetings, the consultants, AR-Urbanism, have collected a list of issues to consider.

The aim is to incorporate and build on previous studies, where appropriate, as well as the findings from the stakeholder meetings. A baseline report will be completed followed by a draft Master Plan followed by a consultation in October.