



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

April Update from the Dorking BID

Town of Culture

A survey was sent out to ask people about culture in Dorking and a good response was received from the public and local community groups. The responses were used to inform the application for Dorking to become a Town of Culture. The application has now been submitted and the towns who have made it to the next stage of the programme will be announced at the end of spring.

A report will be completed to show what has been learned from the application process and consideration given to creating a cultural forum to continue the work started.

Banking Hub

The Banking Hub has extended their licence at Pippbrook House until the end of May. It is still believed their intention is to move to the High Street, and Hello Dorking will make enquiries about location and timeline. There is no plan to have an ATM at the Hub.

Business Rates Meeting with Chris Coughlan

On 14th May at 1:00pm, Chris Coughlan will be at St Martin's Christian Centre to meet with businesses on the subject of business rates. Hello Dorking have been liaising with businesses and encouraging them to write to the local MP to express their concerns. Other ideas include working with an appropriate organisation and creating a petition.

As many businesses as possible are encouraged to attend the meeting so their voices can be heard.

Dorking Halls

Dorking Halls is now closed for further refurbishment. It hopes to open again in December in time for the first performance of the Christmas panto.

There will be events being held at Pippbrook House while Dorking Halls is closed.

Meadowbank Bandstand

Work on the Meadowbank Bandstand has begun. The bandstand will hopefully be complete and ready for performances throughout the summer in June 2026.



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Voluntary BID Members

Hello Dorking welcomes both Kathy Kyle Studios and Revitalise Gym as voluntary BID members.