



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

August Update from Hello Dorking

DISC Training

Six training sessions have been delivered to BID businesses in how to use the DISC reporting system. Police are currently waiting to have their training so the system can go live. The system is not just for reporting crime and can also be used to report incidents of concern or information.

Vacant Units Discussion

Mike Wimble of White and Sons hosted a discussion with the BID Board regarding high streets and vacant units. The discussion centered around high streets more generally, big businesses and how they select towns to open shops in, the growth of the health and wellness sector, and what the BID and the council can do to make Dorking a desirable place to open, including making the town a welcoming place, cleanliness, promoting the town and making sure there are things to do. It was noted that the BID are taking this action already and it was good to have confirmation we are doing the right things and will continue to support where we can.

CIL Funding Application

The BID were successful in obtaining CIL funding to make improvements to South Street Gardens.

New Shops

The Historical Herbologist has opened in St Martin's Walk. They are a shop and workshop space. A smash burger takeaway has opened, as well as Shah's on the High Street, A carpet shop has opened in West Street and the kitchen shop on Pump Corner is also being fitted out.

Bins and Rubbish

There have been some issues with the bin collections recently. This has included vehicles breaking down which has affected the bin collections. Mole Valley District Council are aware of the issue and are making efforts to deal with it. A bin that has been broken for some time on the High Street was reported by the BID and has now been replaced.

Banking Hub

The Banking Hub opening has been delayed to the autumn due to a planning permission application to allow for disabled access to the building.



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