



We would like to say please stay safe and keep to the government guidelines only going out when necessary and if you do go out keep to the rules about social distancing.

We are keeping our web site up to date with the latest information.

If you need to contact us please email cheryl.curr@sidcuppartners.co.uk or call mobile 07758 127643

https://sidcuppartners.co.uk/news_archive/covid-19-update-01-04-2020/

Cancellation of Easter event

We are very disappointed to have had to cancel our Dinosaur event which was scheduled for 19th April .We had lots of early interest in it however we hope to be able to re schedule as soon as it is safe to do so.

Donations and supporting the community

As above we were disappointed to postpone our Sidcup-osaurus event and has already purchased the Easter Eggs for the event. We decided to donate these to the local food bank and hospitals.

https://sidcuppartners.co.uk/news_archive/this-years-easter-eggs/

Barclays Big Dig

Before the onset of the corona virus we had begun to plan for the summer floral displays. This year we planned to make Sidcup even greener and plant to encourage pollinating insects. The first phase of these plans was to remove the grassed area in front of Barclays Bank and replant with a low maintenance and attractive Mediterranean style garden.

We had a volunteer day on Saturday the 7th March with over 30 people attending removing the grass we would like to say a special thanks to the Parents staff and pupils of West Lodge

School along with the GoodGym, Patrick Gray from Bexley Council and Dominic Price from Merton Court

Following on from the clearing we had lots of volunteers ready to help with the planting but due to the current corona virus situation we had to go ahead with limited numbers to maintain social distancing . The plants had been ordered and needed to be planted so we took the decision to go ahead. We will be installing an interpretation board so visitors can identify what has been planted in the near future.



Summer Planting

We have a new supplier this year and have ordered barrier baskets, hanging baskets and tubs to be statically placed to add colour and vibrancy to the high street. We are expecting them to be big bold and beautiful.



Blockbuster up date

Demolition works have taken longer than expected due to complications arisen from the party wall shared with neighbours Acorn. These issues are now resolved and Erith Group are expected to return imminently to complete demolition.

The Council is currently out to tender to appoint a main contractor, they expect to be in a position to appoint in May and start on site in early July. Completion of new cinema and Library remains autumn 2021.

These timescales are the latest we have but due to the Covid -19 situation are obviously likely to be effected.



New Banners with new people

In May we will installing 13 new banners in the core of the high street with another six famous Sidcup people soon to be revealed.

The banners will be accompanied by an explanatory booklet.

Water Fountain

Unfortunately we have had to shut off the drinking fountain next to McDonalds as a precaution to prevent any chance of spreading the corona virus. Hopefully it will not be too long before it will be safe to re install it.

Defibrilators

Sidcup Partner in close partnership with the Local Rotary are paying for two difribulators to be installed for the town. Unfortunately the corona virus has delayed this slightly.

Please visit our web site for news on progress on this project which we hope will be back on track very soon.

Design Competition

would you likt to create a logo which creates a distinct personality for Sidcup Town?

We intend to use the logo as the main feature on a selection of Sidcup branded items which will be available for purchase throughout the town centre. Items for purchase may include reusable water bottles, T-shirt's and tote bags also the logo must be eye catching, visually pleasing and identifiable in various sizes and materials

The logo should be modern, unique and eye catching. We want it to appeal to all residents of Sidcup, particularly our resident student population who attend both Rose Bruford and Bird College.

Examples of great new town logos here;



This new logo will benefit local business, generate income for Sidcup Partners and promote a positive perception of our town.

Fruit and Vegetable Boxes

Sidcup Partners will be offering support to the local community by offering 50 fruit and vegetable deliveries to those who are elderly or vulnerable or currently in self isolation.

50 deliveries are available to DA14 DA15 postcodes and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Please contact us if you are one of these people or know somebody who would currently benefit from a fruit and vegetable delivery to your door from Sidcup Partners so that we can arrange this for you.

Please contact us through social media or at hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk

Items will be left at your door due to current government guidelines and will be a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, please be advised that requests cannot be made and a selection will be delivered.



Bikes

These bikes have been in Sidcup for sometime now, does anyone know who they belong to?
If so please contact us at hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk



#Londontogether

The impact of Covid-19 will be felt by all Londoners in some way, be it direct health impacts, mental wellbeing or loneliness, financial insecurity, supporting loved ones and those in isolation, working on the frontline, or making drastic lifestyle changes.

#LondonTogether will bring together key messages, examples of good will and support that will help Londoners through this; from encouraging people to stay at home, to the promotion of resources that offer mental health support and business support; to messages of thanks for key workers.

We are pleased to support the hashtag #londontogether and would encourage you to support us too.



Bexley ready to pay grants

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the London Borough of Bexley's Covid19 grant schemes for businesses are now live.

There are two schemes – one for businesses in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief and the other for businesses in the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality sectors (including additional categories announced last week). The grants are only for businesses who are in occupation of rateable properties (i.e. are normally liable for business rates).

In order to check eligibility and ensure payments are directed to the correct bank accounts a web form will need to be completed by each business.

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Rainbows displayed across Sidcup

We are delighted to see so many rainbows being displayed across Sidcup.

Share some of your rainbow photos with us, we would all love to see them! Share them on our social media pages or email us at hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk



Armed Forces Day Poetry Book

We were ready to go to publication with this book but unfortunately are unable to secure any orders with the current Covid19 situation. We will update you when we are able to place orders.

Bexley's parks and open spaces

All of the borough's parks and open spaces remain open for now. Children's playgrounds and outdoor gyms are closed to ensure the safety of the public during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please follow the current government and Public Health England advice on social distancing while using parks and open spaces.

Leave a distance of 2 metres or 6 feet between you and others at all times.

If the social distancing guidelines are not followed, we will unfortunately be forced to close parks and green spaces, which will be a real loss, particularly for those who do not have gardens.

Changes to waste and recycling services

Due to the effects of the current Coronavirus pandemic, from Monday (23 March) we will be changing waste service to focus on refuse collection for the next few weeks.

This will mean –

- Suspending the weekly separate food waste collection
- Suspending the collection of garden waste
- Collections of recycling wheeled bins (white lid and blue lid) will change from fortnightly to once every four weeks. Please see our website for further details of collection times.



In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us and stay safe