



Chairman's Latest BID Update – July 2018

Dear Partner,

We hope that you are managing to keep cool in the ever-rising temperatures. You should have received an email from us in line with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) asking to let us know if you wish to continue to be contacted. It would be very helpful if you could respond.

Licence application for new Bar and Restaurant

An application has been received for a new bar and restaurant (the Elephant pub and restaurant limited) Subject to approval the plan is to trade as an authentic Sri Lankan food and cocktail bar. The premises are next to Kaspas in Station Road.



London In Bloom

This year we decided to enter Sidcup into the London in Bloom competition in the BID category. The judges visited on Tuesday 10th July. We have added to last year's displays by having barrier baskets. We were also really pleased that Chez Pascal and Hello Burger had made a great effort with splendid displays on their private forecourts. However, the floral

displays were only part of the judging process, environmental issues were also a judging criterion and we spoke about the number of clean up events we have had. We also spoke about our aim to reduce plastic and our intention to give a local school a bee hive to be used by other schools as a learning resource. We will hear how we did in September but whatever the outcome we will get some feedback which we can use for future entries.



Work Experience

We were delighted to have two students Kieran and Louie from Hurstmere on work experience from 9th July -20th July. Both boys seemed to enjoy the experience which included joining the London In Bloom judges on their visit to Sidcup and participating in a visioning workshop for Bexleyheath.



Training Courses

One of our levy payers recently registered for a three-day first aid course, which was successfully completed. If the course had been booked independently it would have cost £188. We feel that training is an excellent way for levy payers to see return on their levy payment. Please visit the web site to book courses or contact cheryl@sidcuppartners.co.uk if you would like a bespoke course.



Great British High Street Competition

We have entered Sidcup into the Great British High Street Competition

The Great British High Street (GBHS) Awards 2018, which is being run by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, sponsored by Visa and backed by other partners, is recognising and celebrating local achievements on our high streets and supporting the communities in which we live and work. The high street is the life and soul of communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and whether urban, market town or village, all can highlight their achievements by entering the GBHS Awards to be named the UK's best high street. The Awards will also celebrate those individual businesses and people who are playing a leading role in making our high streets special.



Holland and Barrett

As we write this the finishing touches are being put in place at the old Store 21 unit 41-43 High street and the very smart new store will open on Tuesday 31st July. This investment by a national high street retailer is an endorsement of Sidcup as a place to do business. We wish them every success and hope Sidcup residents pay them a visit.



Sidcup Rocks at the Library 17th -18th August

Come and join our big bug line!

Simply paint a rock with a bug of your choice and add it to the line (the more the merrier!)

All bugs can be collected and re-hidden in the community for others to find or keep once the event finishes.

The bug line starts on the windowsill of the Children's reading section of Sidcup Library. For more details visit our facebook page [#sidcuprocks](#)



Macmillan

We have registered with McMillan for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning that will take place on September 28th. We will be looking for Sidcup's Star baker! We are hoping to have tables and chairs on the high street for a great open-air coffee morning and will be sending out more information nearer the time. If you have any ideas or would like be involved please get in touch. We want the high street to be buzzing as well as raising money for a good cause.

Playle and Partners LLP

As part of their ongoing commitment to building a better community, Sidcup based Playle & Partners LLP embarked upon the National Three Peaks Challenge in June. In aid of raising funds for Bexley based Demelza & LinkAble, the Playles team together with clients and suppliers raised over £8,000. The Challenge, set over the course of a weekend involved flying up to Inverness and subsequently scaling the tallest peaks across the UK; Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon and all within a 24-hour window. Despite their best efforts, the weather over the weekend was truly against them but they still managed to complete two peaks and are planning to return to Cumbria to complete the final peak. For an SME of only 35 employees this is a fantastic achievement and has made a huge impact to the service users at their chosen charities. Katherine Cordley of Demelza said, "because of the Playles donation, we can change the life of children with a terminal condition, from diagnosis through to the end of life and bereavement, helping them when we're needed the most." [Playle & Partners LLP](#) is a multi-disciplinary property construction consultancy founded in 1954. With five partners and 35 members of staff now in 4 locations, people are at the very heart of its business whether this be their employees or those that live in the boroughs they operate in. Playle & Partners LLP continuously looks for ways to improve the lives of these people, something that has just been externally recognised by receiving the Gold standard Investors In People Award.

Watering outside Premises

We have spoken to Bexley Council who have made a request that in these very hot temperatures it would be helpful if businesses could water any trees immediately outside of their premises. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

If you have any news or offers that you would like to promote, please get in touch - the website is there to be used for the benefit of all BID levy payers.

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