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BID Update - March 2018

Dear Partner,

Following the recent inclement weather we hope we can now look forward to Spring.

Sidcup Partners Ltd have been in existence for almost a year now and bills for 2018/2019 will be issued shortly. It is important that you know how your levy is being spent so we have noted below a few of the projects we have delivered in year one.

One of our first projects was to launch a website and this included a directory of all our levy payers.

Events we have supported include the first Sidcup Fringe event that took place last June when we worked with Rose Bruford, Bird College and the council. Productions by the colleges took place in the Old Manor House and a range of family activities happened outside on Sidcup Green.





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For the first time in Sidcup we installed poppies on the lamp columns and laid a wreath on behalf of Sidcup Partners on Remembrance Sunday.

We installed Christmas lights and extended the scheme for the first time to include Station Road.

At Christmas we had event that covered both the High Street and Station Road, we provided two grottos for children and the Rotary collected donations.

On Valentines we worked with local groups for the elderly or vulnerable and provided lunches and afternoon tea using local restaurants.





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We have installed seasonal hanging baskets in the High Street Main Road and Station Road. Flower Towers have been added to the scheme to give more impact in suitable locations, we have also refurbished the planters by the former Lamorbey Baths.

We have recently distributed radios to 24 businesses to enhance their security so they can be in contact with each other and give early warnings or alert each other if threatened with violence.

We have offered free Security Bike marking which was well received.

We have had two community clean ups concentrating on the rear of properties not covered by the normal council refuse service and also the open space of the Glades.

We have worked closely with the police and had a very successful project when a group of youths were identified as being on the brink of entering the criminal justice system, a course was put together to explain to them the error of their ways. At the emotional awards ceremony all participants had a more positive attitude.





We have supported the local community through sponsorship such as Birkbeck School annual fireworks event.

We have used vinyl on empty shop windows to promote events such as the Lamorbey and Sidcup History society.

We have arranged networking events in partnership with Barclays Bank with topics covering fraud and digital marketing.

On day to day matters we have liaised with the council on planning issues, lobbied for free parking to continue.

We have sponsored the Bexley Business Awards.

We engaged a company to look at cost savings and already they have identified significant savings. One of the most recent in excess of £2000.

Looking forward to 2018/2019

We will be putting our Business Plan onto the website however we have listed below some of the continuing projects as well as some of the new topics we will be pursuing.

We will continue to enhance the web site and provide a calendar of events we will also exploit and use social media to better effect.

Plastic free Sidcup, we are hoping to get support for reducing single use plastic in the high street and will be holding a specific day to promote this.

The Sidcup Fringe Event, continuing on the success of last year we will again be running an event on the weekend of 16th and 17th of June.

We will continue to offer a range of free training for levy payers covering a wide range of topics.

We are looking to create an inward investment program and encourage landlords to let us use their empty shops to make them more attractive between tenants.

We will continue with cost savings for all levy payers and continue to purchase locally and use suppliers where they prove to be cost effective from BID levy payers.

The AGM as notified on our website will be held on Friday 23rd March at 7pm at the Sidcup Recreation Club.

Please contact us with any concerns and good news stories or events that we can share.

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