

Chairman's Latest BID Update - October/November 2017

Dear Partner,

Clean Up

On a very warm October 12th day a community clean up took place around the length of Station Road. The rear of the shops and businesses in and around the station area was the focus for the team of volunteers. In preparation, we had walked the area prior to the event to assess the amount of rubbish and fly tipping and plan the equipment requirements. However on the day we collected far in excess of what we had anticipated. Please see the before and after photographs to see for yourselves the amount that was collected. We would especially like to thank PC Kirsty Stephens who joined us at this event.



Weapons Sweep

On Friday 27th October we joined the Metropolitan Police along with Bexley Council and local volunteers including Neighbourhood Watch to search for possible hidden weapons in the Glades. We are happy to report that the only potential weapon we found was a baseball bat! The weapons sweep is an initiative by the police to heighten the public's awareness in particular of knife crime. In some parts of London gangs and individuals are known to hide weapons so they are not found in possession if stopped and searched but feel they can access them should they want to.

Bike Marking

Bike marking took place at Sidcup Cycles on Thursday 5th October. This successful event saw around 200 bikes securely marked and registered, this means should they be stolen the police can find the rightful owner. We will be working closely with the police to continue this programme of bike registration and hope to have some more dates confirmed soon.

Christmas Lights 1st December

The Christmas lights will be switched on by Friday 1st December and this year the scheme has been extended to include Station Road.

Christmas Event Saturday 9th December

Plans are coming together for the Christmas Extravaganza
Diary Dates



**Saturday 9th
December
Sidcup's Christmas
Extravaganza!**

This year we are also having a FREE Grand Fireworks display on Sidcup Green to end the days activities.

Poppies



This year Sidcup Partners are pleased to have donated to the Royal British Legion to buy Poppies. These have been installed on the lamp columns around the town. We have also made a donation for a wreath that will be laid at the Armistice service on Sunday 12th November. The wreath will be laid jointly on behalf of Sidcup Partners by Keith Stephenson from White Hat Web Designs and Darrell Reeves from Uden Funeral Directors.

Questionnaires

We recently commissioned some market research and would like to say thank you to all the businesses who recently completed a questionnaire. Once the information has been analysed we will publish the results and these will be used to help with future planning as well as form the baseline from which we can assess progress on the things that are highlighted.

Autumn Hanging Baskets

The Autumn baskets and flower towers have now been installed.

Meercats Savings Success

We are pleased to say that following a 15minute meeting with our Meercat consultant a local business has placed a contract for telecom services resulting in a saving in excess of £1700.

The Meercat service is available free to all BID members please don't miss out on potential savings for your business please call Meercat Associates on 01444 416529.

Networking Event and Christmas Drinks 6th December

On Wednesday 6th December we are hosting a casual networking and Christmas drinks event at Sidcup Recreational Club. The evening will start at 18.00 and finish at 21.00 .If you would like to pop along and meet other businesses over some Christmas refreshments please RSVP to cheryl@sidcuppartners.co.uk
Sidcup Partners Website

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

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

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