

# Latest Update

**Dear Partner,**

## **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Please join us for the Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning supporting Macmillan.

Many of you have heard of Macmillan and we hope will join us for our coffee morning in September but did you know the founder lived in Sidcup? Douglas Macmillan who gave his name to the wonderful nurses who have touched the lives of so many was also responsible, in 1911, for founding the national charity Macmillan Cancer Support that today bears his name. Douglas Macmillan lived for over forty years, during the critical years of his work, in Sidcup from where he managed the work of this new organisation.

It was the suffering and death of his much loved father that inspired Douglas to commit the rest of his life to bringing relief to others. Despite having no medical knowledge he worked tirelessly to bring together Macmillan that is today renowned for its compassion and dedication to improving the lives of those with cancer.

On Friday 28th September we will be encouraging as many visitors to the high street to chat, eat cake and donate for a great charity.

We are also looking to make an award for Sidcup's Star Baker. We will have two categories Sidcup Sweet and Sidcup Savoury Star Baker. There are no restrictions on type or style so anyone who wishes to enter can let their imaginations run wild.

Both of the categories will be judged on appearance and taste.

Any savoury or sweet donations will be gladly received at the BID office during Thursday 27th September between 9am -5pm. (1 Elm Parade, Main Road).

If you wish to enter the competition please email [hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk](mailto:hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk) to let us know in advance of 28th September. There will be a bottle of champagne for the winner of each category as well as the enormous kudos associated with winning. GBBO eat your heart out!

Locations for the coffee morning include outside the BID office in Elm Parade, Little Florence, Kimmikass, The Tailors Chalk in Sidcup High Street, Explore Learning and Chez Pascal in Station Road.

Please support us so Sidcup can make a significant donation to this worthy cause.

The Chunky Tea pot are also running an event on Friday 21st September.



**ACT**

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### **Action Counter Terrorism**

ACT (Actions Counter Terrorism) Awareness is a national scheme, delivered by the Metropolitan Police free of charge, designed to:

- Protect buildings, business areas and their surrounding neighbourhoods from the threat of terrorism.
- Help people understand the threat from terrorism to the UK.
- Enable people to recognise and report suspicious activity.
- Guide people on what to do if they find themselves involved in a terrorist incident.

Sessions are available for the ACT Awareness at the Civic Offices in Bexleyheath on the following dates: September 25th 10.30am-1pm, October 31st 10.30am-1pm, November 29th 1.30-4pm and January 24th 10.30am-1pm. Please contact Clair McGarry on 020 3045 3990 or [clair.mcgarry@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:clair.mcgarry@bexley.gov.uk) If you would like to book a place.

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### **Thefts in the high street**

We seem to have had a spike in shoplifting so we would ask everyone to be vigilant and if you have a town radio please ensure it is fully charged and you use it to communicate with each other. We are planning to visit all 25 businesses with radios to offer more training and support.

### **High Street cleaning**

We recently reported the poor condition of the pavements, the council have cleaned the worst areas but we are still pursuing further areas we feel need attention.

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### **Great British High Street Competition**

We completed our application for the Great British High Street Awards, we entered Sidcup into the Rising Star category as we feel that although we have already done a lot we still have lots more to do but it is a great opportunity to

get some promotion for the town. If we get shortlisted we will hear in September.

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**Dates for your diary below (more information will follow)**

- We will have a Halloween Trail planned on Wednesday October 31st working with St Johns church.
  - In November we will have a Poppy trail working with Lamorbey and Sidcup History society.
  - The Christmas event will be on Saturday 1st December. We are planning to have a Cinema showing the Snowman and Elf, Christmas stalls, a Santa's Grotto, a bar and a stage with performances from local groups. The event will take place on Sidcup Green with a trail in the high street and Station Road with fantastic prizes for those who have spent money in the high street.
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**Water Fountain**

We were successful in our application to the Mayor of London for a Water Fountain that will hopefully be installed in Nisbett Walk in the next few months subject to all the necessary authorisation from Thames Water.

**Quarterly Newsletter**

We are going to be publishing a quarterly Newsletter available for businesses and residents from October. This will be widely distributed locally in addition to businesses.

**Planning Application**

We are submitting a planning application for the installation of lamp column banners so we can better promote events. The banners would be installed for a few weeks to raise awareness of upcoming events.

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## **Longlands Safer Neighbourhood Team**

On Tuesday 4th September a street briefing in Priestlands Park Rd will be held at 6pm if any residents wish to attend.

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### **Diary Dates**

July 21<sup>st</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> Lark in The Park

September Breakfast month

October Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween event

November poppy displays and Family Poppy Trail

December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas event

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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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