

## Newsletter November 2021

### Partnership Meeting

The bid recently attended a partnership meeting to discuss the recent event that involved school age children. It was acknowledged by all including the school involved that what had taken place was unfortunate and had caused a great deal of distress to all members of the public using the high street. However, we are happy to be able to report that we are working closely to try and avoid a similar situation happening again. Appropriate sanctions are being considered, with Police, the school and Local Authority. We would strongly encourage the use of Crime Stoppers to report any incidents or concerns as this is completely anonymous to report to and all levels of crime such as shop lifting can also be reported. Reporting through Crimes stoppers is also a way to support the Police who are looking at data in order to plan policing around the high street. Professionals confirmed at this meeting that they also use it due to it legally being a requirement of Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous. During the meeting it was discussed that the school are also going to be involved in some of our community-based activities so that we have a collaborative approach and give students a feel of ownership and a sense of community as we need to remember it was not all students involved and that we can work with young people to enhance our neighbourhood. Police are also having a more enhanced Policing plan for the next couple of weeks for reassurance. Halloween After not being able to hold the Halloween event last year due to restrictions we were delighted to hold it again this year! We received wonderful feedback from the event and it was great to see such a community spirit throughout Sidcup.

### Christmas

Christmas is coming! We have a fun packed December planned this year with our popular Christmas Extravaganza as well as Christmas markets, snow globe, live and street entertainment and a snack with Santa! The Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Saturday 27th November at The New Community Church Station Road. Due to popular demand our Christmas trail is back this year too! This year's theme is The Gingerbread Man and the prize is a family break at Butlins.



More Details [Here](#)

### Cinema

The cinema is progressing well and is due to be completed in 2022. Follow us on social media and visit our website for the latest information. .

### Flowers

The flower displays have been changed from autumn to winter flowers.

### Keeping Bexley Safe

A borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) came into force on Monday 25 October following a recent consultation with Bexley residents and businesses and will be in place for three years and subject to future reviews.

### Macmillan Cancer Support

We are pleased to share that our Macmillan event raised £1077.25. We received wonderful feedback for this event and are pleased to have raised money for such a good cause. With thanks to all our businesses who donated money or prizes towards the event.

### Bricklive

This year's Bricklive event will be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November in Sidcup Library. It is a free event with the opportunity to be part of creating a poppy mosaic.



### Defibrillator

We are pleased to share a defibrillator has been placed in Sidcup High Street located by Mizen key cutting and shoe repair. Other locations include Premier Lodge Day Nursery, Waitrose, The New Community Church, Better Gym, the Leisure Centre and Morrison's.

### Brasileiro

We are delighted to welcome Brasileiro to Sidcup located at 14 High Street. Shop local and support them. They offer freshly cut meat as well as grocery items from Brazil.

### Blooming Marvellous

We are very pleased to share that Sidcup were awarded a Silver Gilt in the recent London in Bloom competition . We are particularly pleased as this was achieved during the very

difficult Covid period. A lot of hard work and effort went into the application but it was all worth while having been recognised by the judges to have attained such a high standard. An extract from the judges report is below. " The judges would like to thank the entrant for a comprehensive portfolio detailing past and present activities and a detailed itinerary for the judging visit. The BID has a strong identify and support from the business and local community which objectives focusing on making Sidcup a clean and attractive place to live, work and visit with a range of community activities and initiatives which support this. The tour reflected the BID area well including the High Street and took in some of the key highlights and recent projects. The entrant had clearly taken on board previous judges' comments which was reflected in the information provided and the judging tour itself. The BID, in its fourth year of its first term, should therefore be acknowledged for all that has been achieved which has had a positive impact on Sidcup town centre. There are great opportunities and projects in the pipeline, it'll be exciting to see how this continues to contribute to the core values of London in Bloom"

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