



Working together for a safer London

Police Team

Great news! Following our discussions with the new Bromley Borough senior police team, Orpington town centre will be getting a dedicated police team.

The team consisting of 2 police officers and 4 PCSOs will work with the BID to establish close links to all businesses and to fully understand YOUR requirements. The BID have part funded the team which has secured additional funding to make this happen and will assist the business community in working closely to develop the key tools for crime prevention in our high street.

We will agree priorities and provide regular updates. We will develop a robust BCRP (Business Crime Reduction Partnership) and ensure that we utilise and improve resources such as CCTV and Shop Safe Radio.

Whilst recruitment of the new team is underway, the Police have been putting in more resources. As soon as the new team is in place we will ensure that all businesses have the opportunity to meet with the officers and start to build good working relationships and best practice.



Floral Displays

The BID have funded this year's floral displays which have received some very positive feedback from high street customers. We have worked with the council to ensure that the core planting scheme included the maintenance of existing borders and tubs, and have extended the hanging basket displays. We are still waiting for a renovation programme in the conservation area which has been agreed and should be completed in September.

The planting complemented the 'Community Clean-up Day', which saw our new waste contractor CD Waste, Bromley Council and McDonalds join forces to clean up untidy sites and remove fly tipping.

The quality of the environment in which we trade is crucial to the quality of the customer experience and significantly influences new investment, so we would encourage all businesses to present their own premises in the best possible way and to contact the BID if you require any support or have a particular 'Grot Spot' that you would like us to tackle!



Are You Involved In Food Business?

Are you aware that from 13th December 2014, **food regulations** will come into force that will affect every food business. These regulations will apply to everyone involved with food. **Safe & Sound Food Solutions**, a food safety consultancy, will be holding an interactive workshop providing you with all the information you will require, and the opportunity to raise any concerns or questions relating to your own food business.

29th September 2014, 3:15 – 5:15, Crofton Halls, Orpington.

Please visit their website www.sasfoodsolutions.com

or call **07895 093 000** for booking and further information.





Have you taken advantage of this FREE service and saved your business money?

Meercat Associates are specialists in sourcing and managing contracts for individual businesses by harnessing the powers of established UK business communities. Thousands of BID businesses across the country have already seen their **costs reduced** and now Orpington 1st businesses also have the opportunity. Through the partnership with Orpington 1st this

service is absolutely **FREE to all levy payers**, so take full advantage of the benefits it will bring to you and your business.



High Speed Broadband Grants

Have You Connected Yet? Right now your business could be benefiting from funding to allow you to access **High Speed Broadband**. In a scheme rolled out by the Mayor of London as part of a country wide Government initiative, grants of up to **£3k** are available for SMEs to introduce connections of 30MB or more.

It is funded by the department for Culture, Media and Sport as part of the **Superconnected Cities Programme**.

For further information visit www.london.gov.uk/broadband where you will be given further details of the benefits to your business and how to apply.



Berkeley Homes – Latest Exhibition

Following the public consultation in July, **Berkeley Homes** have now submitted a planning application to the council for the redevelopment of the site. Members of Berkeley Homes would like to invite you to a **public exhibition** where they will present details of the submitted scheme and answer any questions you may have. The exhibition will be held at the **Orpington Village Halls, 311 High Street, Orpington** on the following dates and times:

Friday 12th September 4pm – 8pm, Saturday 13th September 10am – 1pm. If you are unable to attend please visit the exhibition website at www.formerorpingtonpolicestation.co.uk which will be updated with the exhibition material on Friday 12th September from midday.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday September 9th OBF Meeting

Friday September 26th Support the Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday September 28th FREE Cycle Fun Day

Wednesday October 9th Orpington 1st AGM

Thursday November 20th Christmas Switch On