



The latest business news from Orpington 1st



MERRY CHRISTMAS

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy Christmas from all at Orpington 1st and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2020. Thank you for your continued support.

This seasonal snap was taken at the 2019 Orpington Santa Dash on 8th December - a great turnout and lots of positive feedback. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the press release.

Below, we've taken the opportunity to look back at a few of the highlights from 2019.



[Deputy Mayor of London Visit](#)

In **March** we welcomed Deputy Mayor of London for Business, Rajesh Agrawal to Orpington town centre...[Read More](#)



[Orpington Enchanted Again](#)

June saw the return of Enchanted Children's Festival to Orpington's Priors Gardens, inviting children and families to Explore their imagination...[Read More](#)



[Orpington Awarded Silver Gilt](#)

In **October** we announced our Silver Gilt Award in the prestigious 'London in Bloom Awards' in recognition of our horticultural and environmental projects throughout 2019...[Read More](#)



[Dementia Action in Orpington](#)

In **May**, 36 places for Dementia Awareness training were this year complemented by a unique Dementia Conference held in Orpington and sponsored by the BID...[Read More](#)



[Orpington's Finest 2019!](#)

Awards season culminated with our annual celebration of Orpington's business community in **March**. (Details for 2020 will be available soon)...[Read More](#)



[Flavours of Orpington 2019](#)

The week long celebration of the strength of Orpington's restaurant sector returned in **September** with the Flavours of Orpington food festival...[Read More](#)



[Pallet Park Pops Up](#)

July saw the installation of our Pallet Park brightening up a drab underused space - celebrated with a Summer Social for Orpington businesses...[Read More](#)



[The Right Direction](#)

In **February** the BID worked with LBB to undertake an audit of town centre signage. New fingerposts are expected to be installed by Spring 2020...[Read More](#)



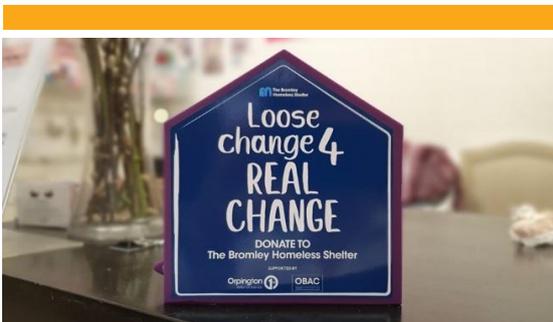
[Orpington Lights Up for Christmas](#)

Following the installation of Christmas Lights in **November**, Orpington 1st organised another successful switch on, pulling in huge crowds...[Read More](#)



[Lobbying on Business Rates](#)

Rates relief for a large proportion of town centre businesses came into effect in **April**, following persistent lobbying from BIDs...[Read More](#)



[Loose Change For Real Change](#)

In **August** we launched our diverted giving scheme, raising money for the work of Bromley Homeless Shelter. Our 2020 calendars are available from the library in exchange for donations to the scheme...[Read More](#)



[Reducing Operating Costs](#)

The majority of independent businesses are saving money through our partnership with CD Waste. In **January** we announced a further reduction in the cost of food waste bins...[Read More](#)



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