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Hello and welcome to the BID's fortnightly news digest, keeping businesses informed and sharing highlights from across the BID Area.



New "Bigbelly" bins

Feedback to surveys and comments on social media show that improving the cleanliness of the town is a priority for businesses and the wider community. We're therefore delighted to announce that new litter bins are being introduced in the town next week. The eight "Bigbelly" bins have been funded through Arun District Council's allocation from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It's the first UKSPF project to be delivered in Bognor Regis, and is being driven by Bognor Regis BID working in partnership with Arun District Council's Cleansing Team.

Bigbelly units include a solar powered internal compactor so, while each unit takes up roughly the same footprint of an existing street bin, they can hold eight times more waste. Bigbelly bins offer both pull handles and foot pedals to access, and the contained receptacle prevents refuse from blowing back out of open sides. The bins are also fitted with separate containers for cigarette butts which reduces the risk from fire, meaning the bins are unlikely to be taken out of action. The project includes installation, plus ongoing maintenance and additional cleaning for the specialist units.

The Bigbelly bins project was submitted by local partners including the BID, Bognor Regis Town Council, Bognor Regis Regeneration Board, Arun District Council and the University of Chichester working together through the "Bognor Regis Town Centre Forum". Other projects to be delivered in 2023, 2024 and 2025 aim to combat negative perceptions of Bognor Regis, improve the cleanliness and security of the town centre and creating a welcoming experience for our residents and visitors, both during the day and at night.

Existing bins on London Road, Bedford Street and High Street will be removed on Friday 28th April, with temporary bins and additional litter picks and cleansing services provided over the bank holiday weekend until the new bins are installed on Tuesday 2nd May.



Coronation celebrations in Bognor Regis

The BR BID Team delivers the newly refreshed and updated <u>Love Bognor Regis</u> destination website. You'll find all the latest information on Coronation celebrations on the <u>Events page</u>. The Town Council's weekend of events at Hotham Park, with live screening of the coronation on Saturday and family film on the Sunday is bound to attract a crowd, particularly with the weather warming up.

If you're hosting an event in Bognor Regis and would like to list it for free on the LBR site, we'd love to hear from you! Click on the 'Post your event' button below and fill in the details.

The BID's social media channels are here to help showcase businesses, and Lou will be visiting businesses across the BID Area over the coming days to discuss any special promotions or activities you might be organising for the coronation weekend. If you'd like us to share any other business offers, awards or events, let us know by speaking with Lou, emailing or messaging us, or tagging the Bognor Regis BID in any posts.

Post your event



In the News: Pinks Parlour

It's fantastic to see Katy Alston, owner of <u>Pinks Parlour</u> on Waterloo Square raising awareness of the cost of living crisis and the impact it has on small independent businesses. As the President of the <u>Ice Cream Alliance</u>, Katy is shining a spotlight on the urgent action needed to help support and protect indie businesses, and what they represent for local communities for generations to come.

Read more



Business opportunities with Arun District Council

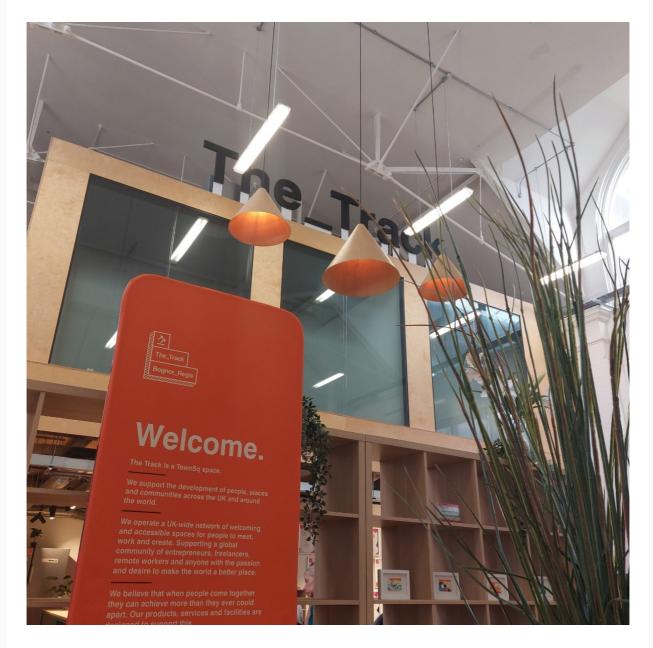
If you're a local property maintenance and service company, and are able to deliver works to a good standard, competently, and diligently, Arun District Council want to hear from you! ADC will be implementing a better way for companies to bid for repairs, maintenance, compliance and improvement works across their housing stock and some other areas of the Council.

They are inviting potential suppliers to register where the scope of services stretches from roofing to groundworks, and from simple repairs to major replacement, and inspections and surveys for fire, water, and other regular compliance services. Whatever your specialisms, please register your interest.

You can register here: on their <u>Dynamic Purchasing System</u> which will be the umbrella under which they award contracts worth over £7,000,000 a year.

If you'd like to hear about the new system and how you can bid for work, and ask any questions, ADC are holding an event on **11th May at 6.00pm**, doors open at 5.30pm. You can book a place by clicking on '**Book Now**' below.

If you have any questions about the event please email Miriam Nicholls: miriam.nicholls@arun.gov.uk or you can call her on 01903 737845. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might be interested.



The_Track Open Evening: 19th May 4 - 7pm

Whether you need a space to work in that strays from the stereotype of an office, working from home no longer suits you, or you simply wonder what goes on behind the big double green doors in Bognor Regis Train Station - The Track's upcoming open evening is your chance to find out.

From 4 - 7 pm there will be...

- Locally sourced food, drink and entertainment
- The opportunity to network with current members, local businesses and stakeholders

- A raffle to win a membership with The Track worth up to £300 and more (with all proceeds going to My Sisters House)
- A chance for you to see their impressive Creative, Digital Hub

Book your free place below.

Book now



Solar Together Sussex

Group-buying for solar panels and battery storage

Register for free and without obligation

#SolarTogetherSussex

Renewable energy for businesses

Is your business switching to renewables? The Solar Together Sussex initiative is helping local companies to invest in renewable energy through a group buying scheme for solar panels, battery storage, and EV charging points.

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Footfall

Last weekend saw the second-highest Saturday footfall of the year. The highest footfall was on Easter Saturday. Both of these peak footfall days coincided with Butlin's weekend events. To help plan ahead, you can view and download a live calendar with all footfall-impacting national holidays and local events at brbid.org/calendar

You can also view and download monthly footfall stats at: brbid.org/footfallreports to see how Bognor Regis is performing against other locations and the national picture.

Welcoming new businesses

It's great to see businesses expanding and to welcome new businesses to the BID Area, including:

- Coastal Coffee opening their new concession on the Promenade
- RW Electrical joining the businesses on West Street
- Friends Café adding freshly baked bread, cakes and coffee to the fantastic food and drink offering at Station Road









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