



# NEWSLETTER | JULY 2026

Welcome to issue 2 of the Leatherhead BID newsletter, detailing the latest news and updates in Leatherhead's first Business Improvement District

## BID Manager drop-in

You're invited to our first BID Manager Drop-In with Lauren Ryan. Taking place on Monday 27th July 8am - 12pm at Charlie & Ginger, Leatherhead.

Whether you have questions, ideas or simply want to introduce yourself, it would be great to see you. No need to book an appointment just pop by.



## 2026 Events

Fun Run 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Halloween 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Light Switch On 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Market 5<sup>th</sup> December

## BID events calendar

The BID is working hard behind the scenes to develop a Leatherhead BID events calendar and is excited to share prospective dates with you for forthcoming 2026 events.

2027 will see the much anticipated return of the Duck Race and Leatherhead Markets on the High Street.  
More information coming soon...

## Jobs page

A new Jobs page is now live on the holding Leatherhead BID website, making it easier to connect local businesses with local talent.

Levy-paying businesses can advertise vacancies free of charge, helping to promote employment opportunities across the town.

If you're recruiting, send your job details to [manager@leatherheadbid.co.uk](mailto:manager@leatherheadbid.co.uk) and we'll add them to the website.



## Would you like to join our Board?

We are seeking new Board members, including a Chair and Vice Chair. Board meetings are held every six weeks, with the option to attend in person in Leatherhead or remotely.

If you're interested in joining, please register your interest to [info@leatherheadbid.co.uk](mailto:info@leatherheadbid.co.uk).

## Sign up to Disc

Disc is now live in Leatherhead. Low level crime and antisocial behaviour can be reported to the police directly through Disc's Crime Reporting tool.

Window stickers, how to guides, logins and training are available through your BID Manager. Feel free to contact Lauren or drop into Charlie and Ginger on 27<sup>th</sup> July where all materials will be available to collect and training will be available.



## Brand and website update

Work is underway on the new Leatherhead BID brand and website. We're working with Liquona to develop two or three brand concepts this month, with the new identity expected by the end of summer and the website launching in autumn.

An illustrated map has been commissioned to help visitors navigate the town, promote local businesses and strengthen Leatherhead's identity.

## FREE Radio Advertising



Leatherhead based **Surrey Hills Radio**, are a much loved community radio station. They have very kindly offered **free radio advertising** to any levy-paying businesses of Leatherhead BID.

Please get in touch with [studio@surreyhillsradio.co.uk](mailto:studio@surreyhillsradio.co.uk) for more details of this fantastic opportunity for local businesses.

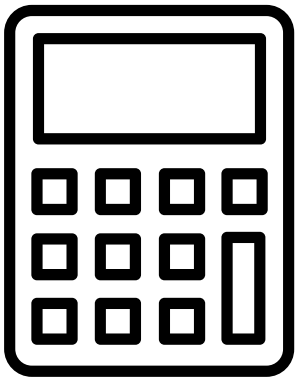
## Supporting locally

We kick started supporting local events back in May by hosting the Leatherhead FC parade. The event was well received and attended locally, with local MP Helen Maguire joining in with the celebrations.

We also supported the Leatherhead Lions Bank Holiday event with a donation of £300, used to provide free bus transport to and from North Leatherhead for the event. Despite the heat wave, the event had 850 visitors, promotional BID banners and posters were also on display.



## Levy income



Unfortunately, a number of levy payers have been affected by issues with levy invoices, resulting in legal action being proposed before the BID had the opportunity to intervene.

Mole Valley District Council manages levy collections on behalf of Leatherhead BID and would normally provide advance notice of any outstanding accounts, allowing us to work with businesses before legal action is considered. On this occasion, we were informed only after the process had begun.

We sincerely apologise to anyone impacted and thank you to the businesses who paid their invoices promptly and for your continued support of the BID.



Scan the QR code to sign up

## FREE Business advice

Levy paying businesses in Leatherhead can access FREE business support and mentoring through **IncuHive**, thanks to Mole Valley For Business.

New or established businesses can use IncuHive's experienced advisers for a business health check, as well as practical, tailored guidance to help you achieve your business goals.

## Presentation in the town

Small but important steps are being taken to improve presentation across the town. Most recently we funded the removal of broken, empty A-boards, outdated signs and unused bike locks on the High Street.

On Earth Day the BID Manager joined a litter pick with the Swan Centre, Love Leatherhead and the Leatherhead Rotary in the local town. A number of instances of graffiti and fly tipping have also been reported by the BID Manager.

The poor condition of the High Street planters has been reported to Surrey County Council. We will work closely with them to agree a solution to get these looking their best as quickly as we can.

The BID are working on proposals for making improvements to the war memorial area and 'zig zag' feature, both of which we intend to seek external funding for.

